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Re: Glock 21 SF (Ambidextrous Magazine Release) Sold As Glock 21 SF-STD (Standard Magazine Release)

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to the attention of the Bureau of Firearms within the California Department of Justice (DOJ) that you may have purchased a Glock 21 SF model handgun that was not approved by DOJ for sale in California under the mistaken belief that it was an approved Glock 21 SF-STD model. Under California law, only a handgun that complies with specified safety standards can be deemed "not unsafe" by DOJ and approved for sale to the public. (See Pen. Code, § 12125, et seq.)

The Glock 21 SF-STD (which has standard Glock rails and magazine release) is listed on the DOJ roster of "not unsafe" handguns that may be sold to the public in California. (Pen. Code, § 12131, subd. (a).) The Glock 21 SF (which has an "ambidextrous" magazine release) is not on the roster and therefore may not be sold to the public in California. (Pen. Code, § 12125, subd. (a).) Because of the similarity in the names of the two handgun models, some licensed firearm dealers in California may have inadvertently imported and sold the unlisted Glock 21 SF, believing that it was a listed Glock 21 SF-STD. Likewise, some consumers may have inadvertently purchased the Glock 21 SF, believing that it was a Glock 21 SF-STD model.

If you purchased a Glock 21 SF (ambidextrous magazine release) believing that it was a Glock 21 SF-STD (standard rails and magazine release), you may return your Glock 21 SF to the manufacturer so that its frame can be replaced with a Glock 21 SF-STD frame. Glock will receive and disassemble your pistol, then reassemble it using new parts and a new model 21 SF-STD receiver. Please note that you are responsible for paying the cost of shipping a pistol to Glock.

After assembly, Glock will perform a safety check, test fire the pistol for function and conduct a quality control inspection to make sure the new pistol meets manufacturer specifications. Glock will then pay for the cost of shipping of the new pistol back to the licensed firearms dealer of your choice in California via FedEx or UPS. Please be aware that Glock will not reinstall any non-Glock aftermarket part on a retrofitted pistol. If a non-Glock aftermarket part is installed on a Glock 21 SF pistol, Glock will return the aftermarket part, along with the retrofitted pistol, to the licensed California firearms dealer of your choice.

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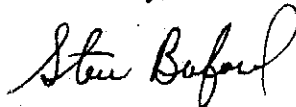
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After the retrofitted pistol is received by the licensed firearms dealer in California, the dealer will initiate a background check that is required by law before the firearm can be returned to its owner. The background check will be performed by DOJ at no cost to the pistol owner, or the licensed firearms dealer.

This opportunity to have a Glock 21 SF handgun retrofitted to replace the receiver is voluntary and is not an admission by Glock of liability or violation of firearms laws or regulations. If you wish to take advantage of Glock's offer, you must contact Amanda Couch, at (770) 432-1202, extension 6761. This offer, and the opportunity to have a background check for return of a retrofitted handgun conducted by DOJ at no charge, is only valid for a limited time. Glock's offer to replace Glock 21 SF receivers expires three months from the date of this letter.

Also, you should be aware that although it is not a crime to purchase or possess a handgun that is not listed on the DOJ roster of "not unsafe" handguns, it is a crime for a firearms dealer in California to sell such a firearm. (Pen. Code, § 12125, subd. (a).) Therefore, if you decide not to have a Glock 21 SF handgun retrofitted by Glock, you may not be able to sell your firearm in the future to a firearms dealer in California.

Sincerely,



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For EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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