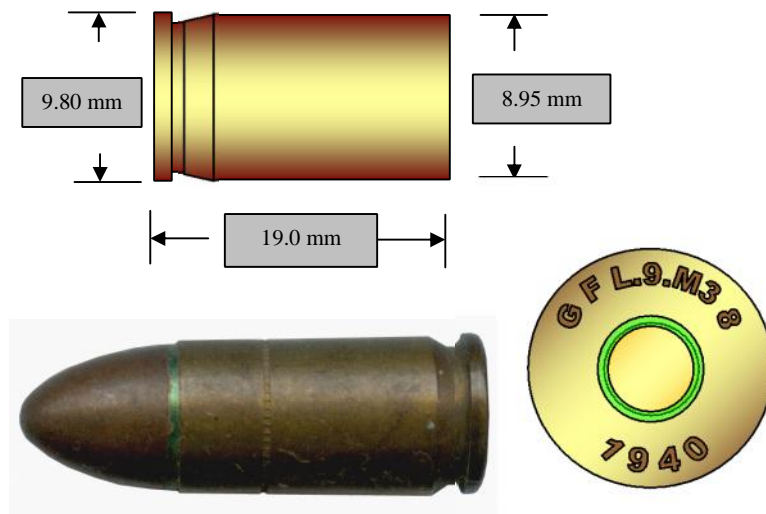


9mm M1938 BERETTA

Italy was the first Nation to adopt a sub-machine gun, the 9mm Villa Perosa of 1915. The original version was chambered for the low powered 9mm Glisenti. They developed another SMG in 1938 that was designed by Tullio Marengoni, as were all Italian SMGs up to the end of WWII. The M1938 SMG fired a standard 9mm Parabellum cartridge. The cartridge is still in production in Italy and elsewhere in the world. It is after all a standard 9mm Parabellum and almost everyone makes those. This M38 can be clearly identified by the headstamp shown below. The Italian M38 began life oddly enough in 1938 and ceased production around 1957 when the SMG became the Model 5.



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