

MACHINE GUN CONVERSION DEVICES (MCDs)

Machinegun Conversion Devices (“MCDs”), also known as “switches” or “auto sears,” are a serious issue. These devices are illegal and pose significant dangers to public safety.

MAKE SAFETY YOUR TARGET — AVOID ILLEGAL MODIFICATIONS

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”), one of the most prominent emerging public and law enforcement officer safety threats in recent years has been the proliferation of illegal MCDs. MCDs are defined as machineguns under the National Firearms Act, even when not installed. Machineguns, including MCDs, may not be possessed or transferred under Federal law, with limited exceptions. MCDs include traditional “Drop In Auto Sears,” which are designed for use on AR-type firearms, and more recently developed “switches,” which are designed for use on certain semiautomatic pistols. MCDs include those pictured below:



For more information on MCDs and related resources, please visit the ATF’s website or contact your local ATF office (<https://www.atf.gov/contact/locations/local-atf-offices>).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

ATF MCD Fact Sheet: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdok/media/1366621/dl?inline>
ATF eRegulations: <https://regulations.atf.gov/>