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The Falke 80/90 serial no. database

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The question of how many Falke 80s and 90s were made is an interesting one (at least it is for Falke nerds anyway!). The current thinking and the figures most widely touted are that no more than 400 of the model 80 and no more than 200 of the model 90 were made. These are the numbers estimated in the current edition Beeman Blue Book of Airguns.

The author of these figures is Dr Trevor Adams in New Zealand, who spent eight years trying to find the highest-numbered rifles and says he arrived at the under 200 figure for the model 90 because "absolutely no-one has come up with a Model 90 with a serial number in or over the 200 figure".

Understandably, based on the limited number of Falke underlevers that had come to light, earlier research concluded that far fewer had been made. Some years ago in the UK, Vic Turner reckoned that a safe assumption was that no more than about 250 models 80 and 90 had been made in total. At the time, the highest known model 80 was no.148 and the highest model 90 was no.48.

Since then, models 80 with serial nos.344 (formerly owned by Dr Adams) and no.387 have reliably been recorded and a Falke 90 is known with serial no.148. It may be that actually fewer than 200 of the model 90s were made, but that total still seems quite plausible. Hopefully this forum will encourage Falke 80/90 owners to post details of their rifles and we may get a better picture of numbers.

There is also some confusion about whether some serial numbers were duplicated, including the possible existence of two serial no.1 Falke 90s and two no.1 Falke 80s. Similarly there are apparently two serial no.11 Falke 90s. Confusion may have been caused by the number marking punches used by different Falke craftsmen, which include more than one version of both the "1"s and the "7"s, for example, that could easily be mistaken for one another. But the fact remains that it's quite possible serial numbers were duplicated, either accidentally or by design.

The most recent list of known numbers, including those (20 model 80s and seven model 90s) examined or recorded by Vic Turner is as follows.

To avoid confusion, I have moved the serial no. database to the Resources section here:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/642126/thread/1332100805/last-1332100805>

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Gaines Blackwell (Login GTBlackwell1)	Now that is a serious knowledgeable post, many thanks, GB, I had heard the 200 figure but no clue as to it's origin. Gaines	April 30 2009, 9:00 PM Respond to this message
Morris Trevor (Login trev2)	Falke 90 sn7 My Falke 90 sn7 is definitely .22cal and the sn7 listed states .177 so that adds even more to the confusion! http://trevormorrisairguns.svnthasite.com/falke-modell-90.php	April 30 2009, 11:29 PM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Thanks Gaines and Trevor Gaines welcome to the forum and thank you for your comment. Trevor welcome to you too and thanks for your posts and the link to your site. What a truly beautiful model 90 that is! I think the confusion over Falke 90 serial no.7 comes from the fact that I took the details of a sale of a Falke 90 on the NZ Trademe in January 2008. The seller was also a Trevor (from Waitakere City, Auckland) and the ad read: "Falke Modell 90 Air Rifle .177 calibre and in vgc. Number 7 of around 200. One of the rarest most desirable spring-piston rifles ever made. Has open and diopter rear sights.A serious item for the collector. Purchaser must be over the age of 18.Proof of age required.NZ purchasers only sorry." Am I right in thinking there were two model 90 serial no.7s in NZ, one in each calibre, or was the advert mistaken?!	April 30 2009, 11:51 PM Respond to this message
Morris Trevor (Login trev2)	Problem solved Hi Garvin, as the title suggests, problem solved! I was the purchaser of the Modell 90 sn7 from my very good friend Dr. Trevor Adams who typed .177 but it is a .22. I am certain Dr T can confirm. Regards Trevor	May 1 2009, 12:06 AM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Hello again Trevor. Thanks for clearing that up. I did think it was Dr T who posted that ad but wasn't certain. I'll amend the list. 😊	May 1 2009, 12:11 AM Respond to this message
Lewis Reinhold (Login LWR)	Re: Problem solved Trevor bought that one from me many years ago.It belonged to an old fellow up here who had it from new. It's quite surprising how many Falkes are over here. Nice to see this forum! Lewis	May 1 2009, 9:57 AM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Hi Lewis and welcome. I'm amazed you were able to let that gorgeous 90 go, and that goes for Dr Trev too! If you ever run across any "unknown" Falke underlevers please don't hesitate to post the serial number details here.	May 1 2009, 6:08 PM Respond to this message
Lewis Reinhold (Login LWR)	Re: Hi Lewis Hi Garvin, It's a nice one for sure.I had an 80 or 90 in for a rebuild not long ago and a 70 I think.I'll try and find the S/N's. Lewis	May 1 2009, 9:51 PM Respond to this message
Klaus (Login Luftikus)	Re: How many Falke underlevers were made? Hi Garvin, in my Collection are: 1 Modell 90 with Serialnumber 101 1 Modell 80 with Serialnumber 60 1 Modell 80 with Serialnumber 215 all in .177, the 80 with the Number 215 has no Falke Markings on the Stock. Greetings Klaus (Pellet in the Co2air Forum)	May 4 2009, 7:39 PM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Thank you for the information Klaus. I'll add them to the database. 😊 If you are able to provide some photos of your Falkes, especially serial no. 215, that would be fantastic.	May 4 2009, 9:34 PM

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Klaus (Login Luftikus)	Re: How many Falke underlevers were made? Hi Garvin, i found another Falke 80 in my collection 😊 Number 25 in .177 Greetings Klaus	May 5 2009, 2:48 PM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Thanks again Klaus. When you say you "found" it in your collection, did you forget it was there? LOL. 😊	May 5 2009, 6:23 PM Respond to this message
Klaus (Login Luftikus)	Re: Thanks again Klaus. hmm....Yes. Klaus	May 5 2009, 10:02 PM Respond to this message
Carl van Eeden (Login CarlEamont)	Number of Underlever Falkes According to the Blue Book of Gun Values only 400 model 80 and 200 model 90 Falkes were ever made.	May 6 2009, 11:03 AM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Thanks Carl. I'm hoping this thread might help to show whether the Blue Book estimate is correct. 😊	May 6 2009, 9:01 PM Respond to this message
Kobus van Wyk (Login Jakoos)	Also have one! Hi, I also have a Falke 80 underlever - number 125 in .177. This rifle was picked up in the veld near Barberton, South Africa by my late father and is obviously not in a very good condition. My grandfather repaired the broken stock and as a child I used this rifle extensively. At one stage, for some or other reason I gave it to my grandfather to fix (he was a handyman and self-taught gunsmith of sorts). Unfortunately, he died before putting the rifle together and the stock and some screws were lost in the ensuing sorting out of his workshop. I salvaged the bits I could identify and managed to lay my hands on a new (I think Diana) spring and a washer. What I could not yet manage is to have a new stock made, mostly because serious stockmakers do not want to "waste" time making a stock for an air rifle. I would of also like to have an original stock on this rifle. Thanks for this forum, keep up the good work!	May 7 2009, 6:01 PM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Thank you for the information Kobus and for your support. I'll add your gun to the database. I'm sorry to hear your Falke 80 is not complete and the reason for that. We'll have to see if this forum can put you together with someone who can help with parts.	May 8 2009, 9:41 AM Respond to this message
Jakoos (Login Jakoos)	Another one I was given a Falke 80 while on holiday recently! Serial no 56, calibre .177. The stock on this rifle is not original, although it has the original plastic plate on the butt. The rifle also suffered at the hands of someone who obviously had no clue. I will place pictures of this rifle shortly. One good thing is that I now have a stock to use as a pattern for my other "stockless" model 80! Regards,	July 11 2009, 1:49 PM Respond to this message
 Garvin (Premier Login Garvin2) Owner	Excellent, thanks very much Jakoos. I've amended the database. Look forward to seeing the pics. 😊 The Falke forum , dedicated to Falke airguns	July 11 2009, 2:53 PM Respond to this message
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