

Stripping the Sten

The stripping procedure is very simple - it takes less than a minute to strip the weapon for daily cleaning. The text describing the procedure is quoted directly from *Small Arms Training Volume I, Pamphlet No.22 Sten Machine Carbine 1942*.

BUTT:

Press in the stud on the recoil spring housing and slide the butt off downwards.



BREECH BLOCK:

Press the cap (or ring), round the stud, inwards and turn anti-clockwise, thus releasing the cap from its engagement in the body. Withdraw the cap, spring housing and spring.



Draw cocking handle to the rear, rotate it halfway into the safety slot and, in this position, withdraw cocking handle.



Slide the breechblock out of the body.

BARREL

Pull out the plunger on the side of the magazine housing and rotate the housing downward. Unscrew the barrel-locking nut (the front hand grip) and pull out the locking nut and barrel together.

The machine carbine will NOT be stripped further than this.



The Sten fully stripped

