Luger Identification Form

There are approximately 3,000 known variations of Luger Parabellum Pistols. Please answer all questions on this form completely to help identify your particular specimen. Be sure to describe all proof marks as fully and carefully as possible (i.e. Eagle over “N”, Stick Eagle over “B”, etc.)

1. Toggle Inscription _____________________________________________________________
2. Chamber Inscription____________________________________________________________
3. Toggle Knob Type (“Smooth Dished”, or “Squared and Knurled”)_______________________
4. Grip Safety (“Present” or “Not Present”)____________________________________________
5. Stock Lug (“Present” or “Not Present”)_____________________________________________
6. Caliber (“9mm” or “7.65mm / .30 Luger”)____________________________________________
7. Grip Type (Walnut or Beech, Smooth or Checkered, With or Without a Border, or Plastic in brown or black, With or Without Insignia)___________________________________________________
8. Thumb Safety (“Safe” in forward or rear position. Describe Markings)____________________
9. Describe any and all marking as completely as possible, including their locations on the firearm. Use Numbered Markings from Parabellum website if possible.____________________________________________________
10. Barrel Length (Measure from Forward End of Extractor to Muzzle)_______________________
11. Markings on Left Edge of Extractor_________________________________________________
12. Description of Front and Rear Sights_______________________________________________
13. Magazine Bottom Plug Material and Markings_________________________________________

Determining values of firearms is always difficult, even when examining a firearm in person. Different variations bring different prices based on their rarity. The condition of the firearm is extremely important, and unfortunately, very subjective. Many good books are available on firearm values, such as “The Blue Book”. They are updated annually, and are also helpful in identification of the various model variations. As with any firearm, the true value is what you, personally, can get a buyer to agree to pay. The following criteria will help in determining current market value of a particular specimen:

1. Model Variation (Determined Above)
2. Percentage of remaining bluing (i.e. 80%, 95%, etc.)
3. Percentage of remaining straw colored finish on parts such as trigger, disassembly latch, etc.)
4. Condition of Bore.
5. Condition of Grips.
6. All matching serial numbers. Most small parts will carry last two digits of serial number.
7. Correct matching magazine(s) with matching serial numbers.
8. Any accessories such as holster, stock, loading/takedown tool, capture papers, etc.

Using these criteria, describe the condition of your Luger as objectively as possible:

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