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BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil: The Classic Every Gun Owner Should Know

The end of a long, wet day in the field or at the range. Mud on the stock, powder residue in the barrel, the leather sling wet and stiff. Anyone who now pulls three different care products out of the cabinet is making life unnecessarily hard. One oil does the job, and it has been doing so for more than 120 years: BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil.

That was the idea from the very beginning. In 1904, the German Emperor wanted one single oil for every material of an armys rifle: the metal parts, the wooden stock and the leather sling. The answer was BALLISTOL, named after the word ballistic and the Latin word for oil, “oleum”. To this day, it is made in Germany according to the same unchanged recipe.

On metal, BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil creeps into the finest cracks. It cleans and removes powder residues as well as lead, copper and tombac deposits, and it neutralizes and dissolves aggressive residues. Cleaning the barrel takes no brushing, scratching or scraping. Spray the oil into the barrel and chamber, let it work, then pull felt or tow through a few times. For heavy fouling, simply repeat. As the oil is alkaline, it is also ideal for cleaning and preserving black powder firearms such as muzzleloaders.

Gun care is full of myths, but one thing is certain: many common gun oils become resinous over time and leave deposits that burden the action. BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil does not become resinous, so the action stays smooth. It is also free of silicone, PTFE and acid. Wood and leather benefit just as much. Rain and condensation make a wooden stock soft and swollen, and in dry warmth it shrinks again and can become cracked and brittle. BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil regenerates stock wood and protects it from moisture and drying out. Slings, belts, holsters and tactical gloves stay supple as well.

Gun care inevitably means oil on your hands. BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil is skin-friendly and was rated “very good” in a dermatological test. A tip for long-term storage: coat the firearm thoroughly with the oil before putting it away. It stays protected against corrosion and is ready for use again without time-consuming degreasing.

And the list keeps growing. Users keep discovering new applications, from knives and the workshop to the car, fishing gear and leather boots.

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BALLISTOL Multi-Purpose Oil is available in various sizes, from handy spray cans for the hunting bag to canisters. Visitors can see it at SHOT Show 2027 in the IWA Pavilion.

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Company profile BALLISTOL GmbH

BALLISTOL has been manufacturing the tried-and-tested Multi-Purpose Oil for more than 120 years. The family-owned company based in Aham, Bavaria, combines a pioneering spirit with a high degree of innovation and exports to more than 60 countries worldwide. Its portfolio, continuously expanded over the years, consists mostly of self-developed and self-produced products. In addition to the three great classics Ballistol Multi-Purpose Oil, Ballistol Animal and Neo-Ballistol home remedy, the range has grown to include a technology series, a gun care series, a bicycle care series and much more, with more than 80 products today. In recent years, BALLISTOL has also invested regularly in the continuous optimization of its processes as well as in further development and innovation.

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