

FORM II

HISTORICAL FIREARMS INSPECTION CHECKLIST (Musket)

**Use Y for pass,
X for fail
Comments in margins**

Date/Time of Inspection _____ Name of Inspector _____

Weapon(s) to be inspected _____

Nature of Demonstration _____

Date(s) of Demonstration _____

Overall:

- The weapon is confirmed to be unloaded.
- Your overall first impression is favourable.

The stock:

- No cracks or splits.
- All inlet items such as butt plates, trigger guards, barrels, escutcheon plates, etc. should fit tightly with no cracks evident that would allow powder accumulation.
- No burrs on butt plate or trigger guard screw heads that would snag clothing or hands.
- If band springs, they work smoothly (not bound by wood).
- If pin-fastened, pins all there, wood not splintered.
- No burns around the top of the lock.
- Generally, no splinters or rough edges.
- Two-piece stocks have sections securely joined.

The lock:

- Lock works smoothly.
- The hammer or cock fits tightly on the tumbler.
- All the positions are firm and solid.
- The half-cock (safety) position works properly.
- When trigger pulled, it lets off smoothly without catching on half-cock.
- Trigger pull is proper; not too heavy, not "hair" trigger.
- If a set trigger, it is adjusted properly and works smoothly.
- Lock fits properly into the stock and snugly against the barrel.

- The striking face of the percussion hammer is not battered. It strikes the cap or cone squarely and in the center.
- A flintlock's cock screws works smoothly; jaws grip flint securely.
- There is a proper leather or lead flint cap.
- The flint is in good condition and set at a proper angle.
- The frizzen spring of a flintlock is of the right tension.
- The frizzen is in good condition and not gouged.
- The pan of a flintlock is clean and in proper relationship to the touch-hole of the barrel.

The barrel:

- Barrel fits the stock properly.
- Free from visible dents or cracks.
- On flintlocks, the flint is not striking the barrel.
- The muzzle is not dented or worn.
- The cone of percussion pieces is well-seated and not battered.
- The hole is clear and of an acceptable size. The shoulders are not worn down.
- On flintlocks, the vent is clear and of an acceptable size. (max. 3/32 in.)
- No signs of heavy corrosion around the or cone.
- The sights are complete and operable.
- The barrel bands hold the barrel securely.
- The ramrod is straight, fits the stock properly, and threads at the lower end are clean and free of burrs.
- User reports no problems in using the weapon.

Additional Comments:

Signature of Evaluator: