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## Ruger sr9c recoil spring weight

New to the forums, definitely not new to Rugers (SP101, GP100, BH 41mag, 10/22, Mini-14 Tac, MK II Target). I just picked up an SR9C the other day and got it out to the range this morning. I love it, but it seems to have an incredibly strong recoil spring. I am not a weak individual and it takes some serious ass to lock that slide back. Is this normal? Will it lighten up over time? I ask because my reloaded 9mm which cycles perfectly in my P95 and a CZ75 WILL NOT cycle in the SR9c. Compared to my P95, the recoil spring is double the tension. (admittedly that may not be a fair comparison, since I have about 20K rounds fired out of my P95). Also, when I took it down today I can see where the slide is scraping and gouging the finish right off the guide rod. Is this normal for the weapon? The spring will loosen some. Mine still feels pretty stort, especially compared to my 944, but its not horrible. Lock the slide open for a couple days and that helps. I have the same rub marks on my guide rod as well. I dont worry about it. Yelp, it is pretty stout when brand new, but I think that every SR9/SR9c owners will admit that it does loosen up considerably after some use. You might try some hotter round or just buy ya' a cheap box of Federal or Winchester and run them through and see where you're at after that. That was the way mine was at first. Left it opened for a week and it improved. Have ran about 500 rds through it and it is getting better. Almost to my SR9. Ok, thanks. I am storing it with the slide locked open for a few days or so, and I have already purchased two boxes of 115 gr jacketed Winchester. As long as it cycles that fine, then I know it's just might light ammo. Currently my loads are 115 gr jacketed w/ 3.8 gr Bullseye powder. I will probably need to step them up to 4.0-4.1 to cycle properly in the SR9c. Otherwise I love it! Update: I ran the Winchester store ammo through the pistol and it functions flawlessly. I also tested my reload ammo in the P95, and had problems with it. I have been running this load forever without issue in the P95. Which tells me either the powder formulation is a tad off, or my scale was not properly calibrated...either way, it sucks, but at least I know my SR9C is spot on. This is what I put down today, Both targets were at 7.5 yards, standing offhand supported. 5 round group, 1.4" group, only 1" if you toss out the low right flier. 25 rounds, moderate speed (1-2 seconds between shots). Nearly everything inside the 3" ring. Glad to hear it ran well for you. Congrats on the purchase!! You folks suggestion of leaving mags fully loaded does not effect the spring tension in the mag.... think about it. Congrats on the SR9c! If my home state ever allows carry, I would have to get me one. Hmm... maybe the "lock the slide open for a week" has a psychological placebo affect. Unless someone can measure the spring weight and tension of the spring, we'll never truly know for sure. You folks suggestion of leaving the pistol with the slide locked open for a week making the spring weaker goes directly against the theory that leaving mags fully loaded does not effect the spring tension in the mag.... think about it. shhh....it still works No, you're right though, but it's always irked me too, even though I've suggested it myself. For whatever reason, in their minds, the problem is lessened by doing this but helped more by shooting it. The best medicine for a stiff slide spring, IMHO, is to simply shoot it and break in the spring (minutely) but more adjust your hands and body to the gun. It's like the Mag DC Removal process, I swear half of my comments I've received when I first posted my tutorials say their trigger pull is lessened. They say it's because the Mag DC isn't there that the Striker can move more freely. The Mag DC never puts off a noticeable amount of friction to effect it in any way regarding the pull. They swear up and down it helps, even after I go into great detail to explain how the parts worked together and how it was impossible. It was more likely the inconsistent trigger of the older SR9 that was effected by simply taking the gun apart though. Josh You folks suggestion of leaving the pistol with the slide locked open for a week making the spring tension in the mag..... think about it. You make a good point, with 1 possible difference. The recoil spring is 2 tighter wound springs of different size in an assembly that could seat themselves a bit more then a single spring with a greater pitch like the mag spring. Also the spring on my 9c has been that it has helped me focus on using good technique. It is not a problem when done properly. When I use only my thumb and index finger it takes a lot more effort. Verndog has figured a few things out! Every spring in use, and not just firearms, has a "flex factor". Use, length, gauge, weight, size, type, temper, constriction, compression, push, pull, force, tandem, set, etc., etc. are just a few of the things that determine the flex factor for each spring. Springs normally have to work over a wide variety of "conditions" determine by the piece of equipment they are used in. Having the proper "flex factor" will determine by the piece of equipment they are used in. Having the proper "flex factor" will determine by the piece of equipment they are used in. Having the proper "flex factor" will determine whether or not that spring performs properly in it's given "use". When springs do "not" do their job properly, their particular flex factor has gone array. Something has either happened to the spring or the piece of equipment it is used in! In some functions, you "want" the spring and some of the above things I mentioned, determines whether that "spring" takes a "set" or not. Of course "engineers" have a lot to do with this. Other spring functions are "engineered" to take a set at a certain point. Usually determined by the "result" wanted. I have found that some semi-auto's benefit from leaving the slide retracted for a period of time. Others do not. At any rate, the price of springs are cheap enough that it doesn't hurt to give it a try. An old gunsmith explained "all" this to me many years ago and yeah, it confused me to! Over the years I "think" I have figured out what I just said and then "think" on it for the next ten ..Dick :wink: 09-20-2014, 12:29 PM US Veteran Join Date: Apr 2009 Location: Scranton PA Posts: 534 Likes: 503 Liked 420 Times in 133 Posts Ruger SR9c Guide Rod Spring weight question I'm looking to replace my plastic quide rod assembly for my SR9c with a stainless steel one. My question is on spring weight. They have them rated at 14, 16, 18, and 20lb. What is the difference between weights? Thanks! JT 09-20-2014, 03:17 PM Member Join Date: Jan 2011 Location: Planet earth Posts: 13,884 Likes: 2,086 Liked 13,341 Times in 5,549 Posts On my 1911's and cz pistols the recoil springs weight wise the sweet spot seems to be going up two sizes stronger seems to be the key to less cycle timing, less over travel, less recoil, better handling, the next round is loaded much faster. I went up two sizes stronger over the standard spring can be heard coiling and binding as the slide is pulled back slowly my question is how much of the spring pressure rating does the slide actually see. By installing a full length guide rod the recoil spring two sizes stronger be actually too strong. I'm going from the standard 16# spring to the 18# spring. The difference is very noticable but would a 17# or 17.5# spring be better. My point is maybe we need a few different recoil springs to test at the range to actually tune the stronger reted spring with the stronger reted spring and our liking. Remember by installing the stronger recoil spring with the stronger reted spring and our liking. Remember by installing the stronger recoil spring with the stronger reted spring and our liking. use a gun grease or moly lightly. Last edited by BigBill; 09-20-2014 at 03:22 PM. 09-21-2014, 09:06 AM US Veteran Join Date: Apr 2009 Location: Scranton PA Posts: 534 Likes: 503 Liked 420 Times in 133 Posts Hmm okay, I think I have a better picture now. It sounds like a trial and error sort of thing. Page 2 09-20-2014, 09:41 PM SWCA MemberAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jul 2002 Location: The kidney of Dixie. Posts: 10,529 Likes: 49 Liked 13,428 Times in 3,292 Posts It's done...whatever it is... Gunsmith emailed to say my rifle was finished and ready to ship. I swear it's been so long since I dropped it off with him I have forgotten what kind of rifle it is, the caliber, everything is a blank. Been maybe 5 years. Has to be some sort of Mauser 98. Now that I think about it I believe it's a small ring Mexican Mauser and I told him to make it a 308 with a Mannlicher style stock. I guess I'll know for sure when it arrives. He said he would include an invoice and I hope he remembers the \$700 deposit I gave him. No life story has happy end. The Following User Likes This Post: 09-20-2014, 09:43 PM Member Join Date: Oct 2013 Location: Oklahoma Posts: 1,236 Likes: 1,491 Liked 9,452 Times in 968 Posts Wow!, five years to complete the project? He doesn't work for the highway department does he? A gun has no brain.. use yours The Following 2 Users Like Post: 09-20-2014, 09:53 PM Member Join Date: May 2009 Location: South Florida Posts: 7,286 Likes: 2,040 Liked 7,479 Times in 2,584 Posts Im no expert but thought small ring Mausers (including Spanish ones chambered in 7.62x51) were not strong enough for .308 NATO pressures? IIRC they don't have the large-ring's gas venting system and have 2 lugs instead of 3 ... Perhaps the Cetme paddle site equipped FR8 might be up to the task but the others not so much so be careful... Last edited by Engine49guy; 09-20-2014 at 09:55 PM. 09-20-2014, 09:57 PM Member Join Date: Jan 2013 Location: Texas Posts: 1,101 Likes: 1,899 Liked 1,215 Times in 514 Posts I don't understand what you don't know about a firearm that you sent in for whatever, and you don't remember??? Please be careful when you get it back. I'm Proud To Be An American! 09-21-2014, 02:07 AM Member Join Date: Mar 2012 Location: Fairbanks, Alaska Posts: 2,993 Likes: 1,027 Liked 2,921 Times in 1,076 Posts Well, brother my brother, Why, I aughta..... 09-21-2014, 02:34 AM Member Join Date: Feb 2010 Posts: 5,843 Likes: 5,173 Liked 5,226 Times in 2,485 Posts Quote: Originally Posted by Engine49guy Im no expert but thought small ring Mausers (including Spanish I can't think of anything clever to say, so... I hope it's to your liking, and post some pictures. ones chambered in 7.62x51) were not strong enough for .308 NATO pressures? IIRC they don't have the large-ring's gas venting system and have 2 lugs instead of 3 ... Perhaps the Cetme paddle site equipped FR8 might be up to the task but the others not so much so be careful... I'm no expert either but I think you are remembering pre-98 small ring Mausers and forgetting small ring 98 Mausers like the Mexican. S.P. wrote his is a 98. 09-21-2014, 03:34 AM US Veteran Join Date: Jul 2002 Location: Georgetown, Tx Posts: 2,252 Likes: 2,316 Liked 2,677 Times in 1,121 Posts I hope he doesn't charge by the hour. 09-21-2014, 09:01 AM SWCA MemberAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jul 2002 Location: The kidney of Dixie. Posts: 10,529 Likes: 49 Liked 13,428 Times in 3,292 Posts E49G- Model 98, not 95. The small ring/short action because it isn't long enough for the 30-06 class of cartridges. From "Mauser Bolt Rifles" by L. Olson: "Slightly less common intermediate size actions are the 1910, 1924, 1936 Mexican, and the 1924 Yugoslavian. These are also about 8.5" long but have the features of the true 98 pattern action. They cock on opening, have the rear safety lug, and have the 98- style "flanged" shroud on the bolt. The 1910 and 1936 Mexican actions are small ring actions while the 1924 Mexican and Yugoslavian actions are large ring. Parts on all four of these actions are for the most part interchangeable; bolts, bottom metal, firing pins, etc." As for the disbelief that I could forget what kind of rifle I had, believe it. I have a lot of guns coming and going. I got this one in a trade over the phone and my friend dropped it off at the smith's for me so I never even had it in my hands. Of course, I had sold it to him several years earlier so at one time I knew what it was. No life story has happy end. The Following User Likes This Post: 09-21-2014, 11:56 AM US Veteran Join Date: Mar 2006 Posts: 3,137 Likes: 372 Liked 2,159 Times in 640 Posts Well, you'll be in fine company with me. I buy guns while deployed and they ship to my ffl. I pick them up while on R&R from Afghanistan. One S&W took two years to get to my house. I forgot buying it and the ffl had put it in a different safe. Finally, I saw an old PM here mentioning the purchase and picked it up this last month. Give us an report on how the work turned out on the Mauser. Page 3 09-21-2014, 06:12 PM US VeteranAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jun 2009 Location: Texas Posts: 7,588 Likes: 13,528 Liked 6,720 Times in 2,527 Posts HK Knives? In a sporting goods store today I saw an HK knife, bubble wrapped. It was about a 4 inch blade folder, with one handed opening. About \$40. I didn't get it. I dindn't know Heckler & Koch Were into knives. Anyone know the story on these? 09-21-2014, 06:36 PM Member Join Date: Jun 2003 Location: VA Posts: 1,827 Likes: 6,130 Liked 2,858 Times in 830 Posts They are made by Benchmade. Heckler & Koch If they had a model I was BCCI Life Member #2068 The Following User Likes This Post: 09-21-2014, 10:02 PM US VeteranAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jun 2009 Location: Texas Posts: 7,588 Likes: 13,528 Liked 6,720 Times in 2,527 Posts Thanks, Mr. Simmons; I may go back and get it for the accumulation interested in I'd have no qualms about buying one. (don't want to call it a collection). 09-21-2014, 10:26 PM Member Join Date: Nov 2006 Location: Montana Posts: 4,815 Likes: 3,014 Liked 5,133 Times in 1,857 Posts I have one and it is a terrific knife.....sharpens easily and STAYS sharp for a long time...Benchmade knives are VERY well made. Get it and enjoy!! Randy 09-21-2014, 10:34 PM SWCA MemberAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jun 2011 Location: Land of Lakes Posts: 895 Likes: 1,302 Liked 951 Times in 407 Posts Quote: Originally Posted by growr I have one and it is a terrific knife.....sharpens easily and STAYS sharp for a long time...Benchmade knives are VERY well made. Get it and enjoy!! Randy I agree with what Randy said. Have one HK knife and find it to be an excellent piece of work. Dave SWCA#2778 mr mom Fire Chief, Retired 09-21-2014, 11:34 PM Member Join Date: Jun 2009 Location: Auburn WA Posts: 10,094 Likes: 20,590 Liked 9,535 Times in 3,919 Posts 14925-14975 HK® Scorch® Product Detail I've had one of these for a while, the spear point old and cranky.... Page 4 09-21-2014, 01:29 PM US Veteran Join Date: Apr 2001 Location: Bartlett, Tennessee Posts: 6,623 Likes: 2,162 Liked 15,264 Times in 4,022 Posts New Colt with a nice bonus I saw a local ad on Arms list for a Colt Series 70 Gold Cup. Nice gun. Not perfect, but still in excellent condition. Asking price was fair. No bargin, but not too high either. I do love my 1911s and I didn't really need it. But the seller was throwing in a couple of extras that convinced me to go ahead and buy it. 4 magazines Some nice aftermarket faux ivory grips AND... ROUNDS OF FACTORY AMMO! I think I got quite the deal on this one. 09-21-2014, 02:03 PM Member Join Date: Sep 2006 Location: Left coast Posts Now that's a very good deal indeed! Assuming that you reload that could soon be 700 once fired cases. BLM 09-21-2014, 10:16 PM US VeteranAbsent Comrade Join Date: Jun 2009 Location: Texas Posts: 7,588 Likes: 13,528 L Congratulations! It looks like you have a real nice one there! Page 5 09-21-2014, 10:10 PM US Veteran Join Date: Aug 2008 Posts: 472 Likes: 6 Liked 1,075 Times in 148 Posts Big Brother and smaller brother... There is a gun shop, formerly known as Battle Born Arms in N. Las Vegas, NV now called Fallout Firearms. I would have about 10-12 less handguns if it wasn't for them! Here are my last two, both "Rock Island 2011s" single stack 10mm Tactical IIs - a government without rail and an interesting take on a Commander, a railed model to the range once) I think they will make a great carry and back-up combo! I have a couple of Bianchi Carrylok holsters (5" and 4-1/2") Model 82 that they fit into...even the railed Commander! Here's the first target with the Government Model: The Following 2 Users Like Post: 09-21-2014, 10:47 PM Member Join Date: Jan 2001 Location: In The Woods Of S.C. Posts: 6,730 Likes: 9,329 Liked 9,687 Times in 3,469 Posts Very nice! I want one in .40. Since Smith won't make one I have get the new RI 1911 in .40. S&W Accumulator 09-22-2014, 06:06 AM Member Join Date: Jan 2014 Location: Swamps of WNY Posts: 1,059 Likes: 94 Liked 840 Times in 428 Posts Beautiful David 09-22-2014, 11:02 AM US Veteran Join Date: Aug 2006 Location: West Central IL Posts: 21,729 Likes: 15,550 Liked 19,923 Times in 7,528 Posts I recently bought the 3 1/2" (Officers Model size) compact in 9mm, and had Ray at Lobo make me up a holster for it. It is becoming one of my favorites. H Richard SWCA1967 SWHF244 09-22-2014, 11:18 AM US Veteran Join Date: Mar 2006 Posts: 3,137 Likes: 372 Liked 2,159 Times in 640 Posts How do you like the fiber optic front sight (looks like they have it)??

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