

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**TITLE 11. LAW**  
**DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS**  
**CHAPTER 11. FIREARM PRECURSOR PARTS**  
**TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

**§ 4302. Written Guidance and Pictorial Diagrams for the Identification of Firearm Precursor Parts.**

In accordance with the statutory mandate of Penal Code section 16531, subdivision (b), the provisions of this section shall provide or incorporate written guidance and pictorial diagrams demonstrating each category of firearm precursor part specified in Penal Code section 16531, subdivision (a).

For purposes of this chapter and Penal Code section 16531, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Firearm precursor part” means a component of a firearm that is necessary to build or assemble a firearm and is described in either of the following categories:

(1) An unfinished receiver, including both a single part receiver and a multiple part receiver, such as a receiver in an AR-10- or AR-15-style firearm. An unfinished receiver includes a receiver tube, a molded or shaped polymer frame or receiver, a metallic casting, a metallic forging, and a receiver flat, such as a Kalashnikov-style weapons system, Kalashnikov-style receiver channel, or a Browning-style receiver side plate.

(2) An unfinished handgun frame.

(b) “Firearm precursor part” does not include:

(1) Firearm parts that can only be used on antique firearms, as defined in Penal Code section 16170, subdivision (c); or

(2) A firearm or the frame or receiver thereof.

(c) “Fire control component” means a component necessary for the firearm to initiate, complete, or continue the firing sequence, including but not limited to any of the following: hammer, bolt, bolt carrier, breechblock, cylinder, trigger mechanism, firing pin, striker, or slide rails.

(d) “Long gun” has the same meaning as the term is defined in Penal Code section 16865.

(e) “Machining” means the process of cutting, drilling, shaping, or removing material from a firearm precursor part or firearm using a tool.

(f) "Readily" means a process that is fairly or reasonably efficient, quick, and easy, but not necessarily the most efficient, speedy, or easy process. Factors relevant in making this determination, with no single one controlling, include the following:

- (1) Time, i.e., how long it takes to finish the process;
- (2) Ease, i.e., how difficult it is to do so;
- (3) Expertise, i.e., what knowledge and skills are required;
- (4) Equipment, i.e., what tools are required;
- (5) Availability, i.e., whether additional parts are required, and how easily they can be obtained;
- (6) Expense, i.e., how much it costs;
- (7) Scope, i.e., the extent to which the subject of the process must be changed to finish it; and
- (8) Feasibility, i.e., whether the process would damage or destroy the subject of the process, or cause it to malfunction.

In determining whether a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body or similar article may readily be completed, assembled, converted, or restored to hold or integrate the fire control components of a handgun or a long gun, the Department may consider any available instructions, guides, templates, jigs, equipment, tools, or marketing materials.

(g) "Unfinished handgun frame" means a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body or similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be completed, assembled, converted, or restored to hold or integrate the fire control components of a handgun.

(h) "Unfinished receiver" means a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body or similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be completed, assembled, converted, or restored to hold or integrate the fire control components of a long gun.

This includes both a single part receiver and a multiple part receiver (such as a receiver in an AR-10- or AR-15-style firearm), a receiver tube, a molded or shaped polymer receiver, a metallic casting, a metallic forging, and a receiver flat (such as a Kalashnikov-style weapons system, Kalashnikov-style receiver channel, or a Browning-style receiver side plate).

Related definitions, written guidance, and pictorial diagrams, which will collectively assist individuals in the identification of firearm precursor parts, may be found in the Firearm

Precursor Part Identification Guidebook, BOF.PUB-0022 (Orig. 01.2022), hereby incorporated by reference.

**Note:** Authority cited: Section 16531, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 16520, 16531, 30400, 30405, 30412, 30414, 30420, 30425, 30442, 30445, 30447, 30448, 30450, 30454, 30456, 30485 and 30495, Penal Code; Section 6215, Family Code; Definition of “Frame or Receiver” and Identification of Firearms, 86 Fed. Reg. 27720 (proposed May 21, 2021) (to be codified at 27 C.F.R. parts 447, 478, 479).)