

## **Subject: FYI - pink Greek wax on some CMP guns**

I think most of you know I recently bought a collector-grade M1 from CMP, and was surprised to find...not the typical brown "axle grease" cosmoline, but a strange (Greek) pink waxy stuff, almost like animal fat or something.

And nothing will cut this stuff, not acetone, not kerosene, nothing! Because the gun was so minty, I didn't want to risk damaging it, so I painstakingly scrapped the waxy pink goo off the metal with toothpicks! (yeah, it took a bunch!) When I got it down to just bare metal, I used Acetone and rags. Several applications were required, because the first few applications would just smear the wax around and after contact with the acetone, it would become very milky-looking and it made a helluva mess.

Throughout this process, I tried to remain positive - despite my grumbling and cursing - reminding myself that this stuff probably preserved the metal from scratches, wear, and "age patina" by the fact that it was so thick and seemingly impervious to anything. This minty \$1400 collector-grade gun is as close to a "new in the box" \$12,000 auction gun as I'm gonna get.

Got everything cleaned up after a few days of "elbow grease" and had only one part left - the long op-rod spring...Which was completely encased in this pink wax. My toothpicks, acetone and rags procedure wasn't going to work.

Thankfully, my wife produced a craft "Milwaukee Heat Gun" that she had. This is a heavy-duty "hair dryer," capable of 750 and 1000 degrees F, with 1200 watts and 4100 BTU's. It can be used to loosen lug nuts, thaw frozen pipes, etc. So, I turned this thing on the op-rod spring, and the pink stuff ran off like water! I couldn't believe how easy it was!

So....the next time someone gets one of these "pink" guns, or asks the question on Culver's shooting page....tell them to do a search on Milwaukee Heat Gun, made by MHT Products of New Berlin, WI.

Make a very tough job very easy, and you won't get (further) brain-damaged as I did with the acetone!...

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