

MAS MODEL 1949-56, 7.62/308, \$650

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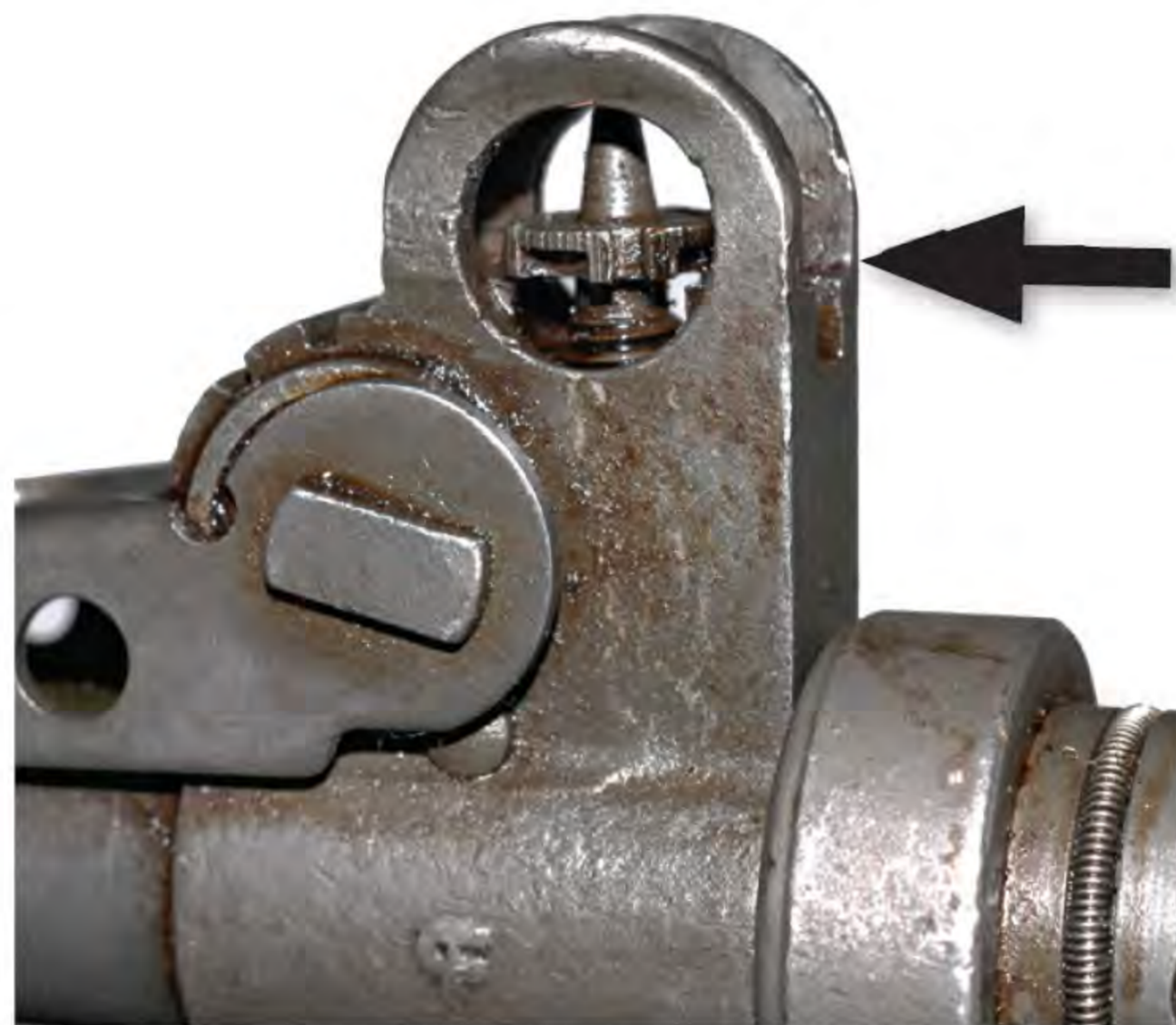
Looking considerably more modern than the M1949, this later rifle is about as modern as anyone would need. Some versions had synthetic stocks, and there were larger-capacity magazines. This one had an original slip-on recoil pad, and had been rechambered for 7.62 NATO. The sling is leather.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	40 in.	Weight Unloaded.....	9.5 lbs.	Magazine Type.....	Detachable
Barrel Length.....	20 in.	Weight Loaded.....	10.0 lbs.	Stock.....	Two-Piece Wood
Sight Radius.....	21.9 in.	Capacity.....	10+1	Trigger Pull Weight.....	8.0 lbs.
Overall Height.....	8.6 in.	Action Finish.....	Parkerized	Warranty.....	N/A
LOP.....	13.7 in.	Action Type.....	Semiautomatic	Telephone.....	(877) 214-9327
		Barrel Finish.....	Parkerized	Website.....	www.CollectorsFirearms.com

The later rifle had a sturdier rear sight setup, with the fine adjustment for elevation being in the front sight (arrow). Takedown and all the innards are identical between the two, as far as we could tell.



The front sight was adjustable to fine-tune the rear aperture sight to the ammunition. However, this one was so gummed up with old oil we could not move it. It required a special tool to properly adjust the front sight blade, or to remove it for cleaning. The rifle shot 10 inches low at 50 yards as we got it. Lowering the front sight would fix that problem.



This blockier and easier-to-make rear sight worked well. The windage could be set with the screw shown. Solid detents every half-turn got the aperture where you wanted it.



Above, top and bottom: The later rifle had a larger trigger guard, still made of stamped heavy steel. The French saw no need to change the magazine mounting system for the upgraded rifle. They also kept the white plastic bolt knob. Right: To take the MAS apart, be sure the rifle is clear and the bolt forward, and begin the process by pressing down on this lever located at the rear of the action. The arrows indicate the direction to press.

