

INVESTMENT GRADE ACQUISITION

1921 THOMPSON TYPE C DRUM

COLT-ERA PRODUCTION | SERIAL NO. 315



MODEL: Type "C" 100-Round Drum

SERIAL NO: 315 (Matching Lid & Body)

MANUFACTURER: Auto-Ordnance Corp (John's Machine Contract)

DATE OF ORIGIN: Circa 1921

CALIBRE: .45 ACP

CAPACITY: 100 Rounds

FINISH: Dull Matte Blue (Period Correct)

CONDITION: Unissued / Museum Grade



THE HISTORY (THE NARRATIVE)



THE ROARING FIRST 500

The Industrial Archetype

Asset #315 represents the genesis of the submachine gun era. Manufactured in early 1921, this drum is one of the first 500 units ever produced, pre-dating the vast majority of Thompson production. It hails from the legendary “John’s Machine & Stamp Works” contract—the first industrial effort to mechanise the firepower of the American soldier.

The Heavyweight Champion

The “Type C” (Roman numeral for 100) was General Thompson’s “Trench Broom” vision realised. However, its immense weight and complex clockwork mechanism proved impractical for field conditions, leading to early obsolescence. Consequently, few “C” drums survived the ravages of time, let alone in the unissued state presented here.



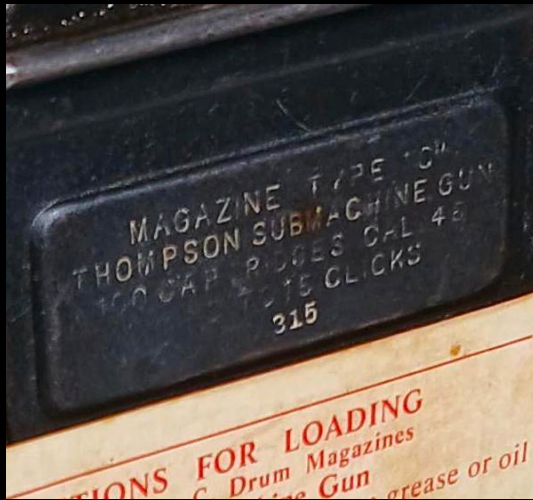
General John T. Thompson holding an M1921

A Statistical Anomaly

To find a “C” drum with matching serial numbers is rare; to find one in the #300 range is statistically significant. This artifact likely sat in a Law Enforcement or Postal Service vault during the turbulent Prohibition years, escaping the abuse of the field to remain a pristine time capsule of steel and oil.

THE FORENSIC GRID (The Proof)

THE LOW SERIAL



One of the earliest known examples. Die-stamped during the initial 1921 production run.

ROUND RIVETS (AUTHENTIC)



The critical forensic marker. The presence of domed, round-head rivets definitively authenticates this as a 1921 Original.

UNISSUED TRACK



The spiral feed channel is devoid of "insertion scarring" or grease caking, confirming an unissued operational history.


DISPLAY INSERT (REPRO)



Includes a period-correct style "Navy Model" caution card (High-quality reproduction) for display purposes.

Form P281

"Sold Only to Those on the Side of Law and Order!"



Be Ready for any Emergency!

Here's the Gun
that Bandits Fear Most!

—the
Thompson
Anti-Bandit Gun

It's the safest gun for policeman, sheriff or guard to handle—

—Any man in your force who can shoot a pistol can shoot a Thompson better!

It's the gun that safeguards the innocent bystanders—

It's the safest gun to shoot in city streets—
—because its bullets do not fly wild—its extraordinary accuracy is controlled—its shots are hits!

When you shoot, you can get your man with a single shot! The tremendous shock of the .45 calibre bullet knocks him down—and he stays down! And you have 20 or 50 of these powerful, accurate shots instantly available, when required.

Model No. 21A, with a 10-shot drum magazine.

That's why bandits surrender to the man with the Thompson Gun—they know "There's no getaway against a Thompson!"

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Distributor for the States of
Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota

MATCHING NUMBERS: Lid and Body are both stamped #315.

SURFACE STATE: Retains original "Dull Matte Blue" factory finish (Applied by Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg Co.)

MECHANICAL: Rotor spring tension is crisp; winding key knurling is sharp.

FEED LIPS: "Virgin" geometry with no evidence of magazine well insertion wear.

PROVENANCE: Formerly of the "Colt21a" Collection (USA) and a prominent New Zealand private collection.

THE ASSET SUMMARY

In the hierarchy of Thompson collecting, the “Matching C-Drum” sits at the apex. It is a “Blue Chip” asset class. Asset #315 combines low-digit scarcity, matching numbers, and condition into a single, verifiable package.



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