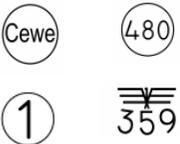


P.38 Grip Chart

Designation	Outside features	Color	Inside features	Supervision mark (MPBD)	Correct P.38
Walther 1st Variation	Checkered grips, with a circular impression for the lanyard loop on left grip.	Black, slightly shiny	None, except possibly a No. 1 without a circle in the lower half. (See Note 1).	No supervision mark	Walther P.38: 0-Series SN 01 up to approximately Serial Number 0500 * Note 1
Walther 1st Variation	Checkered grips, with a circular impression for the lanyard loop on left grip.	Black, slightly shiny	4 circles (Cewe, 480, MPBD, 1) 	V7 (Walther) T1/Z3 	Walther P.38: 0-Series from approx. SN 0500 - 011000. (After SN 011000 up to the end of 0-Series increasingly AEG grips and also Walther grips 1 st Variation.). See “AEG” grips. * Note 1
Walther 2nd Variation	Transverse grooves, of which 6 grooves are broken by the hole for the grip screw. The top one is relatively short. Rectangular indent on left grip for the lanyard loop.	Brown and black marbled, brown	Typical reinforcements on the middle longitudinal rib. 3 circles: Supervision mark on top, the lower two circles are blank.	V7 (Walther) Z3, 57, 31, 41 	Walther P.38: Random use. Z3: ac 42 from approx. “f/g” block on. 57/ 31: ac 43 from the beginning on. 41: ac43 from approx. “g/h”block on. Mauser P.38: Random use. 57 /31: byf 43 from approx. “a” block on. The use of 2nd Variation grips ended sometime in 1944. * Note 2
AEG	Transverse grooves, of which 6 grooves are broken by the hole for the grip screw. The top groove is relatively short. Rectangular indent on the left grip for the lanyard loop.	Brown and black marbled and mottled, in variable strong brown and black hues, the later the more brown tones.	No reinforcements on the middle longitudinal rib. 3 circles: The upper one with MPBD marking, the second circle is blank, the lower circle on the left grip is marked with P 1529 and a digit between 1 and 9 beneath, the right one is marked with P 1528 and a digit between 1 and 9 underneath.	38 (AEG) Z3  From ac44 “a” block - increasingly faint MPBD mark	Walther P.38: Increasingly on the last 3000 of 0-Series, all 480, ac “no date”, ac 40 “date added”, ac 40, ac41, ac42 up to ac44 * Note 3 Mauser P.38: All byf up to approx. “x/z” block , afterwards rarer up to production end. Sprewerk P.38: First approx. 20.000 (up to approx. SN 9800 a) * Note 4
AEG transitional	Same as AEG grips	Brown marbled	In contrast to the majority of AEG grips the lower two circles are blank.	38 Z3	Walther P.38: ac42 (late) and ac43, mixed ac 44. Mauser P.38: Mixed byf43 and 44 (byf42 possible) * Note 2

Julius Posselt	Transverse grooves, of which 5 grooves are broken by the hole for the grip screw. The top one is relatively long. Remaining features the same as AEG grips.	Black in the beginning. As time went on increasingly black/brown, brown, and reddish brown.	At the recessed areas of both grips two typical vertical lengthwise protrusions. 3 circles: top has the MPBD mark, the second circle is empty, the lower circle has a digit between 1 and 12.	W1 (Julius Posselt) 31, 41 	On all Spreewerk P.38s beginning around the end of "a" block 1943. In mid 1943 the classification code changed from 31 to 41 . <i>* Note 2</i>
Durofol	The same as AEG.	Black, reddish brown marbled.	Vertically oriented rhomb (diamond) with "Durofol" engraved, a digit between 1-12.	No supervision mark	Rare, only on late ac 45 P.38s <i>* Note 2</i>
Polyamid-6	The same as AEG.	Black and very shiny, lighter weight than all other (Bakelite) grips.	Type I: 2 empty circles left grip, on right grip an inordinate warping, no circles. Type II: each grip marked with 2 empty circles in the lower half of the grips.	No supervision mark	Common on Mauser P.38s from mid-1944 until the end of WW II, rarer on Walther ac 44, and ac 45 P.38s. <i>* Note 2</i>

Additional notes to the markings on the inside of grips:

1. All have Waffenamt E/359 and the last 3 digits of the serial number.
2. No Waffenamt acceptance, no serial number.
3. Last 3 digits of the serial number up to the early / mid second variation of ac41 (approx."c" block). Waffenamt E/359 up to ac42 approx. "b/c" block.
4. First 20,000 Spreewerk P.38s: Waffenamt E/359 quite common, often on only one grip. No serial number.

The grips for models Swedish HP, HP, and Model P.38 are described in the text.