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**THE "dou." K98k. WAFFENWERKE BRUNN AG. POVASZKA BYSTRICA**  
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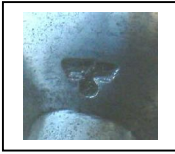
Waffenwerke Brunn AG is the name the Germans gave the small arms factory at Bystrica Czechoslovakia, located in the former Austro-Hungarian territory of Slovakia. Prior to German occupation the factory produced VZ-24 rifles for export and the Czech military.

The German Military had plans to produce rifles in the factories of the occupied countries as early as 1938, (G.29 (O) dated 1938). The German military considered Czech weapons to be as good as German weapons and accepted all Czech proof standards. A number of VZ-24 rifles were shipped to the Mauser factory at Oberndorf in 1939. Under the supervision of Dr. Fleck (Director of Production) and Major Eiserbesk (Chief of Waffen Proof 2 of the OKH--Army High Command), prototypes were designed to bring existing VZ-24's up to K98k standards.

The first rifle this factory produced for the Germans was the G.24 (t). The G.24 (t) was, with minor modifications and proofing, identical to the pre-war Czechoslovakian VZ-24. The production of the G.24 (t) ceased with the "L" block in mid-year 1942 when all the VZ-24 parts had been assembled into rifles. The factory then switched over to the production of "dou." coded K98k rifles in 1942.

There are several variations of prototype G.24 (t)'s that differed in minor details due to the mixing of previously manufactured parts and the new G.24 (t) parts being phased into the manufacturing processes. The serial numbers of these prototype rifles ended with the very early "b" letter block in 1941 when the new G.24 (t) appeared in what was to become its final form. Modifications included changes to the stock sling systems.

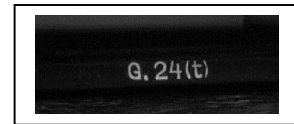
The new rifle was produced with a straight vz24 type bolt. The bolt serial number was put on the bolt shaft following the pattern used by the vz24 with one exception, the serial number letter block code was separated from the serial number with a "/" (i.e. 1234 / k). A bolt firing proof and waffenampt will be found on the "ball" of the bolt.



The stock, handguard, stock bands and sights also followed the vz24 standard. The changes, which differentiate this rifle from the vz24, are as follows: the stock is a laminate and was altered to accept the standard K98k style sling. The rifle was now stamped G.24 (t) on the siderail--the G for Gewehr, 24 for the initial year of production and (t) for the first letter of the German spelling of



Czechoslovakia. These rifles were coded "dou." and dated 41 on top of the receiver ring. The proofing was again "WaA607" and / or "WaA80" as in the earlier rifles and the stocks were marked as previously described. Stocks and handguards were solid wood construction as before up to the early c letter block when laminate stocks and handguards were introduced. All metal parts were of milled construction and beautifully blued. The known serial number range for the 41 dated "dou." code G.24 (t) is from 7286 to 1096j for an estimated production run of 115,000 pieces.



The “dou.” coded G.24 (t) rifles dated 42 were identical to the 41 production with the exception of the receiver date and that the “WaA607” proof was phased during the year. The known serial number range is from 4050 to 1856 1 with an estimated production run of 140,000 rifles.



**A study of G24 (t) rifles was done by Joe Steen of texas and generated the following information.  
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	Receiver date	Serial Number	Waffenampt	Stock/Buttplate	Other Notes
none		2364a	607		Cf 1,2
dou.	41	491a	607 (?)		Olson
dou.	41	5448a	607	Solid /flat	MRJ 26
dou.	41	728b	607	Solid /flat	Cf 2
dou.	41	965b	607		
dou.	41	5080b	607	Solid /flat	Cf 2
dou.	41	9035c	A80		
dou.	41	1023d	A80	Laminated/flat	MRJ 26
dou.	41	3630d	A80		KCN
dou.	41	8764e	A80		Ball
dou.	41	3198f	A80		
dou.	41	7138f	A80		
dou.	42	5875g	A80		
dou.	42	1995h	A80		
dou.	42	17l	A80		
dou.	42	619i	A80		
dou.	42	1963i	A80	Laminated/cup	
dou.	42	2592i	A80		
dou.	42	689li	A80		
dou.	42	2510j	A80	Laminated/cup	Peter Kuck
dou.	42	5411j	A80	Laminated/cup	MRJ 26
dou.	42	6k	A80		
dou.	42	207k	A80	Laminated/cup	
dou.	42	1465k	A80		
dou.	42	1627k	A80		IMAS
dou.	42	4942k	A80		
dou.	42	1856l	A80		KCN

Footnote 1: marked "ZBROJOVKA BRNO, A.S. VZ.24" in lieu of "G.24 (t)"

Footnote 2: Vz.24 stock with butt and wrist swivels and upper bottom swivel omitted

Holes plugged in butt and wrist; narrow upper side swivel, German style Platt In butt

**Slovakian (?) variants (all dou. 42):**

3790 (private collection) Slovak mark on right side receiver; no "WaA" or German proof; Vz.24 stock (wrist and lower rear swivels deleted)

3805 (IMAS) Slovak mark on left side ring; nothing on right

4050 (private collection) A80 and Slovak mark on right side receiver; no German markings; Vz.24 stock

5385 (MRJ 26) Slovak mark on right side receiver; no "WaA"; Vz.24 stock with "all sling loops"

## G.24 (t)

The German G.24 (t) was produced at Brunn Czechoslovakia under German occupation during 1941 and 1942. These rifles were transitional production to use up remaining VZ.24 parts prior to switching to the standard 98K pattern in mid 1942. The switch over to K9Sk pattern rifles appears to have occurred in the L block of serial numbers.

Total estimated production for this rifle was 250,000.

The G.24 (t) differs from the K98k as follows.

Full length hand guard.	Front & rear barrel bands (rear w/screw).
meter scale one side of rear Sight only	Front Sight assembly
Bolt not turned down	

### Proofing & serial numbers (sample rifle **dou. 42**)

Receiver code	<b>dou.</b>	Receiver proofs waf A80 (2 on side)
Side rail	<b>G.24 (t)</b>	
Serial number	4 digits possible	alpha suffix
Upper band		no s/n or waf.
Lower band		no s/n or waf
Trigger guard	<b>circle z</b>	no s/n milled with lock screws
Bolt	ribbed & blued (Mismatched on sample gun)	
	Root	
	Gas shield	
	Safety waf	
	Cocking piece	
	Extractor	
	Extractor collar	
Front sight		No hood vz24 type sight protector no waf
ear sight	meter scale one side only	no s/n
ear sight base		no s/n or waf
Stock	Laminate	
Stock Markings (external reported only)		
	Side	waf WaAA80 (2)
	Pistol grip	waf eagle H (Heer)
	Spine	waf WaAA80 (1)
		waf WaAA80 (2) & s/n
Bayonet lug	no s/n	no waf
Magazine follower	no s/n	no waf

**Proofing & serial numbers (sample rifle dou. 42 - s/n 6276 j)**

Receiver code	<b>dou.</b>	Receiver proofs	waf A80 (2 on side)
Side rail	<b>G.24 (t)</b>		
Serial number	4 digits possible alpha suffix (s/n 6276j)		
Upper band	no s/n or waf.		
Lower band	no s/n or waf.		
Trigger guard	circle z	no s/n	milled with lock screws and vz24 type screws
Bolt	ribbed & blued – (strait – not bent)		
Root	Circle z N3		
Gas shield	none		
Safety	waf	Circle z	
Cocking piece	Circle z		
Extractor	none		
Extractor collar	none		
Bolt Handle	sn on shaft nnnn / alpha suffix		
Bolt Ball	fp on top – waf A80 on bottom		
Front sight	No hood vz24 type sight protector	no waf	
Rear sight	meter scale vz24 type one side only no s/n		
rear sight base	no s/n or waf		
Stock	Laminate		
Stock Markings (external reported only)			
	Side	waf WaAA80 (2)	waf eagle H (Heer)
	Pistol grip	waf WaAA80 (1)	
	Spine	waf WaAA80 (2) & s/n	
Bayonet lug	no s/n or waf		
Magazine follower	no s/n or waf		