

The Subject of the NosePiece

Isn't a NosePiece just a Compensator?

Well yes and no. A *Compensator* just performs that function and that is it. A *NosePiece* is another kind of cat.

To begin with Marine Corps requirement was for a "Stable" pistol in which to use their 1911 A1's in an Offensive mode. A normal *Compensator* could perform that duty if it were not for the enormous blast associated with it. Now I **HAVE** made the finest blast Compensators (Les Pittman and Scott Fletcher in the shop did. We made several kinds at Pachmayr) that stabilized the gun perfectly but, you couldn't shoot it in a building without starting a fire AND, you couldn't hear a train at 2 feet after you did!! So the problem had to be revisited and analyzed from the beginning. I designed the NosePiece instead.

First we know the 1911 is out of balance. Okay so we add weight to the front until we get that right. Park that for now while we address what's next: the blast.

What's the matter with redirecting the blast forward where it will do the most good? Then why not adjust the exit diameter to concentrate that blast and refocus it to reduce the loss of night vision? That done we know we are going to shoot our pistols at distance so we must angle that down so we can see over it. And then we need to put a close tolerance bushing inside of it with our grooves to lubricate the barrel, extend the bushing neck for stability in the slide and we should have it.....The blast goes forward, the muzzle is kept down considerably, we can shoot over it and the gas going forward pushes more back into the hand reducing felt recoil by 40% (est) A night and day difference that must be experienced. A "done deal?" Well not yet.

The Combat NCO is for Combat. One must be able to use this old gun in both should one become incapacitated or has lost the use of his right hand. (Or maybe you are just Left Handed in the first place.) Well then cocking the pistol might be a problem and certainly for a woman or a man in trouble who might lack the strength to do that. What do you do cut a notch in your Rear Sight to cock your pistol on your boot???? Please. Please!

No, you cock the pistol or load from an open Slide Stop by simply pushing the *NosePiece* on any object; dirt, wall, whatever; and there you go. Anything except your damn boot like you know what you are doing.

So is it a Compensator then or a NosePiece?

It's a *NosePiece* because it is not just a *Compensator*. When you are specific about these attributes you want a *NosePiece*. **A Compensator is for well; something else.**

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