

Base Pad Trimming

Occasionally, we run across a 1911 magazine base pad with “Fat Shoulders” as we have come to call them. As is, these base pads will prevent the magazine from properly inserting into a 1911 with any sort of useful (at least for competition) magazine funnel attached, so a certain amount of material must be removed from these “Fat Shoulders” in order to make the magazine useful. This is a relatively simple job since the material is soft. Here is how I went about it:

Since we will need to drive the magazine home several times during the process please make sure that your firearm is unloaded and safe.

First, I removed the base pad from the magazine.

I chose to grind at an angle from top to bottom, because I liked the esthetic, but a couple of other profiles came to mind, which would have functioned equally well.

Then I just ground/filed away until I could slam the mag home and leave no mark on the base pad.

I hope this is helpful, but feel free to call if you have further questions.



