
Definitions

The following firearms fall within the purview of the NFA under 27 U.S.C. § 5845.

1. **Short-barreled shotgun** - Shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches long or any weapon made from a shotgun having an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel less than 18 inches in length.
2. **Short-barreled rifle** - Rifles with barrels less than 16 inches long, or any weapon made from a rifle having an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel less than 16 inches in length.
3. **Any other weapon** - A weapon, except a conventional pistol or revolver having a rifled bore, capable of firing a shot and being concealed on the person. Examples include: "pen guns" ostensibly designed to expel tear gas but which fire fixed ammunition. H & R Handy Guns; Ithaca Auto-Burglar guns; can guns; and gadget-type firearms.
4. **Machinegun** - Any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by single function of the trigger. The term also includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.
5. **Destructive device** - Destructive devices include explosive, incendiary including so called "molotov cocktails", or poison gas: bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles, mines, and similar devices. Included in this category are weapons with bore of more than one-half inch in diameter, except a shotgun shell (for example anti-tank guns, bazookas and mortars). This includes any combination of parts designed or intended to convert a device into a destructive device.
6. **Muffler or silencer** - A device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of any portable firearm. This includes any combination of part designed or redesigned and intended for use in assembling a silencer/muffler or any part intended only for use in assembly of a silencer or muffler.

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1. **Authority.** Pub L. No. 90-618, 82 Stat. 1213 (Oct. 22, 1968); Criminal Investigation Report System, Justice/ATF-003 (82 FR 24147)
2. **Purpose.** ATF collects this information to enforce the Federal laws relating to the illegal possession and use of firearms, destructive devices, explosives, explosive materials; and to assist Federal, state, local and foreign law enforcement agencies in reducing crime and violence.
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