What are ATF’s Acceptable Destruction Procedures

- Use an oxy/acetylene torch (not band sawed)
- Must remove at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of metal per cut
- Must be made at angles & completely sever the receiver in at least 3 critical locations (specified by model)

1. Must pass through the forward wall or barrel mounting area

2. Must pass through the rear wall

3. Must pass through an area having a critical fire-control-component mounting pin and/or the slot in which the operating handle reciprocates

An unserviceable firearm is not destroyed and is still regulated as a "firearm" under Federal law. Any method of destruction must render the firearm so that is is not restorable to a firing condition and is otherwise reduced to scrap.