

LIBERTY SUPPRESSORS

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Yes. You can own a silencer! As long as you can pass a NICS background check, you can pass the paperwork check for a silencer.
- No. The process is not all that hard. There is some paperwork and a tax to pay, but that is about it.
- No. The ATF can not come into your home at anytime of the day or night. This is a fallacy that has been handed down through the ages for no good reason. They still need a warrant to enter your home without your consent.
- There is a tax that must be paid to own a silencer. It must be paid each time the ownership of the unit changes hands. **If you never sell your silencer, you will pay tax on it once...for the rest of your life.**
- Upon your **untimely demise, you can leave you silencer to a lawful heir TAX FREE. That's right,** it will transfer on a new form to the heir and they are not taxed for this transaction.
- 5a. The tax is a flat 200\$ paid one time to the ATF, not the dealer.
- The movies lie about what a silencer sounds like, a few silencers out on the market sound very close to this, but most do not.
- If you want a really quiet silencer, then a high quality 22LR unit is your best choice, this cartridge has VERY good qualities for suppression.
- Not all firearms are good for adding a suppressor to them. Adding a suppressor asks the gun to do things it was not originally designed to do, therefore, it must be of a sturdy design and popular enough to have an aftermarket following.
- If you plan to buy a **suppressor and you want information about a "Trust" or "Corp" to hold your NFA item,** please consult an attorney skilled in this sort of law. I make silencers and have no idea how these legal instruments work.
- Custom features can be had, BUT, it will **delay your unit's ship date as we have to make it special** and it is not run with the regular batching of suppressors.
- Custom suppressors will have to be paid in full in advance of the making of the suppressor. This is because we will have a very hard time **selling a silencer with a custom name like "Boo Boo" or something. We need to have these units paid for prior to making them.**
- The silencer does not touch the bullet at any time. It encapsulates the end of the barrel to trap the gas and reduce the sound.
- Rifle silencers get VERY hot during use. Be careful and do not get burned when handling **them. 500 degrees is not unusual for an AR15 unit, you have been warned...**
- Rifle silencers are not to shot wet as this can cause a high pressure situation and possible cause the suppressor to explode.
- Pistol and rimfire suppressors can be fired wet for increased levels of performance. Water is the best medium for quietest operation, but Hoppes #9 will not rust your gun and works really well with only a small amount of smoke.
- Wet cans will have blow back that will get wet crap on your face so you need to wear eye protection for this.
- Dry cans (shooting the silencer without any sort of liquid in it) also generates blowback and sometimes this will have small powder particles that could injure your eyes, wear safety glasses!
- You do not have to clean rifle silencers, they do not build up material past a slight layer of **carbon so don't worry about cleaning rifle cans.**

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- 22LR and 9mm designs are fairly dirty and do need to be cleaned from time to time, so take apart designs are desirable there.
- 45 silencers are not very quiet, unless fired wet. It is a simple fact.
- It is not advisable to fire 22LR through a rifle silencer as it will build up lead and carbon and the rifle silencer can not be dismantled for cleaning. What normally happens is a rifle round will break loose some of the rimfire carbon and cause baffle strikes.
- Deviating from the rated caliber is pretty common, but just remember that if you have a problem while shooting **calibers that are out of the silencer's specification, that you will most likely void your warranty and should not get your feelings hurt when they (the maker of the suppressor) tell you this.**
- **You do not need a special "permit" to take your silencer out of state.** As long as you take your silencer to another state where silencers are legal, you are fine. We recommend carrying a copy of your transfer paperwork with you just to prove you paid your tax though.
- Machineguns, Short barreled Rifles, and Short barreled shotguns (Sawed off shotguns) **DO need this "permit". That permit is called Form 5320.20. The ATF will give you one if you will call them and ask for it.**
- To check on your status you will need to know the serial number of your suppressor and the following **phone number... 304-616-4500.** This is the number to the NFA branch in West Virginia. **They have 4 answers for you...**
- Not in the system - this is the early answer where data entry has not gotten your form entered into the system yet.
- Pending - means it is in the system and is in process. This is the one that takes the longest.
- Problem Status - this is bad, it means something is wrong with the forms most of the time. Call your dealer and have them correct this. They are the ones that the ATF will send the forms to so they can be fixed.
- Approved - This is the best answer and it means that your form is in the mail room or enroute to your dealer. It will go to the dealer and then you will pick up the original and the silencer when you go to your dealer.
- You will have to fill out a 4473 (yellow sheet) just like you would if you were to buy a gun before taking final possession of your silencer. Once the form 4 paperwork clears the NFA branch.
- You cannot own silencer parts other than replacement wipes for wiped cans. No spare parts of any kind are allowed. If your suppressor needs a replacement part, it must be returned to the maker or another licensed class 2 manufacturer for repair.
- Not all silencers are able to be repaired, nor are they all feasible to being rebuilt. The older MAC cans are prime examples of this, yes, it is possible, but it is not cost effective for us to do it.
- **There is no silencer that will work equally well on all calibers, the "All Silencer" simply does not exist.**
- Do not mistake supersonic bullet noise for a loud silencer. The gunshot (bang) and the supersonic bullet noise are two completely different signatures and the silencer can not suppress the supersonic bullet noise. There is no know technology to suppress this sound as of this writing.