

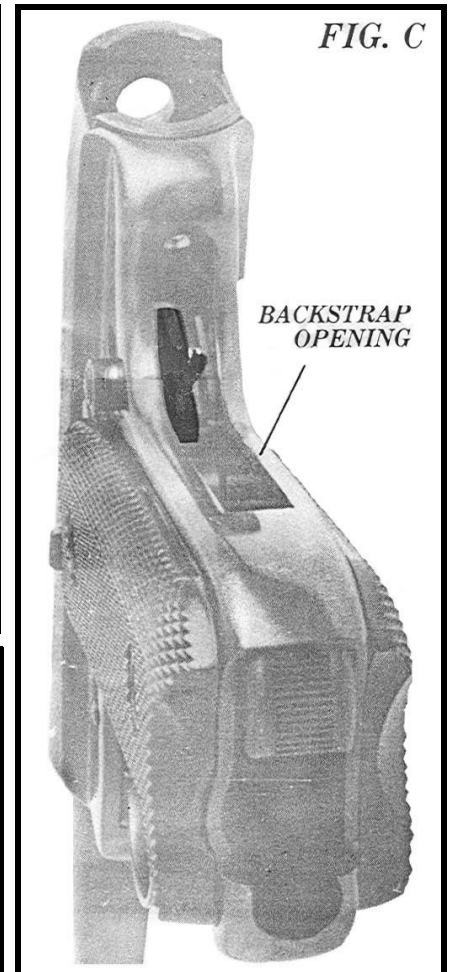
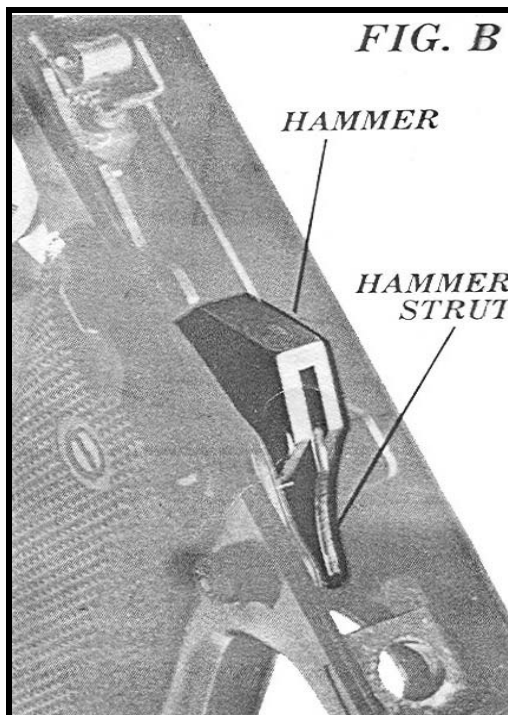
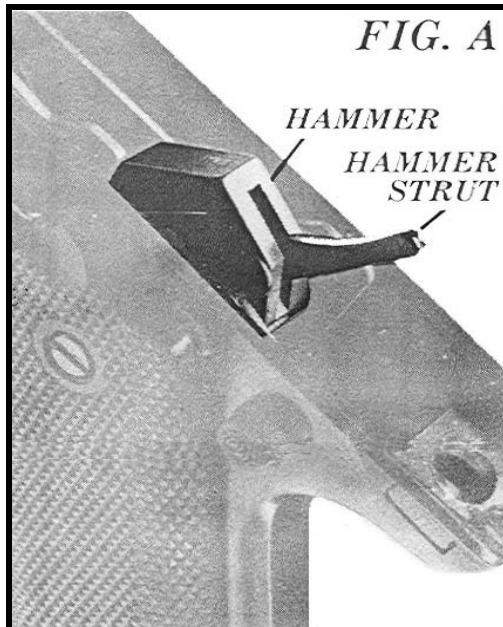
Reassembling a Ruger Mark I or II in 60 Seconds or Less!!

If you know the secret, reassembling a Ruger Mark I or II is a snap. If you don't. . . frustration can follow. First the bolt won't pull back. . . **START OVER** Then the mainspring housing and bolt stop pin, cam downward and won't go into the backstrap . . . **START OVER**. It's together!! . . . still doesn't work . . . reread instructions. **START OVER**. It worked!! What did I do wrong? . . . or right??

During the testing of our new 12-shot pistol magazine literally thousands of rounds were fired. Cleaning became an ongoing process, as did the frustration of reassembling the Ruger.

While the answer to this problem is covered in the owner's manual, a certain culprit is easily overlooked. So here goes. A guide to the 60-second reassembly of any Ruger Mark I or II. Remove the magazine, pull the bolt back, and check and clear chamber. Now disassemble down to the frame as shown-in the owner's manual.

With the barrel removed (Fig A) study the **HAMMER** and **HAMMER STRUT**. Move the **HAMMER** back and forth. At this point, become totally familiar with the workings and position of both parts. Now flip the **HAMMER STRUT** down (fig. B) and inspect the **HAMMER** and **HAMMER STRUT** in the *full* forward position while looking (Fig. C) through the **BACKSTRAP OPENING**. The **HAMMER** and **HAMMER STRUT** are the source of aggravation when reassembling your Ruger. The forward **HAMMER** position must be duplicated after the barrel and bolt are replaced.



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After inserting the bolt, the **HAMMER** must be in the **FULL, FORWARD POSITION** toward the firing pin. (A small screwdriver, inserted through the **BACKSTRAP OPENING**, can be used to push the **HAMMER** forward while pulling the trigger.) Insert the **BOLT STOP PIN** (fig. D) as shown. If the **HAMMER** is not fully forward, the **BOLT STOP PIN** will cam downward as the **MAINSRING HOUSING** is pushed toward the **BACKSTRAP OPENING**. After the **BOLT STOP PIN** and **MAINSRING HOUSING** are in place, the **HAMMER STRUT** (fig. B) should be hanging free and visible through the **BACKSTRAP OPENING**. Gather round. . . here comes the second part of the secret. The end of the **HAMMER STRUT** needs a "home".

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Hold the pistol at a 45-degree angle (fig. D) with the muzzle pointing upward. Gravity and jiggling the gun slightly will ensure that the end of the **HAMMER STRUT** points down toward, and will go into, its "**HAMMER STRUT HOME**." Push the **MAINSRING HOUSING** into the **BACKSTRAP OPENING** and snap, you've got it together and working!! Here's the rest of the secret. Practice, practice, practice. It can be done in 60 seconds or less. . . really!! Amaze your friends, win a few friendly wagers (upping the ante in accordance to the amount of disbelief exhibited by the uninitiated) . . . then get out and shoot one of the finest .22 autos made today! You no longer need to dread cleaning your Ruger. . . so give it the loving care it deserves. One last thing, When you get it down to 60 seconds or less. . be sure to look nonchalant. With a little practice, it can be done so fast others won't believe it.

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