

# Black Collar Arms California FAQ

**Q: You've manufactured your CA Pork Sword Pistols as single-shot pistols. This means they're exempt from the Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale?**

**A:** Correct. Though the laws around single-shot handguns became stricter under AB-1964, it specifically exempts bolt action pistols in section 32100 (b):

(b) Article 4 (commencing with Section 31900) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 32000) shall not apply to a single-shot pistol with a break top or bolt action and a barrel length of not less than six inches and that has an overall length of at least 10½ inches when the handle, frame or receiver, and barrel are assembled.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=32100](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=32100)

**Q: Your CA Pork Sword Pistols have a threaded barrel, pistol grip, etc. Is this legal?**

**A:** Yes. Cal. Penal Code §12276.1 defines specific features that turn a firearm into an “assault weapon.” Except for a “shotgun with a revolving cylinder,” every one of these laws applies exclusively to semi-automatic firearms. Here is the section regarding pistols:

(4) A **semiautomatic** pistol that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any one of the following:

(A) A threaded barrel, capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer.

(B) A second handgrip.

(C) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel that allows the bearer to fire the weapon without burning his or her hand, except a slide that encloses the barrel.

(D) The capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip.

<https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs/genchar2>

As the Pork Sword Pistol is not a semi-automatic pistol but, rather, a bolt action pistol, none of these restrictions apply to it (note: under Federal law you still cannot attach a vertical forward grip to it). The PSP ships with a thread protector installed on its threaded barrel, and the user can install a muzzle brake, blast shield, flash hider, compensator, etc. as they please.

Here is a handy and well-cited flow chart: <https://www.calguns.net/caawid/hgflowchart.pdf>