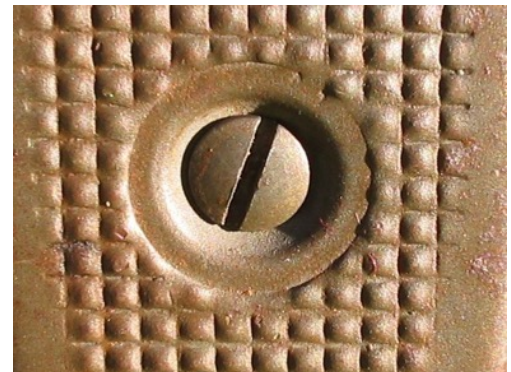


Thanks to David Barnette for this report. Although this carbine is not a rare or unique piece, it is in superb condition and is presented to illustrate the variety of finishes (colors) to be found on a factory original Rock-Ola carbine.



Rock-Ola's crossed-cannons "cartouche" was quite crude looking. This example is perfectly struck.

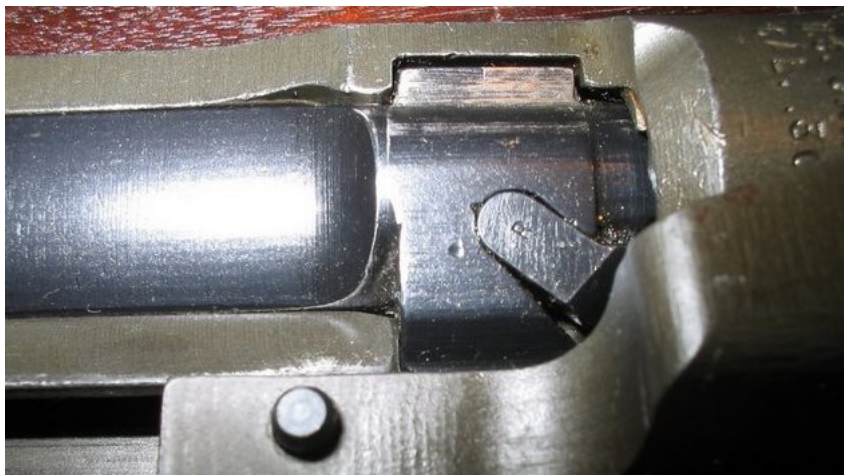
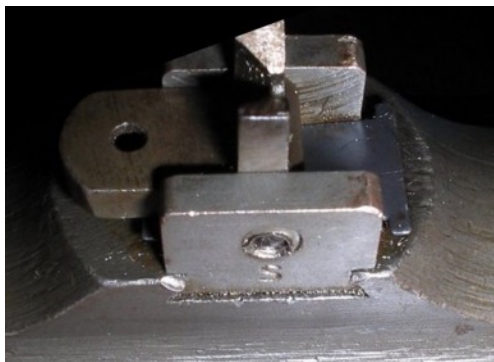
The center boss of many Rock-Ola buttplates is often being described by collectors as "missing a dot" at the 3 o'clock position. Other RMC buttplates are not so easily defined. In this unique example, the center boss is very clearly outlined, two dots are missing at 6 o'clock, and two others truncated at 1 and 2 o'clock. Note the narrow width of the dot pattern below the center boss. Does anyone else have a buttplate like this?



Note the strongly-marked gas cylinder and the weakly marked **M-R** band. The barrel band has two weak weld scars.

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Late production Rock-Ola extractors are marked with an **R** on top.



All four corners of the rear sight dovetail have been staked with a blunt instrument, with white metal still showing. A previous owner cut the top off the 150 yard aperture.

The top of the front sight blade still shows black finish that was applied after targeting.



Note the horizontal staking of the front sight pin, unique to Rock-Ola.

Other features worth noting: the sling swivel is the early “narrow window” type, which has been reported before, still being used in this serial number range. The **KR2** hammer is “in the white.” The safety and mag catch are a slightly lighter shade of Parkerizing than the trigger housing. Blued parts include: complete bolt, rear sight leaf spring, sear, trigger, hammer spring plunger, and all pins. See data sheet on the next page.

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|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| DATA SHEET | | CARBINE CLUB © | REV 7-01-08 | REPORTER D. BARNETTE | DATE 11/28/2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL DATA ON BACK | |
| BOLT | | BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK. <input type="checkbox"/> | LEFT LUG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROCK-OLA | | RIGHT LUG <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT <input type="checkbox"/> ROUND | | GAS PORT IN BOTTOM (1/16" HOLE) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | EJECTOR TIP <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | | | |
| RT. LUG SHAPE <input type="checkbox"/> ROUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> POINTED | | EXTRACTOR MARKING TOP <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> PLUNGER <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | | FIRING PIN MARKING ROCK-OLA BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| SLIDE | | TYPE-BOXES CHECKED EXAMPLE: E279 | CAM SHAPE <input type="checkbox"/> EARLY <input type="checkbox"/> LATE <input type="checkbox"/> | SLIDE COLOR | | | |
| ARM JOINT <input type="checkbox"/> 3/8" BEVEL <input type="checkbox"/> 3/16" STEP <input type="checkbox"/> 9/16" STEP <input type="checkbox"/> M2 STEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | SLIDE BOX REAR <input type="checkbox"/> FULL ROUND <input type="checkbox"/> PART ROUND <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT <input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL CUT <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT TOP <input type="checkbox"/> V-TOP <input type="checkbox"/> | | MARKS <input type="checkbox"/> P HEIGHT 1/8" <input type="checkbox"/> P P (TWO) <input type="checkbox"/> PUNCH MARK <input type="checkbox"/> MARK <input type="checkbox"/> W | | | |
| MARKS <input type="checkbox"/> INSIDE BOTTOM <input type="checkbox"/> OUTSIDE BOTTOM <input type="checkbox"/> ROCK-OLA | | ARM <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> TOP OF REAR BOX WALL | | BARREL | | DATE: NONE | |
| SLIDE STOP <input type="checkbox"/> EARLY <input type="checkbox"/> LATE <input type="checkbox"/> OP SPRING GUIDE TIP <input type="checkbox"/> | | TRIGGER HOUSING | | RECEIVER | | MARKS <input type="checkbox"/> P HEIGHT 1/8" <input type="checkbox"/> P P (TWO) <input type="checkbox"/> PUNCH MARK <input type="checkbox"/> MARK <input type="checkbox"/> W | |
| M1 <input type="checkbox"/> MILLED <input type="checkbox"/> M2 <input type="checkbox"/> STAMPED/BRAZED | | BEVELS ON MILLED HOUSING TOP REAR CORNERS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | ① U.S. CARBINE CAL. 30 M. L. HANDSTAMPED <input type="checkbox"/> | | ② MARK IF SERIAL NUMBER IS ALSO STAMPED IN FRONT OF SIGHT | |
| MARKING LEFT <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> ROCK-OLA | | MAG WELL WALL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> HOLE IN LEFT SIDE BEHIND MAG CATCH <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> | | HAMMER SPRING RECESS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | MARKS LEFT SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> RT. SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| TOP VIEW MAG WELL REAR WALL <input type="checkbox"/> NARROW <input type="checkbox"/> WIDE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDE LEFT M2 <input type="checkbox"/> COLOR | | MAG CATCH <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1a. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 4a. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 5a. <input type="checkbox"/> MK. BR | | HAMMER SPRING COILS <input type="checkbox"/> 22 <input type="checkbox"/> 28 1/2 | | ③ TRIG. HSN. LUG <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | |
| SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> MK. NONE | | HAMMER <input type="checkbox"/> PARK. <input type="checkbox"/> BLUED <input type="checkbox"/> NO FINISH <input type="checkbox"/> | | HAMMER PLUNGER <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE | | LENGTH 3/4" <input type="checkbox"/> 4 HOLE FOR TUBE LUG <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | |
| SEAR M1 <input type="checkbox"/> NO HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARK ROCK-OLA | | SEAR SPRING <input type="checkbox"/> STRAIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> TAPER END <input type="checkbox"/> | | FRONT SIGHT SHAPES <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | | ⑤ OP. SPRING HOUSING INTEGRAL <input type="checkbox"/> DETACHABLE TUBE <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| BARREL BAND | | SIGHTS | | SIGHT PIN STAKING | | ⑥ REAR TANG NARROW <input type="checkbox"/> WIDE <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | | FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> MILLED <input type="checkbox"/> STAMPED <input type="checkbox"/> CASTING <input type="checkbox"/> | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | | ⑦ REAR HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> 3/16" <input type="checkbox"/> FULL W.BUSH. | |
| M <input type="checkbox"/> SAND <input type="checkbox"/> M-R <input type="checkbox"/> SWIVEL <input type="checkbox"/> LUG <input type="checkbox"/> | | REAR <input type="checkbox"/> LEAF <input type="checkbox"/> ADJUST. MILLED <input type="checkbox"/> | | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> GROOVES BY RIDGE <input type="checkbox"/> VALLEY <input type="checkbox"/> THUMBNAIL <input type="checkbox"/> | | ⑧ MILL CUT <input type="checkbox"/> SQ. <input type="checkbox"/> RD. <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| FOR TYPE 1 BANDS - SLING WINDOW WIDTH 1/4" <input type="checkbox"/> 5/16" <input type="checkbox"/> | | FRONT SIGHT MARKS TOP <input type="checkbox"/> FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> | | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> SLOPE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NO SLOPE <input type="checkbox"/> | | ⑨ NOTCHES <input type="checkbox"/> FRONT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> REAR ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | |
| BAND RETAINER <input type="checkbox"/> LINE <input type="checkbox"/> NO LINE <input type="checkbox"/> TIP <input type="checkbox"/> | | REAR SIGHT MARKS LEFT <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> | | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> HANDGUARD LIP <input type="checkbox"/> LONG <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT <input type="checkbox"/> | | LEFT REAR DETAIL <input type="checkbox"/> NO EAR <input type="checkbox"/> 9/16" <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4" <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| STOCK | | HANDGUARD | | RECOIL PLATE | | MARKS <input type="checkbox"/> P HEIGHT 1/8" <input type="checkbox"/> P P (TWO) <input type="checkbox"/> PUNCH MARK <input type="checkbox"/> MARK <input type="checkbox"/> W | |
| RIGHT SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> GRIP <input type="checkbox"/> | | GROOVE <input type="checkbox"/> DEEP <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW <input type="checkbox"/> | | M1A1 <input type="checkbox"/> | | TOP <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| OILER SLOT <input type="checkbox"/> DEEPER CROSS CUTS <input type="checkbox"/> | | RIVETS 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | | MARKING <input type="checkbox"/> B257614 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> | | FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> TANG SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| WOOD AT SLIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> LOW <input type="checkbox"/> | | HANDGUARD MARK <input type="checkbox"/> | | M1A1 RIVETS | | RECOIL PL. SCREW HEAD THREADED AREA <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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LOOKING AT MORE ROCK-OLA BUTTPLATES

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The photo below left is from an original Rock-Ola in the 1.76 serial number range, and the one on the right is from a 4 million range Rock-Ola carbine. Note that both buttplates appear to be of the same pattern, differing only by the amount of wear of the die and wear by the end user. These bear little resemblance to the buttplate found on the featured carbine (shown below right), the only apparent similarity being the circular impression around the center boss. According to records published in *War Baby!*, page 404, Rock-Ola only used one subcontractor for buttplates, but variations are known to exist. If you have what appears to be a factory-original Rock-Ola carbine, please report the type pattern found on the buttplate. We have a lot to learn about the patterns and usage of Rock-Ola buttplates.

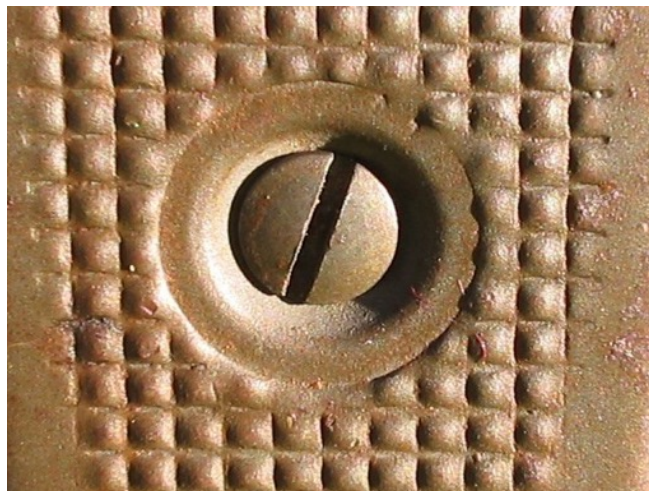
RMC 176xxxx

4 million range RMC

These appear to be the same pattern, with only the center boss area slightly different.



RMC 4546450 with a unique pattern



RMC 1.69 (painted)

RMC 1.68

These two buttplates appear to have the same dot pattern.



RMC 6072866 (3 views of the same buttplate) This buttplate seems to have the same dot pattern as 1.69 and 1.68 above, as well as 1.76 and 4 million range on page 3.