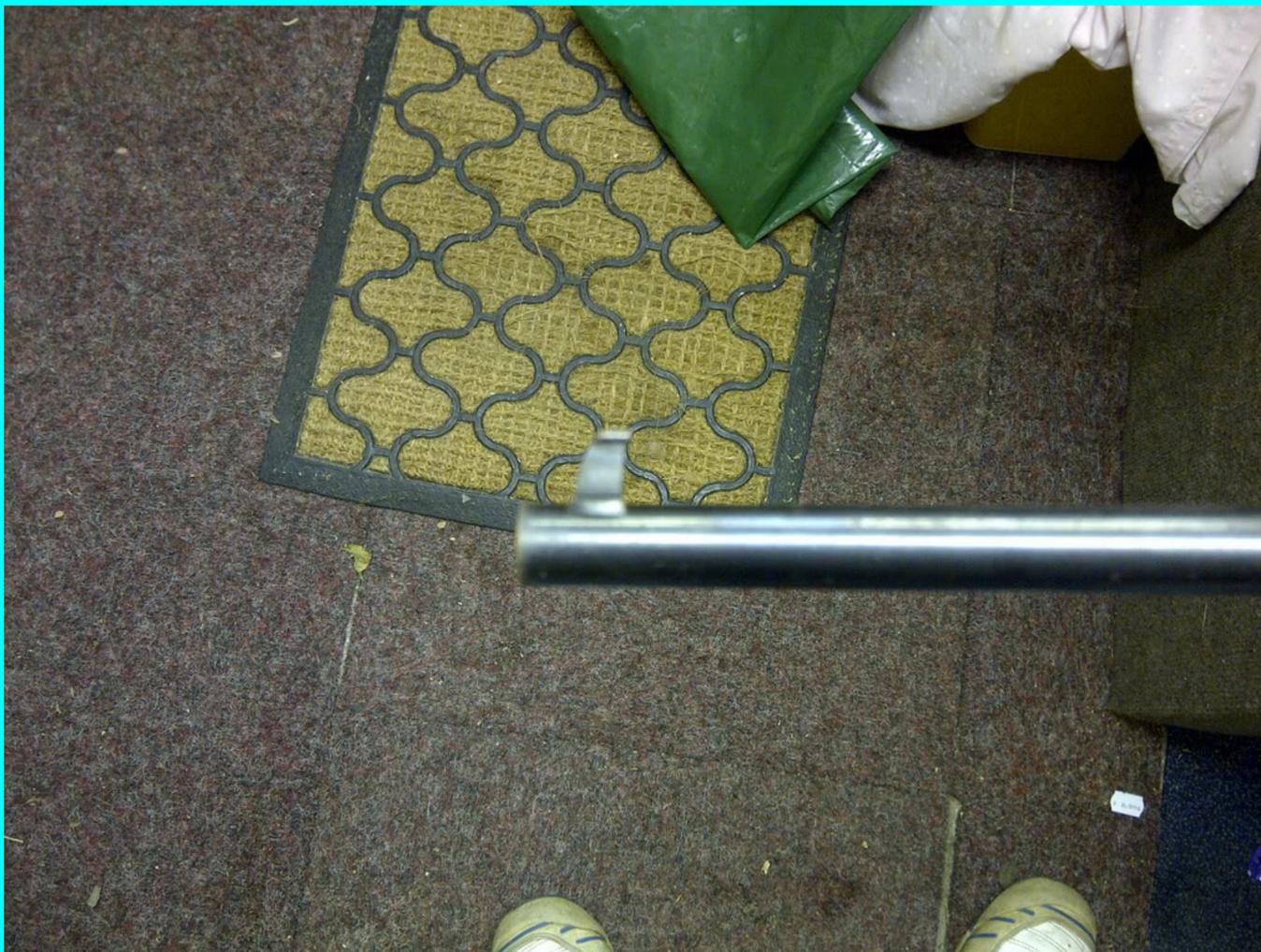


### Anybody know what this is?

October 7 2012 at 1:31 PM

Hi All,  
Came across an air rifle the other day at a friend's place. He doesn't know what it is, neither do I. It looks a bit like a Falke 70 but with odd bits that seem more Falke 60. No markings, just a number on the breech block. Is it a Falke? Early model 70? or another make? Its very well made. Think it was .177 calibre. Took the photos with my phone so please excuse any quality problems.





Do hope the photos work  
thanks  
Ray

This message has been edited by Garvin2 on Oct 21, 2012 4:58 PM

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 <p><b>Garvin</b> (Premier Login <a href="#">Garvin2</a>) Owner</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">October 7 2012, 3:45 PM</p> <p><b>I'm not sure, Ray</b></p> <p>but without doing more research I'd say it might be a Slavia - the stock is quite characteristic of the Slavias, especially around the rake of the pistol grip. It has an air of quality about it that would place it in the 1950s or earlier, I would have thought. I've certainly never seen a Falke mod 70 - or any Falke rifle for that matter - that wasn't marked as such.</p> <p>In fact the Falke branding seems to have been pretty consistent through everything the company made, although they did allow the distributor Fern Kauf Nord to re-badge them - or at least advertise them under their 'own brand'. I've not seen an FKN Falke to my knowledge, so couldn't say if the actual rifles were stripped of the usual factory markings.</p> <p>☺</p> <p>-----</p> <p><a href="#">The Vintage Diana Forum</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Vintage BSA Forum</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Respond to this message</a></p>
<p><b>Ray aka dogsbody1949</b> (Login <a href="#">dogsbody1949</a>)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">October 7 2012, 7:37 PM</p> <p><b>More Research</b></p> <p>Thanks Garvin for your reply. I have done a little more research and now think that this is in fact a Haenel Model III DRP. The one piece cocking link and cast trigger guard were the main reasons. There is a video on Utube <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8QGl61JyTg">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8QGl61JyTg</a>. The similarity of the barrel, cylinder and sights to the Falke Model 70 makes one wonder if they are the same. Might have to get a Falke to find out. The lack of markings is still a puzzle but the Haenel Model III was in production in the 1930s and strange things could have happened during the war and just after.</p>

All observations and comments still welcome.  
Ray

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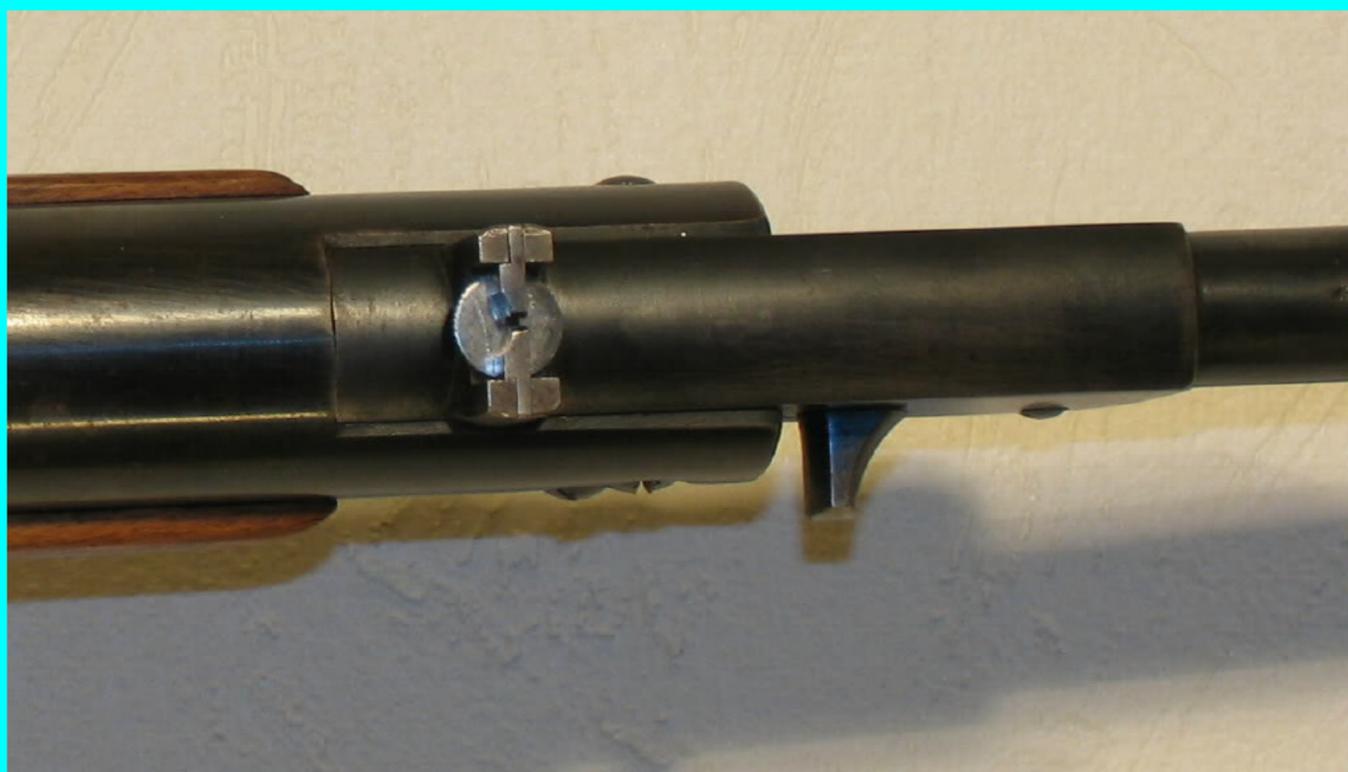


**Garvin**  
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Hi Ray

October 8 2012, 1:02 AM

You're right that the Haenel III is similar to the Falke 70. I agree that the cast trigger guard looks pre-War but I'm not convinced yours is the Haenel, because of differences with cocking link pivot bolt plus some of the stock details (screw eyes, shape of forend, pistol grip). But fortunately there's a simple way to find out because the Haenel mods II and III had beautiful solid breech locking levers like this one (pic courtesy of Frank):



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**Ray**  
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**Breech Lock**

October 12 2012, 7:40 PM

Hi Garvin,  
Yes it has a breech locking lever but can't remember what it looked like. If I go up to my friends next week will take a few more photos. The whole gun seems very solidly engineered.  
Agree there are differences in the stock. Is there part I should take a photo of to help with an ID.  
atb  
Ray

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**The breech lock**

October 14 2012, 11:17 PM

should show whether it's a Haenel or not. As I recall, the Slavia copies of the Falke used the Falke-style of breech lock:



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**Ray**  
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**Photo of breech lock release**

October 19 2012, 8:24 PM

Hi Garvin,  
Here is a photo of the breech lock:



Which makes it a Haenel or Haenel copy if I've got it right.  
The stock, trigger block and action were found to be marked 39 when the action was removed from the stock. Serial number or date of manufacture? No other markings appear on the gun except for 105 on the breech block.

atb  
Ray

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Hi Ray

October 21 2012, 5:10 PM

That seems pretty conclusive then, a Haenel or copy it is!

The only pre-War Haenel I've ever come across with no markings had had them filed off, presumably to obscure its origins, and even then the distinctive calibre stamp on the top of the barrel near the breach was intact.

It could be a trick of the light but the breech lock lever on this rifle looks a bit longer than the known Haenel ones, which are quite 'stubby'?

Interesting rifle. I've taken the liberty of putting your pics inside the posts, hope that's OK.

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