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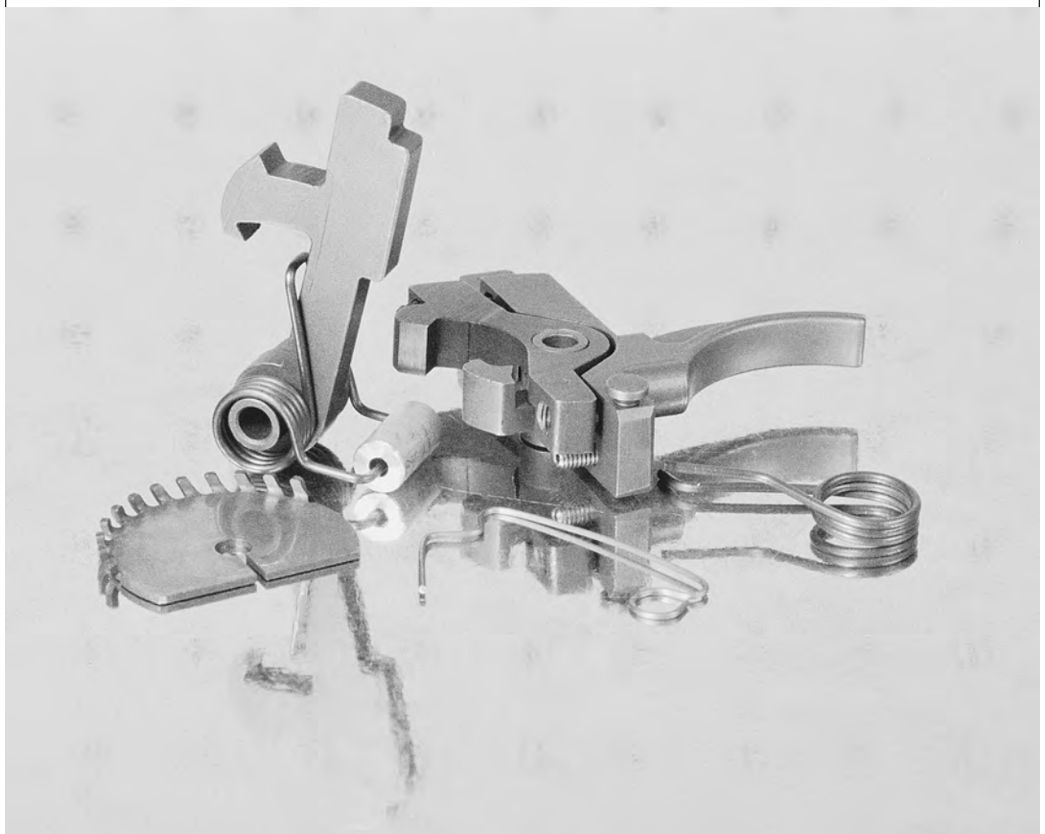
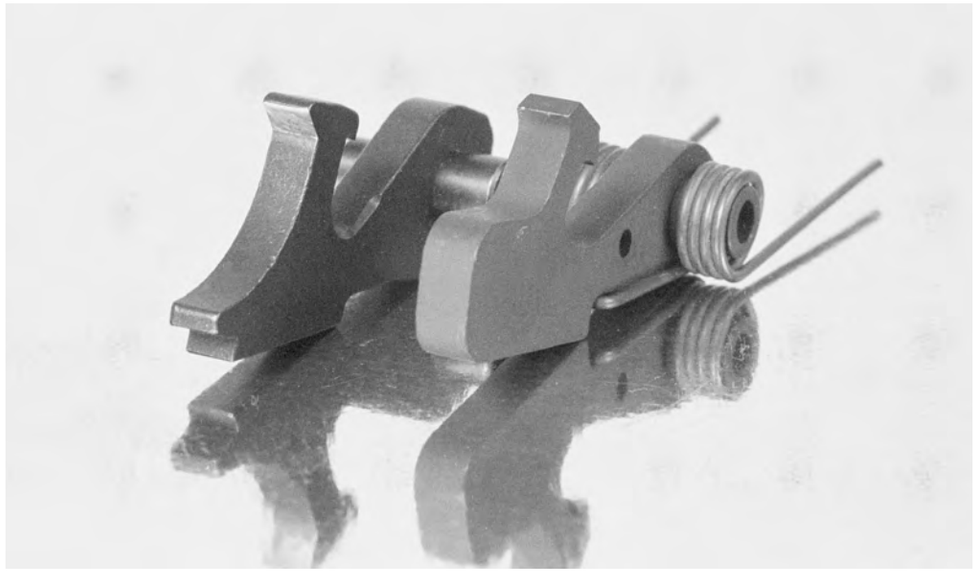
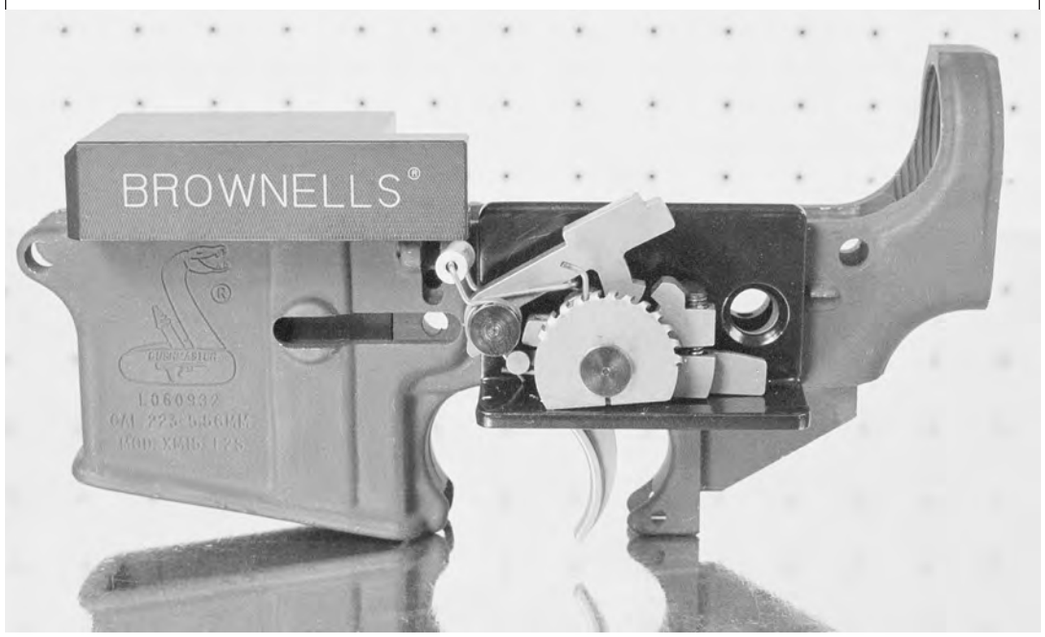
Arnold Jewell got us all happy like when he released this trigger for the AR15. It was immediately followed by warm and cool reactions (no one out and out didn't like it; no one loved it either). Manufacturing has made some improvements since those first batches, and the ones I've recently had are noticeably better than the first I got, which was from the first run, ever. The early triggers were notorious for requiring tune-ups. Jewell is unique among triggers for just the whole way it is. The adjustment means, installation, spring configurations, and design of pieces to accommodate (or result in, either way) these differences make it stand out. They also make it the easiest trigger I know of to get working well. It looks complex because it looks different, but look past that and see it for what it is. It's easy. It's "action" is, or can be, superb.



Jewell doesn't supply a set of pins. That's a mistake on Jewell's part. Installing this otherwise precision-built trigger onto a decidedly imprecise containment and location system is a shame, and just wrong. This trigger deserves and needs more than GI pins. Get better pins. I'd warrant that folks who have installed this trigger and haven't been impressed with it didn't do that. Better pins make that much difference. I go with KNS. These are pins built by folks who dream about pins. See more elsewhere.

I'm not going to tell you the step-step on putting one of these in your rifle, because that's in *The Competitive AR15: Builders Guide* book, along with a whopping lot more about trigger installation and tuning. I will tell you

that it's nothing to be askeered of. I will also tell you not to use this trigger with a big-chassis rifle or even an AR15 that's had its carrier mass and buffer spring maxed out. Jewell doesn't respond well to repetitious jarring impacts. Malfunctions are not automatic, but the potential is there.

Replacing the hammer spring with a higher-tension part will help the only complaint I have about the Jewell. It's slow. The hammer is huge. It's shown next to an MKII. Way more metal. Way more mass. Lock-time is in the 15 millisecond range, and that's even a tick or two slower than GI. A new spring can cut about about 4 ms off that without running a risk of getting too much tension bearing on the parts.