

KNS Precision Inc.  
**Adjustable Gas Piston**  
for  
**Galil ACE Pistol-Length**  
**Firearms**  
Installation & Operation  
User Manual

**Patent Pending**

## Safety Notes

- Always obey the four laws of gun handling:
  - Treat every gun as if it were loaded
  - Do not point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy
  - Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it
  - Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
- Ensure the firearm is unloaded before installation
- Always wear eye protection while performing maintenance on the firearm
- Always use eye and ear protection during live fire
- Always perform gas system adjustment in accordance with the user manual procedure
- Do not make large gas system adjustments without prior incremental testing to verify safe operation

## Safety Disclaimer

The KNS adjustable gas piston grants a much wider range of operating force to the gas system than was originally intended. As such, it is possible for inappropriate adjustment settings to drive the firing & extraction cycles beyond safe limits of operation.

**The consequences of unsafe operation can range from damage to the operating parts, to case failures capable of fatal injury.**

Always perform gas system adjustments incrementally through testing in accordance with the user manual procedure to minimize the risk of unsafe operation.

## Warranty Information

This product is covered by our Lifetime Warranty against manufacturer's defects and breakage during normal use of this product. For warranty issues please send an email with your contact information and product details to [info@knsprecisioninc.com](mailto:info@knsprecisioninc.com).

## About KNS Precision Inc.

KNS Precision, Inc. had its beginning in the summer of 1999, when two friends, one a master machinist, the other a firearms enthusiast, combined to produce and market new products for the AR15/M16 platform. With overwhelming success from the start, KNS Precision, Inc. has earned the firearm and shooting industry's acceptance through product innovation and customer service.

In 2006 the machinist sold his portion of the company to his nephew, who was also a master machinist and owned a local Swiss machine shop. KNS Precision, Inc. then moved four miles from its original location to the new machine shop. In 2008, the second partner retired and a portion of the company was sold to a military Veteran and local Police Sergeant who had been the company's Law Enforcement and Military representative since 2002.

The current owners have continued the strong traditions of the company while expanding company growth, customer service and product development.

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# Introduction

## **Congratulations on purchasing the KNS Adjustable Gas Piston!**

This first of its kind enhancement to the Galil ACE pistol provides an array of benefits previously unavailable to shooters.

Upon installation, users will enjoy:

- The ability to safely use a much wider variety of ammunition
- The ability to reduce the rate of fire and cyclic recoil
- The ability to use a silencer without causing feeding malfunctions
- The ability to quickly adjust for use with or without a silencer
- Reduced noise due to collision of operating parts and 'port pop'
- Reduced venting of gas from the chamber area to the user's face
- Repeatable, measured adjustment positions for recording settings
- A US-made component that counts toward 922r compliance
- A fully-reversible installation with no externally visible modifications
- Corrosion-resistant, easily cleaned parts for minimal maintenance

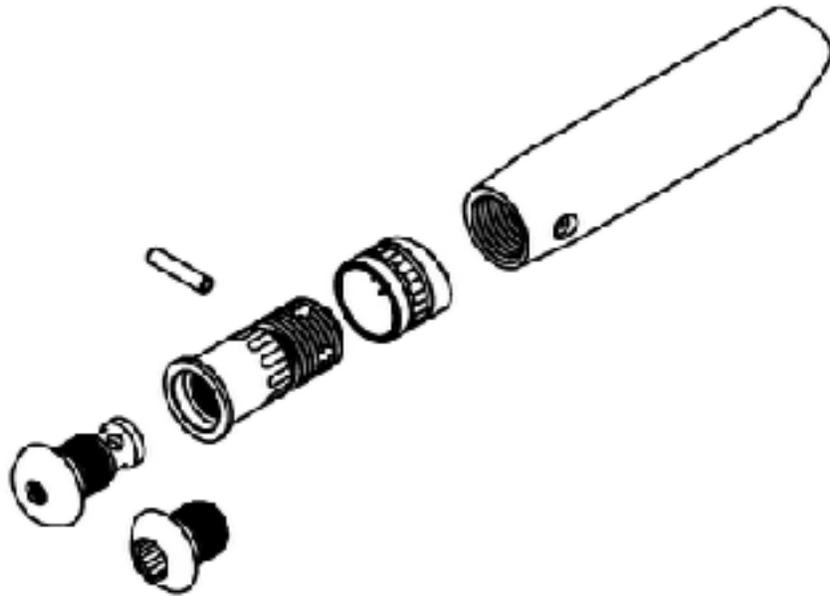
The purpose of this manual is to walk the new user through installing the KNS Adjustable Piston in their Galil ACE pistol, safely tuning it for desired operation, and keeping it maintained. Appendices with useful information for the correct selection of KNS gas piston products, suggested adjustment starting points, and troubleshooting lie at the end of this manual.

# Compatibility

The KNS Adjustable Gas Piston is designed for Galil ACE pistol-length firearms. The piston length is extremely short for these guns, about 3/4" protruding past the end of the bolt carrier. A different piston design than previous KNS adjustable piston products was developed to fit.

**This model will not fit 7.62x51/308 Galil ACE pistol-length firearms.**

The KNS Adjustable Gas Piston for Galil ACE pistol-length firearms comes with two different 'jet inserts' which screw into the front of the piston body. These are used to set up the gun for ideal operation across a wider range of conditions than is possible through venting of gas, alone. 5.56x45 guns run best with a piston that has a narrower vent hole for fine low-end adjustment. The large bore piston head offers a wider range of adjustment ideal for Galil firearms chambered in 7.62x39 that are highly over-gassed. An insert must be used in either case, for optimum operation. Use of the large-port 'jet-insert' in 5.56 guns may result in failure to fully cycle. Use of the small-port 'jet-insert' in 7.62 guns may result in failure to feed from the magazine.



Exploded view of the piston assembly and bolt carrier nose, showing the adjustment collar and two 'jet insert' options

# Installation Procedure

## ENSURE FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE PROCEEDING

### -Tools Required:

- Eye Protection
- 3/32" Punch
- 16oz Hammer

-Step One: Ensure firearm is unloaded before proceeding, remove bolt carrier from firearm. Remove bolt head assembly from carrier. Locate the retaining spring-pin through the side of the nose of the bolt carrier.

-Step Two: Clamp the bolt carrier in a soft-jawed vice, and use the punch and hammer to begin driving the spring pin out of the carrier. Be sure to keep the punch and hammer strike perpendicular to the face of the pin. With the pin removed, the factory piston can be unscrewed from the carrier.

-Step Four: With the piston removed, screw the KNS piston assembly fully into the carrier nose. Next, unscrew the piston only as far as necessary for one of the pre-drilled holes in the piston stem to align with the holes in the carrier, such that the adjustment collar does not bind between the carrier nose and piston head rim through a full rotation.

-Step Five: With the holes aligned, carefully drive the supplied spring-pin through the two parts using the 3/32" punch and hammer. Make sure the pin does not protrude from either side of the carrier. The roll pin will likely have a loose fit in the carrier hole, but this is intentional; the threads carry all the piston force, and the pin simply prevents the piston from turning.

-Step Six: Depending on your chambering, install the correct 'jet insert' using a hex wrench to repeatedly apply torque to the insert. 5.56x45 guns will use the small diameter insert, 7.62x39 guns will use the large one.

At this point the KNS Adjustable Gas System installation is complete, and the firearm may be reassembled and adjusted for desired operation.

# Adjustment Procedure

## OBSERVE ALL RULES FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF LOADED FIREARMS

The most important point to remember when adjusting the gas system of your firearm, is to begin from a safe starting point, and work incrementally toward the desired adjustment. The KNS Adjustable Gas Piston functions by venting the existing gas volume through the piston head to reduce operating force, so the 'full closed' position most closely resembles the factory gas setting, and is a safe default setting for unsuppressed firearms shooting standard ammunition. For suppressed firearms or when shooting non-standard ammunition, excessive back pressure can result in dangerously violent operation capable of damaging the firearm or injuring the shooter.

**Therefore, it is recommended that initial adjustment for any gun be done in unsuppressed semi-automatic condition, with standard ammunition.**

-Step One: Begin with the firearm in the unsuppressed condition, shooting standard ammunition, and the adjustment collar turned to the full-closed position with the vent port fully covered. The goal is to start as close to the 'known good' operating state the gun was in before the piston was replaced.

-Step Two: Verify the firearm can cycle in the fully closed position. For 7.62x39 guns, start with a full magazine to make sure the carrier momentum can overcome the friction of rounds pressed against its underside, with the selector in the semi-automatic position so the disconnecter is struck. For 5.56x45 guns, use one round in the magazine to verify the bolt catch arrests the bolt on an empty magazine when fired.

-Step Three: Turn the adjustment collar one (1) click toward the open position, gradually opening the vent. Repeat the function test until the gun fails to cycle, and back off a single click for a reliable 'borderline' setting.

-Step Four: Record this 'borderline' setting as the start point for further changes. Function here is reliable, and operating energy minimized.

# Adjustment Procedure, Continued

## OBSERVE ALL RULES FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF LOADED FIREARMS

-Step Five: If you prefer more energetic ejection, the adjustment collar may be closed further and this preferred setting recorded. When adding a suppressor, open the adjustment collar 3-5 clicks from the 'borderline' position recorded earlier before test firing.

When using ammunition with significantly different powder or bullet weight than standard ammunition, or changing to a different chambering or barrel length, open the the adjustment collar five (5) clicks before test fire. If ammunition, chambering, or barrel length is substantially different from the original, we suggest consulting a qualified gunsmith before adjusting to verify safe operation.

# Cleaning Procedure

## ENSURE FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE PROCEEDING

The KNS Adjustable Gas Piston requires no routine maintenance beyond that of a factory gas piston. All parts of the piston assembly are finished in corrosion-resistant black nitride so they can be easily wiped clean with your favorite carbon solvent as-installed.

After very large volumes of fire or with exceptionally-dirty ammunition, the gas piston ports or adjustment collar may become fouled. If severe enough to prevent closing the collar or if adjustment becomes difficult, the piston head assembly can be disassembled for detail cleaning:

Tools Required:

- 3/32" Punch
- 16oz Hammer
- Carbon Solvent

-Step One: Remove bolt carrier group from firearm, remove bolt assembly from bolt carrier, and secure the bolt carrier in a soft-jawed vise.

-Step Two: To remove the insert, use a hex wrench to loosen the part and unthread it. It may be somewhat difficult to budge at first.

-Step Three: Use a 3/32" punch and hammer to drive out the roll pin securing the piston head.

-Step Four: The piston head may then be unscrewed from the carrier. Align the detent spring tab of the collar with the groove cut through the threads, and slide the part off for cleaning.

-Step Five: Thoroughly clean fouled surfaces, paying special attention to the recess for the 'jet insert' to ensure it will seat correctly once reassembled.

# Troubleshooting

While we have made every attempt to ensure your experience installing and using the adjustable gas piston is successful through extensive testing and research, the variance of Galil firearms and user configurations is such that you may still run into problems. Please refer to these troubleshooting points for any issues you encounter, and contact us if they cannot be resolved.

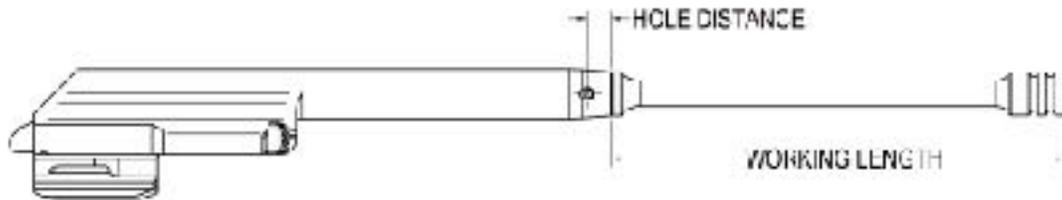
## Installation:

- If the rivet will not budge despite being securely mounted in a vise and given repeated solid blows with the punch and hammer, we recommend seeking a qualified gunsmith to perform this operation.
- If the piston will not readily unscrew from the carrier, you may have slightly deformed or corroded threads. Clamp the piston rod firmly in a vise and use a wrench on the carrier to start it turning.
- The roll pin securing the KNS piston does not need to pass fully through the carrier nose or rigidly lock the stem. It simply needs to sit at or below flush on both sides while preventing the stem from turning.

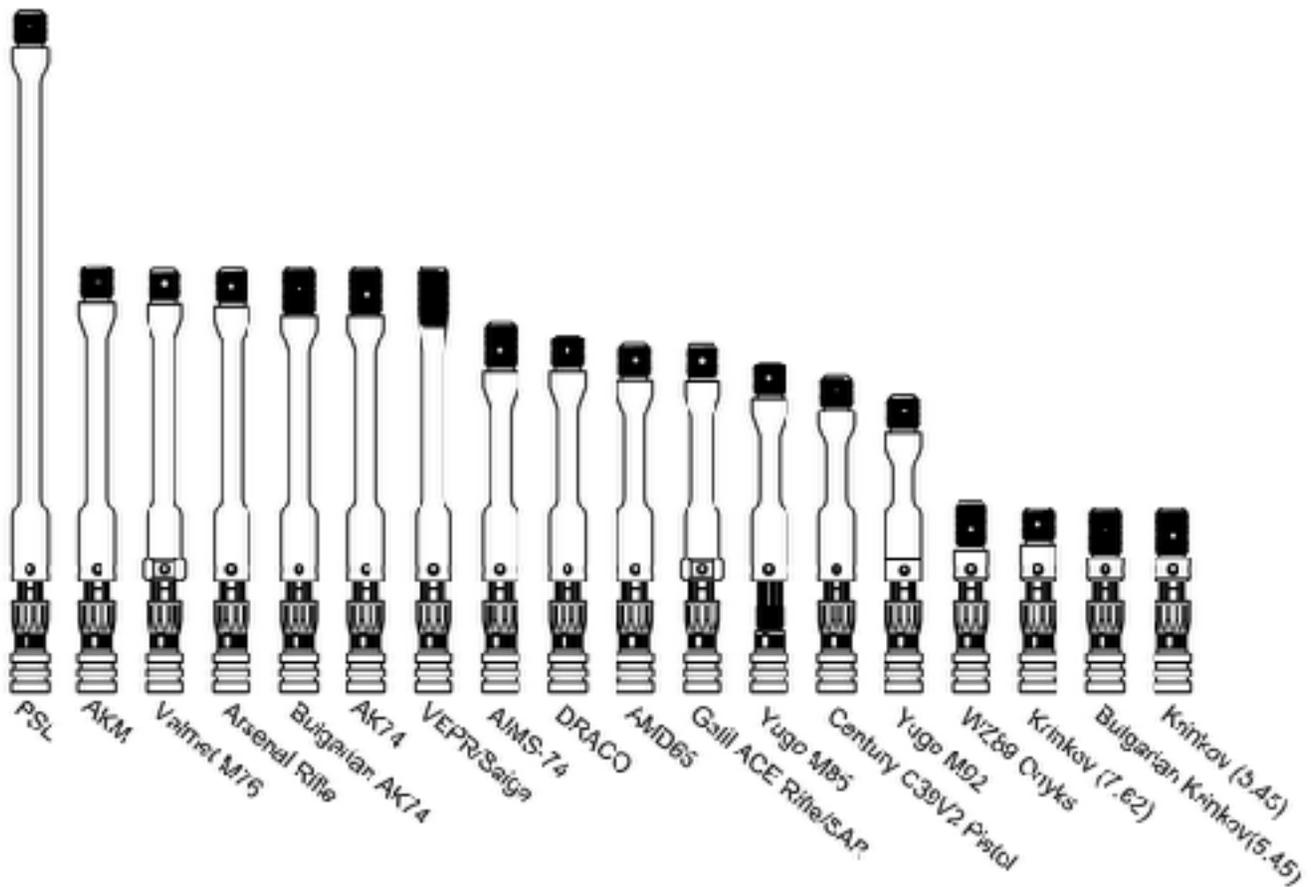
## Adjustment:

- If your gun will not cycle unsuppressed in the full-closed position, first ensure the distance from the carrier retaining pin to the piston face closely matches the factory piston. If they match and the gun still will not cycle, please contact us for diagnosis of the problem.

# Appendix A: Currently Available Piston Sizes



**MEASURE FROM THE END OF THE BOLT CARRIER NOSE TO THE END OF THE FACTORY PISTON.  
MEASURE FROM THE END OF THE BOLT CARRIER NOSE TO THE CENTER OF THE RETAINING RIVET.  
THIS WILL DETERMINE WHICH MODEL OF GAS PISTON ASSEMBLY WILL FIT YOUR FIREARM.**



We are adding new piston options all the time. If you have an AK variant that does not appear in the chart above or our website, please let us know at [knsprecisioninc.com](http://knsprecisioninc.com) and we may add it to the product lineup.

## Appendix B: Suggested Adjustment Starting Positions

Ensure the firearm cycles in the suppressed condition using standard ammunition, with the piston regulator fully closed, before proceeding to adjust for alternate configurations

If your gun will not cycle unsuppressed in the full-closed position, first ensure the distance from the carrier retaining pin to the piston head closely matches the factory piston. If they match and the gun still will not cycle, contact us as you may need a different piston head with extra low-end adjustment. If the lengths differ by more than .03"/1mm, contact us as a different length piston stem will be needed.

All Gas Settings Taken from the Fully Closed Position (0 Clicks = Fully Closed)

Model Name	Chambering	Barrel Length	Unsuppressed	Suppressed
Galil ACE Pistol	7.62 x 39	8.3"	1 Clicks	9 Clicks
Galil ACE Pistol	5.56 x 45	8.3"	1 Clicks	5 Clicks

### Tuning Notes:

- Some firearms can be mis-adjusted into a dangerous operating condition by setting the gas to a powerful (closed) position in conjunction with aggravating factors like silencers/brakes, brass cases, or heavy bullets
- If adding a silencer or large-chamber muzzle device, expect to open the regulator further
- If shortening a barrel (from a previously working configuration), expect to close the regulator further, and possibly require the small bore piston head
- Silencers with larger bores or low-back-pressure baffle designs will not require the regulator to be opened as much as more common designs
- More powerful ammunition or ammo using heavier bullets will require the regulator to be opened further
- The KNS Adjustable Gas Piston can only **\*reduce\*** the operating force. Ammunition too weak to cycle with the stock piston will still fail to cycle.