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G96 GUN BLUE CREME

Jeff John



The blue wear is excessive and detracting on this '50s era Browning Hi Power (above). A one-time application of G96 Gun Blue Creme delivers permanent results and blends well with the original finish.



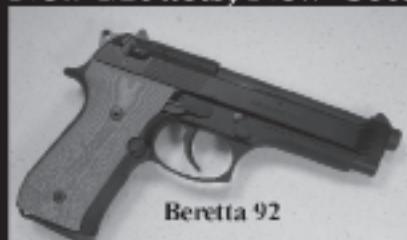
A blue worn gun is actually kind of neat as it shows service and use and, depending upon the gun, can let the imagination roam. A late 1950's Browning Hi Power I just acquired is such and came with the story it was carried in Viet Nam by a riverboat commander. The story, while a good one, can't be proved, but the pistol certainly was carried in a muggy climate by the way the blue is worn and it was a constant companion to someone.

Refinishing this gun would be horrific, but the blue is heavily worn on the front end and toning it down would improve its appearance considerably. G96 Gun Blue Creme has the perfect properties for this job by giving a slightly matte finish matching what's left of the original Browning's. I've used it successfully to touch up rust-blued guns, too. As can be seen by the two photos, the holster wear is diminished — but not entirely gone, just the effect I wanted to achieve. I want some of the holster wear to show, just not so much. Call it a "micro restoration."

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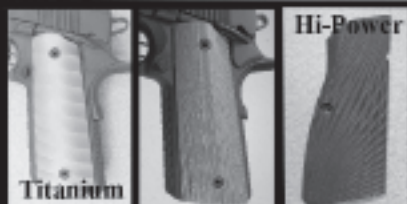
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a Q-Tip and wiped off with a cleaning patch. Oil the gun and you're finished. G96 says to neutralize the area blued with water afterward, but I generally don't, although I make sure I get all residual product off. G96 makes a full line of cleaning products well suited to the enthusiast. G96 Triple Action Gun Treatment, a pleasant-smelling preservative, is great for removing rust without affecting the patina (more on that another time).

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BATTLE HAWK

Clint Smith



The GG&G Tomahawk is the perfect medicine for many serious jobs. Clint favors one in the pickup truck for various emergencies.

The history of the axe is well documented and this tool has been with humans thousands of years in different forms. As the axe has morphed from field tool to battle implement and back it has seen a variety of shapes and forms to serve the functions required. Amerindians used a version we refer to as a tomahawk and early settlers from Europe were quick to pick up the use of the tomahawk as a field tool and to support the limited firepower of their single shot rifles in conflict. Roger's Rangers used the tomahawk as a weapon for combat and references to the tomahawk are seen often in the history of the Rangers. Even today the contemporary Army Rangers still have a fond attachment to the tomahawk as part of their lineage.

There are many tomahawks on the market today, but the new GG&G Battle Hawk Tomahawk is definitely a contender for one of, if not *the* toughest of hawks made today. Built like a tank the Battle Hawk has nominal measurements of 13" in length, a handle length of 10" and a head length of 8". The Battle Hawk weighs in at 44 ounces and the handles