

# THE CALIFORNIA SHOTGUN IDENTIFICATION FLOW CHART



**Definition of Terms**  
 AOW: "Any Other Weapon"-26 U.S.C §5845(e)  
 AW: "Assault Weapon"-PC§ 12276(b)  
 SBS: "Short Barrelled Shotgun" PC§12020(c)(1)

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\* **Roberti-Roos Assault Weapons Control Act of 1989**  
 The registration deadline for **assault weapons listed** in the Roberti-Roos ban was March 31, 1992.

\* **Senate Bill 23 (SB-23)**  
 The registration deadline for assault weapons as "defined by characteristics" in SB-23 was December 31, 2000.

\* **ATF Ruling 2001-1**  
 the registration deadline for the **USAS-12, Striker-12, and Streetsweeper shotguns** was May 1, 2001. No further registrations will be accepted after that date.

**CA Definition of Shotgun**

" As used in this section, a "shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of projectiles (ball shot) or a single projectile for each pull of the trigger.

(Penal Code § 12020(c)(21).)"

**\*Detachable Magazines**

**Note:** A firearm equipped with a Magazine lock, such as a Bullet Button, MAG-LOCK, Raddlock, Range-Maglok™®, or other similar device, does not have a magazine that meets the criteria of a **detachable magazine** as defined in **CCR 11 § 5469 (a)**.

A Shotgun equipped with a magazine lock requires a **tool** to remove the magazine from the firearm.

Therefore, the magazine is not legally considered "**detachable**", and would be considered a "**fixed**" magazine.

