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BREN TEN FACILITY OPENS! PRODUCTION BEGINS

Full production of the Bren Ten moved several giant steps closer to reality with the recent beginning of production and the dedication of the new manufacturing facility in Huntington Beach, California.

Dornaus & Dixon Enterprises, Inc. dedicated the modern facility, with its computer controlled machines, November 1, 1982.

With these highly sophisticated, computer controlled machines Dornaus & Dixon are able to turn out hundreds of the all-new Bren Ten automatics every week once full production is achieved.

From the flood of orders already stacked up, the plant will need every bit of its capacity. This backlog means the plant will operate at optimum capacity well into the foreseeable future.



The Bren Ten's instant popularity proved itself earlier this year at a Los Angeles gun show, when nearly 50 individuals reserved specific serial numbers for the \$2,000 Jeff Cooper's Bren Ten Initial Issue Commemorative. (More about the Commemorative on page 4.)

The standard combat models also generated very strong interest at the November 12-14 Great Western Gun Show at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Southern California.

Five different Bren Ten models are available now: the 12-

round Standard Model, Commemorative, and black matte finish Military/Police pistols; the Dual-Master capable of firing either 10mm or .45 ACP; and the 10mm, 8-round compact Pocket Model, with smaller overall dimensions and a single column magazine.

If purchased early enough to ensure availability purchasers have the opportunity to order matching serial numbers for all of their Bren Tens, at no extra cost.

The 10mm ammunition is being manufactured concurrently with the production of the Bren Ten so as to ensure ammunition availability and can be ordered directly from Dornaus & Dixon.

Available extras for the Bren Ten are: .45 ACP conversion kits, .22 Long Rifle conversion kits, extra magazines. The reversible thumb safety can best be operated with the index finger of the weak hand when shooting with a weak handed hold, as is taught by Jeff Cooper and his instructors at Gunsite. For those that are unable to master this truly effective method, an ambidextrous thumb safety is available as an extra cost item. Soon to be available are various sight configurations, such as all black, white or red inserts, and an illuminated sight package. Also available soon will be custom wood grip panels.

WELCOME TO THE BREN TEN NEWS!

This is the first issue of the Bren Ten News which is designed to keep you informed and up to date on the world of the Bren Ten. Besides providing the latest information, we will answer your questions (see Questions & Answers on the last page), introduce you to the personalities behind the Bren Ten (Jeff Cooper this issue, Tom Dornaus in the next!) and announce new products. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Address all communications to The Bren Ten News, P.O. Box 32326, Phoenix, AZ 85064.

For a Dealer Participation Package and/or ordering information write: Bren Ten, P.O. Box 32326, Phoenix, AZ 85046.

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE!



A tour of the Bren Ten manufacturing facility.



Interview with Tom Dornaus.



New Bren Ten Products!



A look at the M/P model.



1983 SHOT Show review.



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WHY 10MM?

Power. Sheer, raw power. But, power easily controllable.

Because of the unique design of the Bren Ten, the 10mm cartridge has more kinetic energy at 100 yards than the .45 ACP has at the muzzle — yet produces only the felt recoil of the .45 ACP 230 grain hardball round out of a Colt Government Model.

The bullet's large sectional density, kinetic energy and velocity combine to produce a truly effective cartridge — one with relative stopping power of 64 to 83 on the Hatcher Scale. Muzzle velocity of 1,100 to 1,200 feet per second, muzzle kinetic energy of 538 to 640 pounds, depending on the loading, speak for themselves.

Ballistically, the closest comparable cartridge is the .41 Magnum.

Matched to the technology developed as a result of the research which went into the development of the Bren Ten, the 10mm Auto cartridge is already developing a massive reputation as the optimum combat pistol cartridge.

In recent years, several prominent handgunners have worked on wildcat versions of a 10mm cartridge. They've simply continued a tradition started by both Samuel Colt and John Browning.

At the time of revolver development, the most powerful of Colt's early production models was the .40 caliber Colt Paterson. But with Colt's first major military contract, the designation and caliber were changed, and the .44 Colt Walker moved front and center.

John Browning designed the .41 Colt Auto Pistol in 1903, based on British military requests for a weapon larger than his

1902 .38 caliber for their ordnance tests.

Browning developed an experimental 9.8mm Colt Auto cartridge in 1910, and Winchester was producing some quantities of it by 1912. As impressive as the test results were, the design was dropped for lack of military orders after the French Ministry of War insisted the more powerful round it wanted had to be a 9mm parabellum.

The demand for the existing .45 ACP and 9mm parabellum increased with the start of World War I; and development of the 9.8mm or 10mm round was sidetracked until after the other patterns and weapons designs were a firmly established part of the American combat pistol experience.

Despite the overwhelming experience with other calibers, the man who pioneered the other calibers was still hard at work on the development of a full 10mm cartridge at the time of his death. It is apparent that John Browning had planned to mate the improved, refined round to his Browning Hi-Power.

Today's only close cousin to the 10mm is the .41 Magnum. Because the .41 can only be used in a revolver, which

has an inherent high barrel axis and limited cartridge capacity, the .41 Magnum provides a less than fully satisfactory weapon.

The 10mm had its origins in the 1800's and early 1900's. The Bren Ten will take us into the 21st Century. Now, political influences and other restrictions aside, the 10mm and the Bren Ten represent the best possible expression of ideas whose time has come.

INSET: .45 ACP, 10mm (center), 9mm cartridges.



BREN TEN — STANDARD MODEL (SM) 10MM AUTO COMBAT PISTOL

FEATURES: Selective double/single action • Dual screw driver set in pistol • Fully adjustable rear iron sight • Replaceable front sight • Reversible thumb safety • Replaceable threaded bushing • Selective firing pin block • Bushing lock • Selective magazine catch • 3 dot sighting system • Lanyard loop • Stainless steel frame • Designed inherent accuracy • Recoil buffer • Large magazine capacity

SPECIFICATIONS:

Manufacturer Dornaus & Dixon Enterprises, Inc.
Model Bren Ten (SM)
Type Autoloading pistol
Operation Double/single action
Function Browning short recoil
Caliber 10mm Auto
Barrel length 5.00 inches
Overall length 8.75 inches
Height 5.75 inches
Width 1.25 inches

Weight (empty) 38 ounces
Safety Thumb (reversible), and firing pin block
Sight radius 6.88 inches
Sights Adjustable/Replaceable, 3-Dot Combat
Rifling "Power Seal", 6 grooves RH twist
Stocks Textured black nylon
Genuine Hogue Combat Grip
Cartridge capacity 12 rounds
Finish Blued slide/Stainless frame
Retail Price \$500

Questions & Answers

- Q. Is the entire pistol made of stainless steel?
- A. No. All the frames on all the models are made of 17-4 PH stainless steel while all the slides on all the models are made of standard 4130 alloy steel. The black finish on the Military/ Police model frame is black oxide, which wears just like bluing, while the white metal finish on the Pocket Model is hard chrome which looks just like stainless steel. Experience has shown that when all stainless steel is used on guns a phenomenon known as galling occurs which makes a gun functionally unreliable. The combination we are using provides the best arrangement for a high performance combat handgun. Trigger, sear, and the other critical internal parts are made from hardened alloy tool steel which is known for its durable qualities.
- Q. What type of grips will be provided with the gun?
- A. The standard grip panels are genuine Hogue Combat pistol grips which are a textured matte black nylon.
- Q. How many magazines come with each Bren Ten?
- A. All Bren Ten models come standard with two magazines.
- Q. What does the Bren in the Bren Ten name signify?
- A. The Bren Ten 10mm autoloading pistol conceived by Jeff Cooper, engineered by Dornaus & Dixon Enterprises, Inc., is a design descended from the Cz 75 9mm pistol. Long the designers of excellent military firearms, the BRNO factory in Czechoslovakia developed an outstanding light machine gun during World War II which was adopted by Great Britain and produced under license in England by Enfield. Originally designated the ZB-26, the English named it the "Bren" gun, the BR from Brno, Czechoslovakia and EN from Enfield. Jeff Cooper felt since the pistol being produced by Dornaus & Dixon was inspired by the Cz 75, an acknowledgement by calling it the "Bren" was appropriate. Hence, the Bren Ten.

If you have any questions you would like answered in the Bren Ten News send them to: Questions & Answers, The Bren Ten News, P.O. Box 32326, Phoenix, AZ 85064.

A COLLECTOR'S DREAM — The Bren Ten Jeff Cooper Commemorative

What do collector's look for in a commemorative firearm? In a word . . . uniqueness. The more unusual the firearm the more potential it has as a commemorative firearm worthy of investment. The first Bren Ten commemorative, Jeff Cooper's Bren Ten Initial Issue Commemorative, has more unique qualities than any commemorative in recent years, perhaps ever.

It is the first commemorative to introduce a new design and a new cartridge, the first to honor Jeff Cooper and therefore the first to honor a living man, the first commemorative in 10 mm, the first time that a commemorative was the first model of a newly produced firearm, and many other firsts.

In addition to the "firsts" described above which enhance its uniqueness this commemorative rates top marks in the other qualities desired in a commemorative firearm. Limited production is very important. Jeff Cooper's Bren Ten Initial Issue Commemorative is limited to a production run of only 2,000 pistols. Quality construction, finish, and packaging are often neglected in commemoratives where the firearm is assumed to be a non-shooter. This commemorative starts life as a standard Bren Ten and is personally inspected and test fired by Jeff Cooper. When it is completed and ready for shipment it will reside in its own custom fitted, hand rubbed, specially selected dark wood presentation chest, lined with rich, plush, deep burgundy velvet with the owner's name inscribed on a custom plaque.

The many fine details and other features are too numerous to mention here but it is safe to say that if there was ever one commemorative to get, this is it.

For more information on this unique commemorative write: BREN TEN COMMEMORATIVE, P.O. Box 32326, Phoenix, AZ 85064.



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