



## IMPORTANT PRODUCT RECALL NOTICE

Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC has determined that the **Slide Lock Safety** ("Safety") and/or the **Recoil Spring Guide Pad** ("Guide Pad") in certain Colt model pistols were not manufactured to Colt specifications and **must be replaced**. All of these Colt models were sold after March 2007 and the range of serial numbers affected by this product recall is as follows:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number Range</u>	<u>Safety</u>	<u>Guide Pad</u>
1911 WWI REPLICA (O1911)	4597WMK to 5414WMK	X	
1918 WWI REPLICA (O1918)	1001WWI to 3431WWI	X	
COMBAT ELITE (O8011XSE)	CG10000E to CG11293E	X	
NEW AGENT (O7810D)	GT01001 to GT04505	X	X
DEFENDER (O7000D)	DR33036 to DR35948		X
TALO NIGHT DEFENDER (O7000NDF)	NDF0001 to NDF0400		X

In the chart above, an "X" beneath "Safety" and/or "Guide Pad" signifies that the part(s) of the listed model needs replacement. Only the NEW AGENT model needs replacement of both parts.

For all models listed above, except the DEFENDER and the NIGHT DEFENDER models, you must return the pistol to the Colt factory for part(s) replacement. The DEFENDER models do NOT need to be returned. Instead, we will send you a new Recoil Spring Assembly Kit that includes the Guide Pad to replace in your pistol. See the instructions below on how to obtain recall service.

The Safety is located on the left side of the pistol just below the slide:



The Guide Pad is located at the end of a recoil spring assembly, which is positioned inside the slide between the recoil spring bushing and the barrel lug. On the recoil spring assembly, the Guide Pad looks like this:



Colt has determined that the Safety and the Guide Pad in the affected pistols are of improper hardness. As a result, the Safety can prematurely wear or bend, especially if the pistol is dropped, possibly rendering the Safety incapable of preventing an accidental firing, and the Guide Pad might crack and possibly prevent the pistol from firing. Although there have been no reports of personal injuries or property damage, safety is our number one concern. Therefore, the affected pistols should not be loaded or used until the Safety and/or Guide Pad have been replaced.

If you own one of these Colt models with a serial number listed above, please **STOP USING YOUR FIREARM AT ONCE**. Then, follow the instructions below to return it to us so that we can replace the firearm part(s) **AT NO COST TO YOU**.

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**FOR THE FOLLOWING MODELS:**

**1911 WWI REPLICA (O1911)**

**1918 WWI REPLICA (O1918)**

**COMBAT ELITE (O8011XSE)**

**NEW AGENT (O7810D)**

1. Contact Colt Customer Service for instructions on how to return the pistol to us and to obtain a mailing label so you can send it to us **FREE OF CHARGE**. Please provide us with your model and serial

number. Customer Service can be reached by any of the following means:

- ◆ Complete our online form by going to Colt's website at [www.coltsmfg.com/](http://www.coltsmfg.com/).
  - ◆ E-mail us at Recall@colt.com.
  - ◆ Call Monday-Friday, 8:30AM–12:00PM; 1PM–5PM EST, 1-800-962-COLT (2658), press Option “2”.
  - ◆ Write us at Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC, 545 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110.
2. Follow Customer Service's instructions to send the gun back to us.
  3. We will replace the Safety (and, on NEW AGENT models only, install a new Recoil Spring Assembly Kit that includes replacement of the Outer Recoil Spring and Guide Pad) and return your firearm to you as quickly as possible.  
**Note:** We cannot return your firearm to a P.O. Box address. Therefore, we will need your street address where the firearm will be returned.
  4. **DO NOT LOAD OR USE YOUR FIREARM** until we have performed this repair.
  5. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE THIS REPAIR YOURSELF.** The Slide Lock Safety **must** be replaced at the factory in order to be done properly.

For **1911 WWI REPLICA, 1918 WWI REPLICA, and COMBAT ELITE** models on which the Slide Lock Safety has been replaced, our gunsmiths will stamp a small “-“ on the inside right rear of the slide, directly below the extractor, as confirmation that the retrofit has been performed. **NEW AGENT** models on which both the Slide Lock Safety and Recoil Spring Guide Pad have been replaced will have two marks. Our gunsmiths will stamp a small pennant “F” on the top right side of the trigger guard as confirmation that the Slide Lock Safety retrofit had been performed. The new Recoil Spring Guide Pad has a small dimple appearing on the top left, rear-facing, surface of the pad.

### **FOR DEFENDER MODELS ONLY, INCLUDING THE TALO NIGHT DEFENDER (O7000D and O7000NDF)**

You do not need to return the DEFENDER model pistols to Colt. We will provide you with a free Recoil Spring Assembly Kit and instruct you how to install it

yourself. If you would like us to install the kit for you, please make this request of Colt Customer Service. In either case, please take the following steps:

1. Contact Colt Customer Service for instructions on how to receive a free Recoil Spring Assembly Kit or obtain a mailing label to return the pistol to us. In either situation, we will replace this assembly **FREE OF CHARGE**. Please provide us with your model and serial number. Customer Service can be reached by any of the following means:
  - ◆ Complete our online form by going to Colt's website at **[www.coltsmfg.com](http://www.coltsmfg.com)**.
  - ◆ E-mail us at [Recall@colt.com](mailto:Recall@colt.com).
  - ◆ Call: Monday-Friday 8:30AM–12:00PM; 1PM–5PM EST: 1-800-962-COLT (2658), press Option "2".
  - ◆ Correspond with us via US Postal Service at Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC, 545 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110.
2. Follow Colt Customer Service's instructions and prompts on how to receive a Recoil Spring Assembly Kit or how to send the gun back to us. Please be ready to provide the Colt model and serial number.

**Note:** We cannot return your firearm to a P.O. Box address. Therefore, we will need your street address where the firearm will be returned so that we can return it to you as quickly as possible.
3. **DO NOT LOAD OR USE YOUR FIREARM** until this repair has been performed. .

Please note that, apart from this recall, we designed a symmetrical Outer Recoil Spring with closed ends on each side for the NEW AGENT and DEFENDER models. This design allows the spring to be inserted from either end into the recoil bushing. This replacement spring will be included as part of the Recoil Spring Assembly Kit being furnished in this recall. The new Recoil Spring Guide Pad has a small dimple appearing on the top left, rear facing, surface of the pad that will serve as confirmation that the retrofit has been performed.

In closing, Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC is fully committed to the quality of its products and the safety of its customers. We regret very much the inconvenience that this situation is causing to our valued customers.