

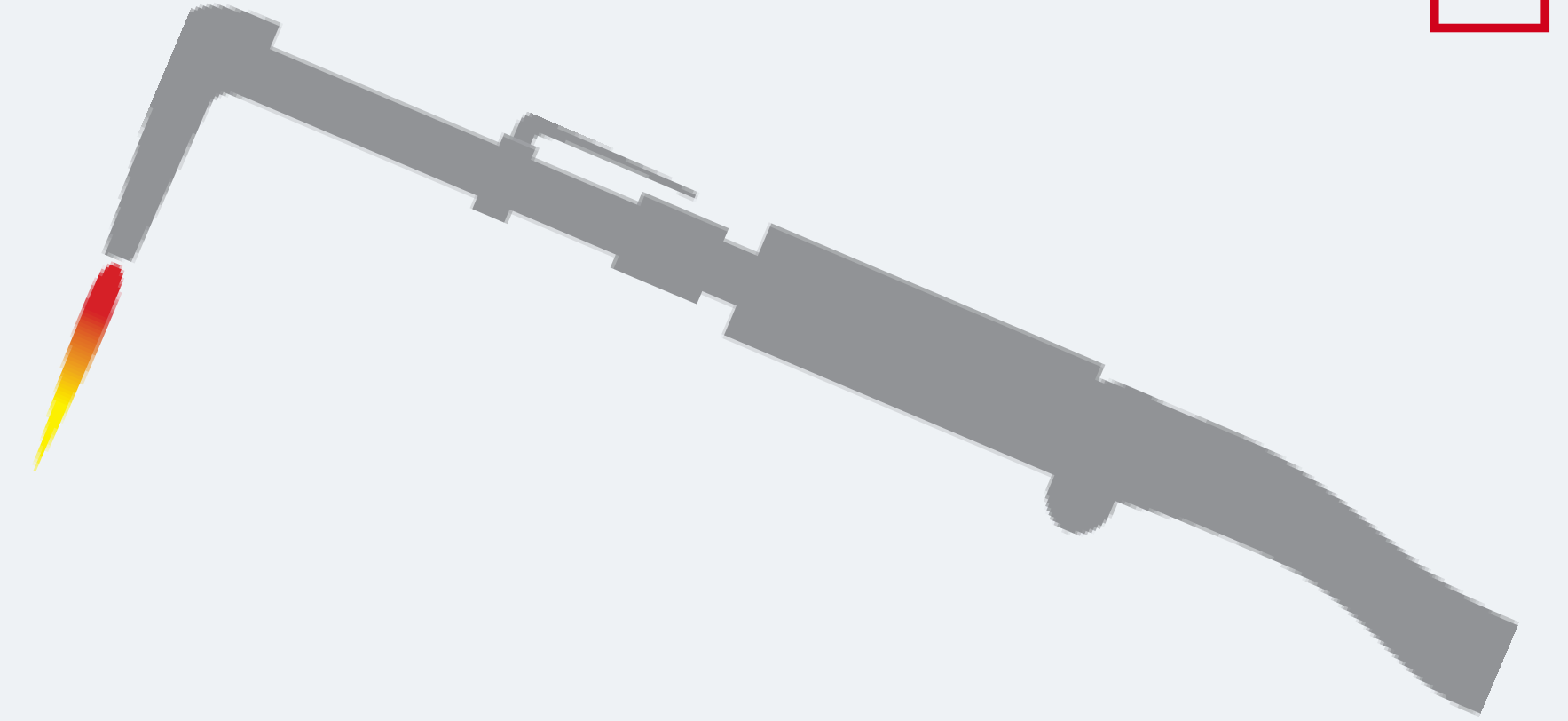


# HOW TO PROPERLY DESTROY FIREARMS

## What are ATF's Acceptable Destruction Procedures ?

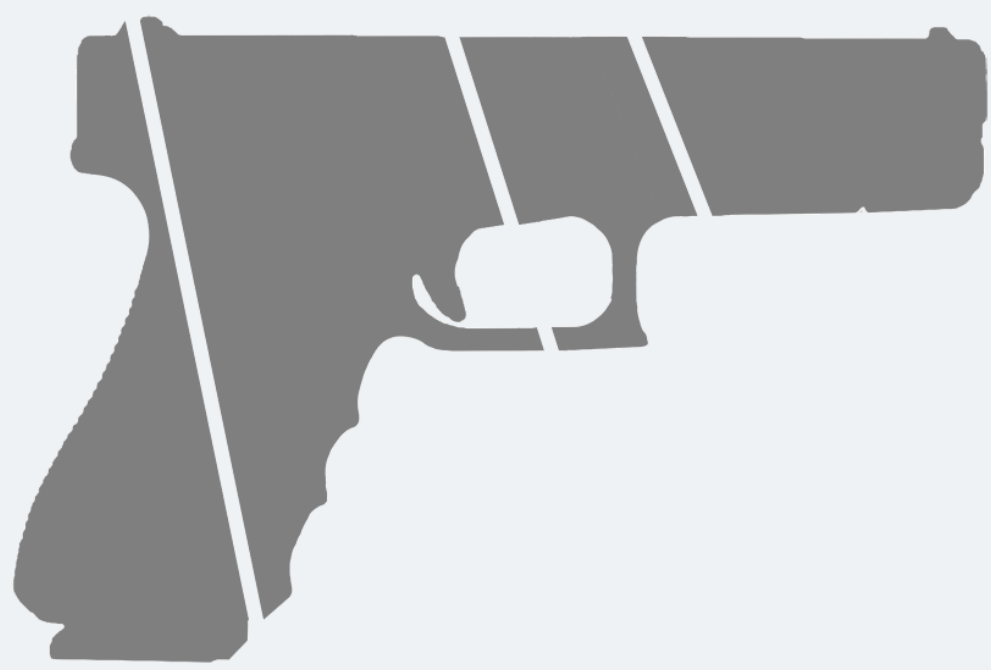


- Use an **oxy/acetylene torch** (not band sawed)
- Must remove at least **1/4 inch of metal per cut**
- Must be made at angles & completely sever the receiver in **at least 3 critical locations** (specified by model)



Acceptable method of destruction is to **completely melt (smelt), shred or crush the firearm receiver**. These torch cuts are acceptable alternatives to shredding.

### Revolvers & Pistols



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

**2** Must pass through the **rear wall**

### Long Guns (Rifles & Shot Guns)



**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 it is not restorable to a firing condition and is otherwise reduced to scrap.*