



## HOW TO TELL IF AN 800B, 800C or 800CVT IS A GOOD BUY

Even I can't tell by looking at an 800B, 800C, or 800CVT how good it is, until I actually attempt to reload on one. MOST OF THE TIME, they are worn out and need a complete bushing replacement kit (\$50)-MINIMUM, and many other parts too numerous to mention. It is NOT uncommon for an owner to spend \$300-\$400 in a complete rebuild, AND that does not include a new Primer Seating Assembly, which in about 99% of the cases must be replaced (\$150).

**REMEMBER THIS:** Many, if not most, of the 800B and 800C machines are 35-40 years old. Consider this related to an automobile; a 35 year of car may look nice, but you can't tell how it's been treated/mistreated. Regardless of how much money you throw at it, it is STILL 35 years old, AND you are going to have problems in finding replacement parts to solve them.

First thing to look at are these areas of concern (believe me, there are others as well):

- (1) The right vertical post, if it shows lots of "chrome" wear on it, it's been used greatly.
- (2) The groove in the left vertical post where the Wad Carrier Cam bolt slides in:
  - Remove the Wad Carrier Hold Down button
  - It is located on the Crosshead to the right of the left hand vertical shaft (1/8" socket-head cap screw-remove)
  - Slide the entire Wad Carrier assembly UP, if it does not move up easily there are problems
  - If it slide up difficultly, remove the cam bolt (there are reason to be careful when reinserting this bolt)
  - Look at the "dog-Leg" groove in the LH vertical shaft for signs of wear at the dog-leg groove
  - Replacing either vertical shaft is about \$60 per shaft.
- (3) Usually every single Primer Seating Assembly (aluminum part, or dreadfully not a plastic one) is worn out and a replacement is \$150. P/W is making replacement Brass Primer Seating Assemblies for an indefinite period of time in 12 gauge (\$150), and other gauges.
- (4) Price - if it were me, I'd NEVER pay more than \$200-\$250 for ANY 800B, 800C, or 80CVT. You know your pocket book better than I, so you are the final judge in a purchase.
- (5) I hear the words, "hardly used," "pristine," "like new" constantly. But, come on, these are mechanical devices that wear with use and 30-40 years of use is a great amount.
- (6) Typically, you get what you pay for.

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