

Mr. Tim Bero

Concerning your inquiry regarding which features could be eliminated from the submitted receiver in order for it to not be considered a firearm, to preclude a classification as a firearm receiver per GCA provisions, the following machining operations must be left unaccomplished:

- Hammer opening (bottom).
- Magazine-well opening (bottom).
- Holes for trigger-housing alignment pins (bottom).
- Ejection ports (left and right).
- Hole for barrel stop-pin (top).
- Barrel-nut threads (forward).
- Receiver-extension threads (rear).

However, the following machining operations may be implemented on the unfinished receiver without it being classified as a "firearm":

- Cocking slot opening.
- Holes for accessory rails.

To facilitate return of the submitted sample, please provide FTB with a pre-paid shipping label or an appropriate FedEx or similar account number within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

We thank you for your inquiry, along with the submitted item, and trust the foregoing has been responsive. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions.

Sincerely yours,



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