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March 14 2016 at 10:04 AM

Never handled the pistol i have to ask, is the main frame steel or some form of ferrous metal? It looks like some cast alloy but what is it actually?  
eric

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 <p><b>Garvin</b> (Premier Login <a href="#">Garvin2</a>) Owner</p>	<p><b>Eric they are some sort of cast alloy</b> <span style="float: right;">March 14 2016, 2:37 PM</span></p> <p>which is difficult to re-finish. Somewhere on the BBS I think there is a more detailed description of the material used, but it's going back a few years. 😊</p> <p>"\"xSQ4Z)FI\\t\""</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Respond to this message</a></p>
<p><b>shabee</b> (Login <a href="#">shabee</a>)</p>	<p><b>lp52</b> <span style="float: right;">March 15 2016, 1:39 AM</span></p> <p>The point im getting at Garvin, is: would it actually rust or not? Corrosion of aluminium and magnesium alloys is not the same thing, as you likely know. But the walther guy suggests your lp52 may have been rubbed down and refinished because of rust. Utter tosh in my opinion, but the frame looks like it might be made from something non rusting anyway, which if the case, it would cast doubt on his whole explanation to you. For what its worth i think hes either been a bit short with you or possibly its come across that way in translation? Either way someone who has little interest in the companys history. rgds eric</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Respond to this message</a></p>
 <p><b>Garvin</b> (Premier Login <a href="#">Garvin2</a>) Owner</p>	<p><b>I would agree</b> <span style="float: right;">March 15 2016, 7:32 AM</span></p> <p>with you Eric that it's daft to suggest the LP52 may have been refinished because it was rusty. The material the frame is made from cannot possibly rust. Who has ever seen an LP53 that has any sign of rust damage? Nobody!</p> <p>Exactly why Walther is adamantly negative, rather than open minded about whether the LP52 is genuine I'm not so sure.</p> <p>Originally their certainty was based on the fact the LP52 has an engraved banner, which obviously screamed "fake" to them. But an LP53 with the serial no. 1503 has since turned up on eGun.de with what looks very like a similar engraved banner... (pics at end of this post).</p> <p>They also claimed the LP52 was unusually polished and shiny, but other early LP53s seem to have a similar polished finish.</p> <p>Maybe the Walther employees, having dismissed it early on as a fake, have entrenched their position and feel obliged to defend it? Maybe they are annoyed they didn't purchase it themselves for the factory's museum? Maybe they don't want to give any hint there might be a genuine LP52 out there when they haven't seen it themselves, or met its owner?</p> <p>I don't know, but Robin on the BBS knows the Walther employees personally and says they are straight and honest, and I've no reason to disbelieve him. So maybe they just believe the LP52 is a fake and that's that. They certainly haven't provided any hard information to prove it's a fake, but that's hardly evidence it is genuine.</p> <p>I still haven't heard a convincing reason why someone might have gone to such trouble to fake it. 'Mischief' is the main suggestion given, rather than greed, although it's so well done that if it was made by a 'mischievous genius' they would have to have been incredibly talented to apply the finish to the aluminium alloy frame. Maybe it was a 'mischievous' Walther employee who did it? It must be a possibility.</p> <p>Probably the most likely explanation is that Walther started producing the pistol at the end of 1952 and changed their minds on the name (it was patented in April 1952). That an earlier frame could be married up with a later barrel, under the pressure of fulfilling the order book, seems entirely possible.</p> 



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