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Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on February 6, 2017, to obtain:

*Please provide copies of all records showing how the CZ858 is converted to a fully automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease. Please include copies of records showing the following:*

- (1) the number and types of equipment used to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;*
- (2) the parts required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;*
- (3) the person-minutes required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;*
- (4) the qualifications of the gunsmith(s) that easily converted the CZ858 to full auto; and*
- (5) the estimated cost to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto.*

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been excluded/exempted pursuant to section 17, subsection 19(1)(s) and paragraph 16(2)(b) of the *Act*, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

With regard to the application of subsection 19(1), please note that the provisions of subsection 19(2) have been considered and do not apply in this instance.

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Regards,



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# FRT Report

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## Summary

**Make:** CZ  
**Model:** CZ858 Tactical 2 P  
**Manufacturer:** Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)  
**Level:** Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization  
**Type:** Rifle  
**Action:** Full Automatic  
**Country of Manufacturer:** CZECH REPUBLIC  
**Serial Numbering:** Numbered  
**Legal Classification:** Prohibited

## Calibre, Shots and Barrel Length

Firearm Ref. No.	Calibre	Shots	Barrel (mm)	Legal Classification Legal Authority	Level	Barrel Type Code
142362 - 2	7.62X39 RUSSIAN	5	483	Prohibited CC 84(1) "prohibited firearm" para. (c)	Non-Commercial Customization	
142362 - 3	7.62X39 RUSSIAN	30	483	Prohibited CC 84(1) "prohibited firearm" para. (c)	Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization	

## Notes

### Make

- "CZ" and the logo for Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ) are marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.
- "CZ" is the acronym for Ceska Zbrojovka.
- "CZ" firearms have been made in Czechoslovakia, the Czech Republic, Turkey, and the United States of America.
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## Model

- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger and has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm.
- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.
- "CZ 858 TACTICAL - 2 P" is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.
- "P" denotes a factory installed composition wood buttstock.
- the "CZ 858 Tactical 2" family of firearms externally resemble the Kalashnikov model AK47 assault rifle; however, these firearms are not a member of the Kalashnikov family of firearms nor a Kalashnikov variant.
- this firearm is a variant or modified version of the CZ58 or "Puska VZ 58" (Rifle Model 1958) developed in Czechoslovakia for use by the Czech army.
- features include: short stroke gas piston, gas system mounted above the barrel; tilting breech block locking system; hooded front sight and barrel mounted tangent rear sight; striker fired.
- available in numerous variations: a solid non-folding buttstock, and a folding buttstock with several differing barrel lengths. This particular model (the CZ858 Tactical 2 P) has a barrel length of 483mm.

## Manufacturer

- "CZ" and the "Ceska Zbrojovka" logo of a pistol inside a rifled barrel are marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.

## Action

- gas operated.

## Shots

- detachable box magazine.

## Serial Number

- serial number is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.

## Canadian Law Comments

- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger and has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm.
- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 P" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.

## Cross-References

Firearm Ref. No.	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Type	Action
142363		CZ858 Tactical 2 V		Rifle	Full Automatic
	CZ		Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)		
142369		CZ858 Tactical 4 P		Rifle	Full Automatic
	CZ		Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)		

## Also Known As/Product Code

CZ858 Tactical -2 P  
CZ858 Tactical 2P  
CZ858 Tactical -2P

## Year Dates

No Data Retrieved

## Importer

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## Summary

**Make:** CZ  
**Model:** CZ858 Tactical 2 V  
**Manufacturer:** Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)  
**Level:** Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization  
**Type:** Rifle  
**Action:** Full Automatic  
**Country of Manufacturer:** CZECH REPUBLIC  
**Serial Numbering:** Numbered  
**Legal Classification:** Prohibited

## Calibre, Shots and Barrel Length

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142363 - 3	7.62X39 RUSSIAN	30	483	Prohibited CC 84(1) "prohibited firearm" para. (c)	Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization	

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<b>Model</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger and has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm.</li><li>- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.</li><li>- "CZ 858 TACTICAL - 2 V" is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.</li><li>- "V" denotes a factory installed folding metal buttstock, the stock folds to the right.</li><li>- the "CZ 858 Tactical 2" family of firearms externally resemble the Kalashnikov model AK47 assault rifle; however, these firearms are not a member of the Kalashnikov family of firearms nor a Kalashnikov variant.</li><li>- this firearm is a variant or modified version of the CZ58 or "Puska VZ 58" (Rifle Model 1958) developed in Czechoslovakia for use by the Czech army.</li><li>- features include: short stroke gas piston, gas system mounted above the barrel; tilting breech block locking system; hooded front sight and barrel mounted tangent rear sight; striker fired.</li><li>- available in numerous variations: a solid non-folding buttstock, and a folding buttstock with several differing barrel lengths. This particular model (the CZ858 Tactical 2 V) has a barrel length of 483mm.</li></ul>
<b>Manufacturer</b>	- "CZ" and the "Ceska Zbrojovka" logo of a pistol inside a rifled barrel are marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.
<b>Action</b>	- gas operated.
<b>Shots</b>	- detachable box magazine.
<b>Serial Number</b>	- serial number is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.
<b>Canadian Law Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger and has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm.</li><li>- the "CZ858 Tactical 2 V" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.</li></ul>

## Cross-References

Firearm Ref. No.	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Type	Action
142362	CZ	CZ858 Tactical 2 P	Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)	Rifle	Full Automatic
142369	CZ	CZ858 Tactical 4 P	Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)	Rifle	Full Automatic

## Also Known As/Product Code

CZ 858 Tactical 2 V  
CZ 858 Tactical 2V  
CZ858 Tactical - 2 V  
CZ858 Tactical - 2V  
CZ858 Tactical 2V

## Year Dates

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## Summary

**Make:** CZ  
**Model:** CZ858 Tactical 4 P  
**Manufacturer:** Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)  
**Level:** Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization  
**Type:** Rifle  
**Action:** Full Automatic  
**Country of Manufacturer:** CZECH REPUBLIC  
**Serial Numbering:** Numbered  
**Legal Classification:** Prohibited

## Calibre, Shots and Barrel Length

Firearm Ref. No.	Calibre	Shots	Barrel (mm)	Legal Classification	Level	Barrel Type Code
				Legal Authority		
142369 - 1	7.62X39 RUSSIAN	5	392	Prohibited CC 84(1) "prohibited firearm" para. (c)	Non-Commercial Customization	
142369 - 3	7.62X39 RUSSIAN	30	392	Prohibited CC 84(1) "prohibited firearm" para. (c)	Manufacturer Specifications and Commercial Customization	

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### Model

- the "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger, has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm.
- the "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.
- "CZ 858 TACTICAL - 4 P" is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.
- "P" denotes a factory installed composition wood buttstock.
- the "CZ 858 Tactical 2" family of firearms externally resemble the Kalashnikov model AK47 assault rifle; however, these firearms are not a member of the Kalashnikov family of firearms nor a Kalashnikov variant.
- this firearm is a variant or modified version of the CZ58 or "Puska VZ 58" (Rifle Model 1958) developed in Czechoslovakia for use by the Czech army.
- features include: short stroke gas piston, gas system mounted above the barrel; tilting breech block locking system; hooded front sight and barrel mounted tangent rear sight; striker fired.
- available in numerous variations: a solid non-folding buttstock, and a folding buttstock with several differing barrel lengths. This particular model (the CZ858 Tactical 4 P) has a barrel length of 392mm.

### Manufacturer

- "CZ" and the "Ceska Zbrojovka" logo of a pistol inside a rifled barrel are marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.

### Action

- gas operated.

### Shots

- detachable box magazine.

### Serial Number

- serial number is marked on the left side of the receiver/frame.

### Canadian Law Comments

- the "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm is derived from a full automatic firearm, the CZ VZ58, which has been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger and has had the original markings altered or obliterated and has been remarked as a "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm.
- the "CZ858 Tactical 4 P" firearm can be converted to a full automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.

### Cross-References

Firearm Ref. No.	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Type	Action
142362		CZ858 Tactical 2 P		Rifle	Full Automatic
	CZ		Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)		
142363		CZ858 Tactical 2 V		Rifle	Full Automatic
	CZ		Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ)		

### Also Known As/Product Code

CZ 858 Tactical - 4P  
CZ 858 Tactical 4 P  
CZ 858 Tactical 4P  
CZ858 Tactical - 4P  
CZ858 Tactical 4P  
CZ858 Tactical-4 P





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## **Ceská Zbrojovka (CZ), Model CZ858 Tactical 2 Rifle**

### **PURPOSE OF INSPECTION**

1. At the request of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), a sample of 25 Česká Zbrojovka (CZ) model CZ858 Tactical 2 rifles, hereafter referred to as CZ858 rifles, was inspected to determine the legal classification of the firearms.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. A sample of 25 CZ858 rifles was received on January 9, 2013. The sample was selected by CBSA officials from a larger shipment detained by CBSA.
3. There are various stock configurations and barrel lengths represented in the sample under the Tactical 2P, 2V and 4P model names. A list is attached as appendix A.

### **FINDINGS**

4. The 25 CZ858 rifles are prohibited firearms, being derived from automatic firearms which have been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger, commonly referred to as "semiautomatic" fire. Such firearms are commonly known as "converted automatic firearms".
5. The CZ858 rifle is derived from the Soviet era Czechoslovakian selective fire Vz58 assault rifle by modifying the internal firing mechanism and remarking the firearm. The Vz58 assault rifle was designed and manufactured with the capability of discharging projectiles in rapid succession with one pressure of the trigger, commonly referred to as "full automatic" fire. The term "selective fire" refers to the capability of firing the Vz58 assault rifle in either the full automatic mode or semiautomatic mode by adjusting the position of a switch called the "selector".
6. The full automatic Vz58 assault rifles have been converted to a semiautomatic configuration
7. The following alterations to the firing mechanism were performed to convert the Vz58 assault rifle to a CZ858 rifle:

8.

9.

10. Minor consequential modifications: As a result of the changes made to the Vz58 mechanism, further alterations of a minor nature were required to render the modified mechanism functional.

11. Figures 1 and 2 below illustrate the nature of the conversion of the selective fire (full automatic) Vz58 rifle to the CZ858 rifle, serial number . The yellow arrows indicate blue arrows indicate and red arrows indicate



12. The original markings on the Vz58 assault rifle have been removed and replaced with CZ858 markings. The Vz58 assault rifle pattern of markings is illustrated in figure 3 below, specifically for the "submachine gun" version, but which applies generally to all Vz58 models. The illustration was extracted from page 23 of the 2007 national report of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in connection with the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

13. The markings pertaining to the original manufacture of the Vz58 assault rifle are placed on the left side of the sight block as depicted in figure 3. The serial number and year of manufacture are applied when the fabrication of the firearm has been completed. The Vz58 assault rifle was introduced in 1958 and became obsolete in the 1990s; hence only the last two digits of the year are recorded.

14. Additional markings were applied to the upper surface of the receiver adjacent to the left side of the sight block if the Vz58 assault rifle was returned to the arsenal for repairs. The date of the repair is incorporated into the marking as the last two digits of the year.

## 7.62mm Submachine Gun type 58P, V or Pi

swords – military property mark

she – manufacturer's code

78 – year of manufacture (acceptance for use) = 1978

P – production series

27051 – serial (registration) number

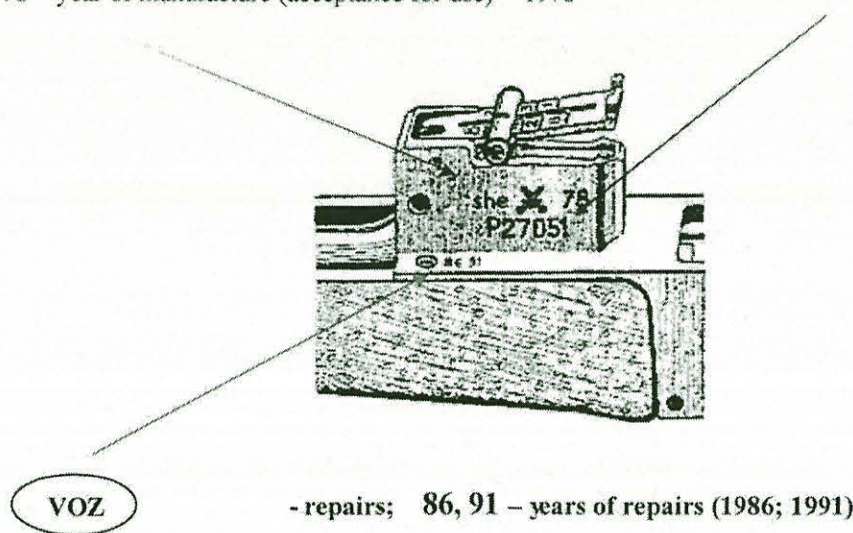


Fig-3

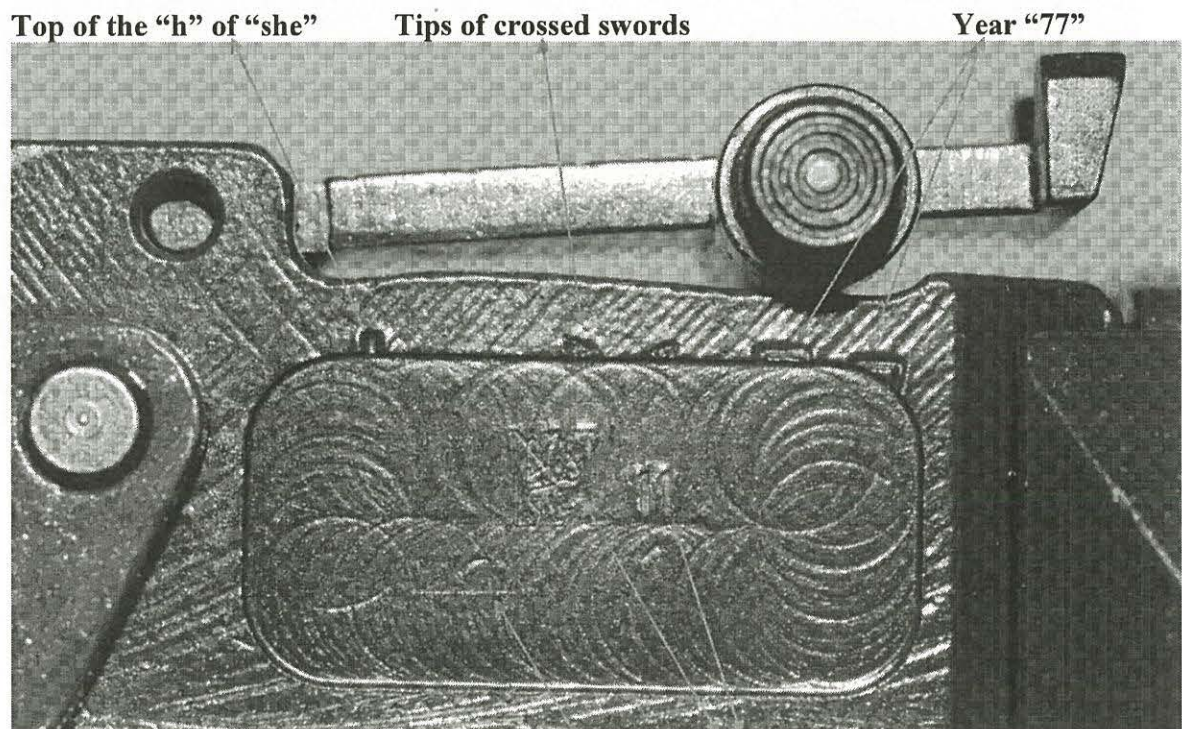


15. The markings on the left side of the sight block were removed from the Vz58 assault rifles during the production of the CZ858 rifles by machining the surface, leaving a visible depression. In some cases, the width and height of the machining operation was insufficient to remove the entire marking. In such cases, the residues of the original markings are visible around the periphery of the machined area. This is illustrated in figures 4 and 5 below.

16. In figure 4 below, for CZ858 rifle serial number                      the top of the letter “h” of the “she” code for the manufacturer (Ceská Zbrojovka Uherský Brod) is visible at the upper left of the machined area. Likewise the tips of the swords in the military property mark are visible at the upper middle; and the tops of the digits “77” of the year code are visible at the upper right.

17. The new proof mark and date (2011) are visible in the centre of the machined area.

18. A potential remnant of the original Vz58 assault rifle serial number is visible in the machined area to the lower left of the new proof mark.



**Fig-4**

**Possible remnant of the Vz58  
serial (registration) number**

**2011 proof mark**

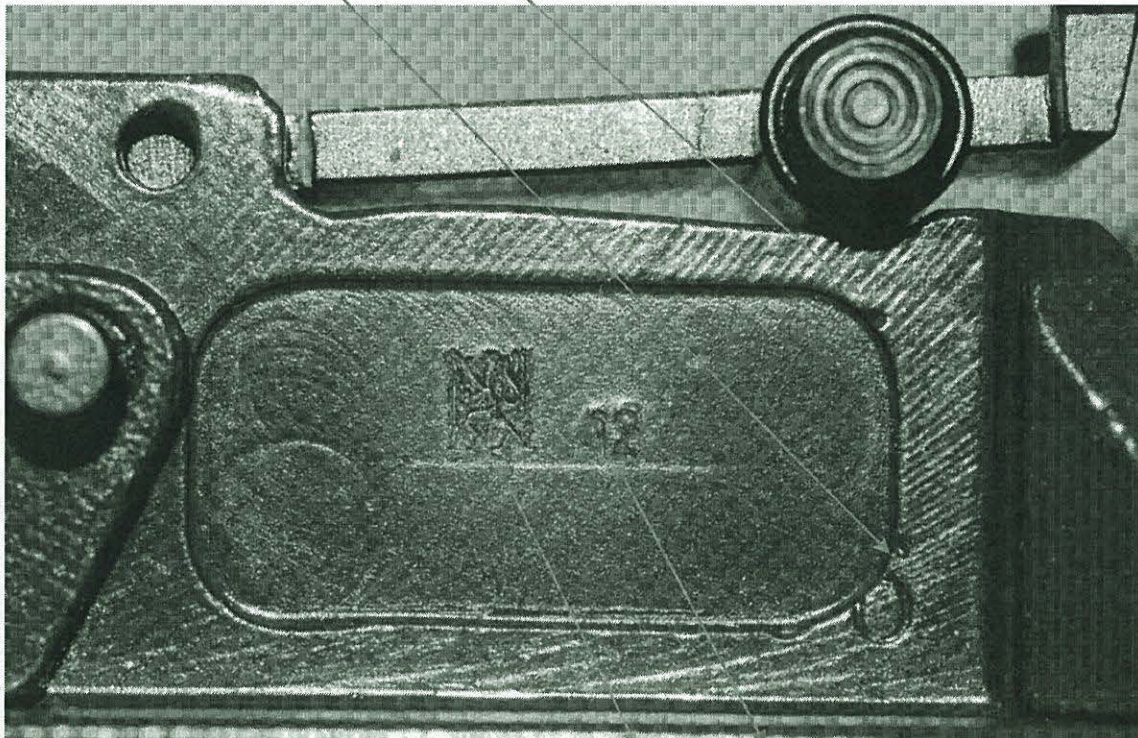


19. Similar markings are visible in figure 5 below on another CZ858 rifle, serial number

The new proof mark and date (2012) are visible in the centre of the machined area. A portion of the original Vz58 year of manufacture is seen at the upper right of the machined area, and the terminal digit ("6") of the original Vz58 serial number is visible at the lower left.

**Serial (registration) number**

**Year**

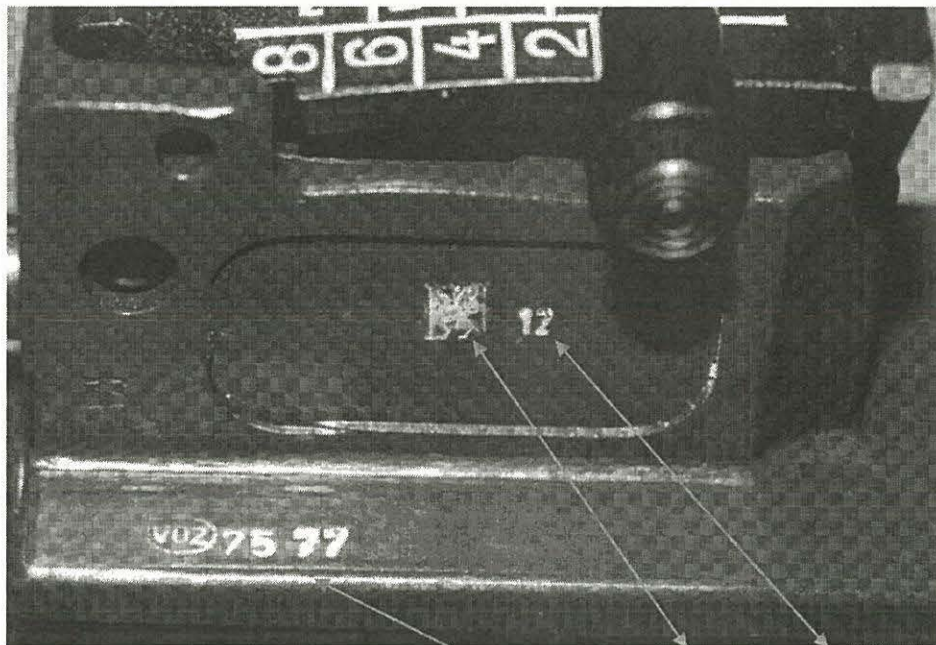


**Fig-5**

**Proof mark dated 2012**

20. A repair code is visible in figure 6 below, on CZ858 rifle serial number indicating the original Vz58 assault rifle was returned to the arsenal for repairs in 1975 and 1977. This establishes the rifle as a functioning Vz58 assault rifle at that time, otherwise there would have been no reason to have it repaired.

21. The new proof mark dated 2012 is visible in the centre of the machined area.



**Fig-6**

**Repaired in 1975 & 1977**

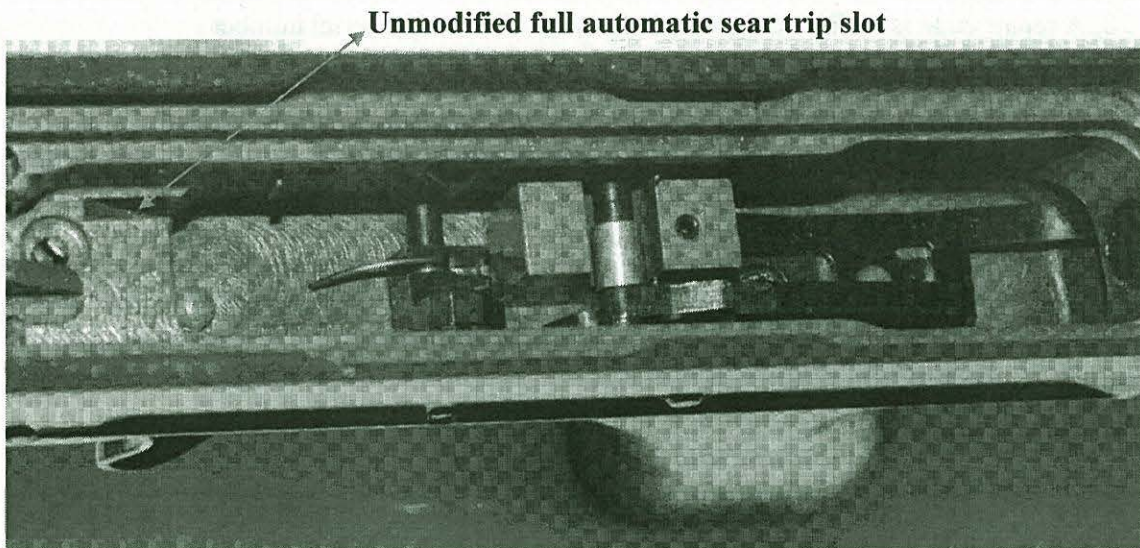
**Proof mark 2012**

22. The 25 CZ858 rifles are prohibited firearms for a second reason, namely that they can be converted to automatic firearms in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.

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23. In figure 7 below, showing the interior of the receiver for CZ858 rifle serial number the unaltered slot for the full automatic sear trip is visible at the top left.





**Fig-7 CZ858 rifle serial number**

24.

CZ858 rifles, taking a matter of seconds for one and a few minutes for the other (CZ858 rifle serial numbers respectively). The CZ858 receivers were not damaged nor were any further steps required,

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26. In figure 8 below, showing the interior of the receiver for CZ858 rifle serial number , the modified trigger mechanism is visible along with the metal block welded in place.

27. In figures 9 and 10 below, showing the upper surface of the block and interior of the receiver for CZ858 rifle serial number the corresponding points are illustrated where the weld connects the block to the side wall of the receiver.

28. In figures 10 and 11 below, showing the bottom surface of the block and interior of the receiver for CZ858 rifle serial number the corresponding points are illustrated where the weld connects the block to the floor of the receiver.



**Fig-8 CZ858 rifle serial number**

**Fig-9**

**CZ858 rifle serial number**

**Fig-10 Interior floor of the receiver from CZ858 rifle serial number**

**Fig-11**

**from firearm serial number**

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**Fig-13 “Semiautomatic”  
CZ858 rifle serial number**

**Fig-14 “Safe”**

**Fig-15 “Full automatic”**

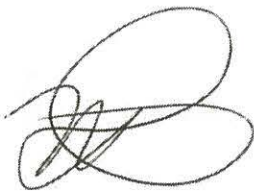
30. Reinstallation of the full automatic mechanism is simple and straightforward as the Vz58 rifle on which the CZ858 rifle was based was designed to accept all the full automatic parts. Installation takes only a few minutes.

31.

32. In figure 16 below, the receiver for CZ858 rifle serial number shown populated with all the parts necessary to support full automatic fire. The rifle was test fired in full automatic mode on February 12, 2013. Approximately 15 shots were fired in a full automatic manner with no mechanical difficulties experienced. Total conversion time, including and replacement of the trigger mechanism parts, was approximately 20 minutes. Neither specialized tools nor skilled workmanship were required.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

33. The 25 CZ858 rifles listed in Appendix A are prohibited firearms on two grounds:
34. They are derived from automatic firearms which have been altered to discharge one projectile with one pressure of the trigger;
35. They can be converted to automatic firearms in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.
36. Firearms Reference Table (FRT) records have been created for each of the three variants of the CZ858 Tactical 2 rifles, the Tactical 2P, 2V and 4P models. The FRT records, 142362, 142363, and 142369 are attached as appendices B, C and D respectively.



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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

January 21, 2014

## Ceská Zbrojovka (CZ) model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle

### Serial number

#### GENERAL

1. A Česká Zbrojovka (CZ) model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle, serial number 7.62x39 mm caliber, was received from RCMP Surrey on June 14, 2013 via Purolator #40192351167. The rifle is illustrated in figures 1 and 2 below.



Figure 1: Left side CZ model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle, serial number



Figure 2: Right side CZ model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle, serial number





2. The purpose of the inspection is to determine the description and classification of the rifle.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. The CZ858 rifle is derived from the Soviet era Czechoslovakian selective fire Vz58 assault rifle by modifying the internal firing mechanism and re-marking the firearm. The Vz58 assault rifle was designed and manufactured with the capability of discharging projectiles in rapid succession with one pressure of the trigger, commonly referred to as “full automatic” fire. The term “selective fire” refers to the capability of firing the Vz58 assault rifle in either the full automatic mode or semiautomatic mode by adjusting the position of a switch called the “selector”.

4.

Additionally, the CZ858 rifles were re-marked with new commercial CZ858 markings and in some cases, the original Vz58 markings were removed by machining off a layer of metal from the receiver.

## **Vz58 ASSAULT RIFLE MARKINGS**

5. The Vz58 assault rifle pattern of markings is illustrated in figure 3 below, specifically for the “submachine gun” version, but which applies generally to all Vz58 models. The illustration was extracted from page 23 of the 2007 national report of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in connection with the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons.
6. The markings pertaining to the original manufacture of the Vz58 assault rifle were placed on the left side of the rear sight block. The serial number and year of manufacture were applied when the fabrication of the firearm had been completed. The Vz58 assault rifle was introduced in 1958 and became obsolete in the 1990s; hence only the last two digits

of the year are recorded. See figure 4 for an example of this pattern of markings on a Vz58 rifle held in the RCMP firearms reference collection.

7. Additional markings were applied to the upper surface of the receiver adjacent to the left side of the rear sight block if the Vz58 assault rifle was returned to the arsenal for repairs. The date of the repair was incorporated into the marking as the last two digits of the year.

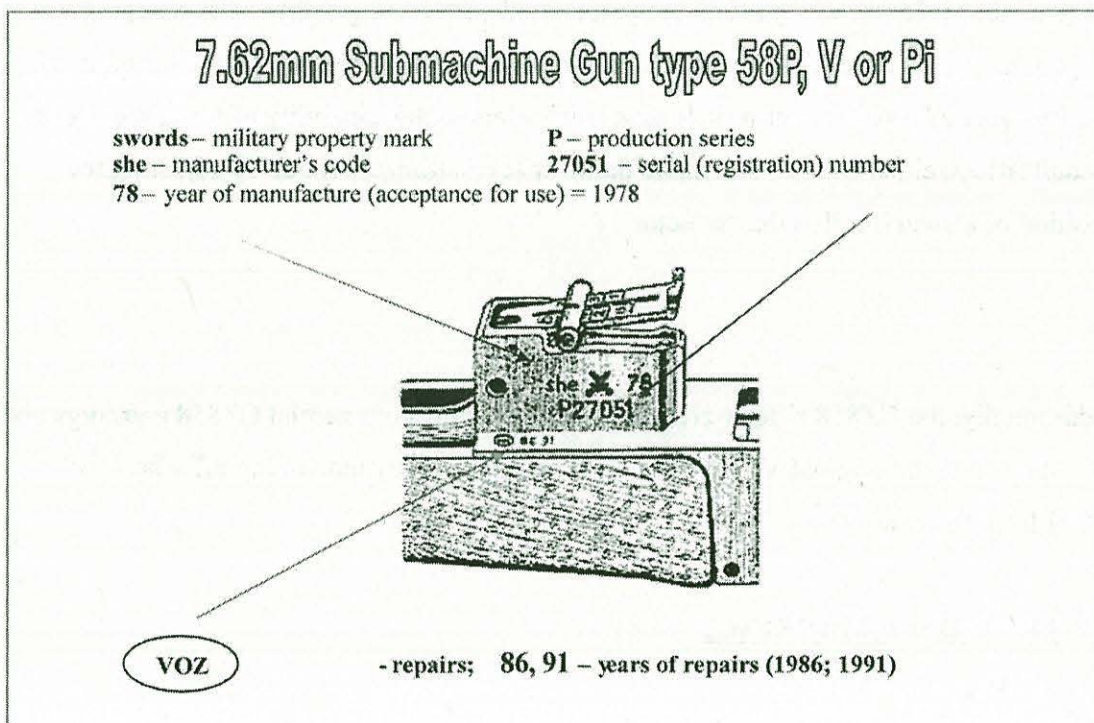


Figure 3: Vz58 assault rifle marking protocol



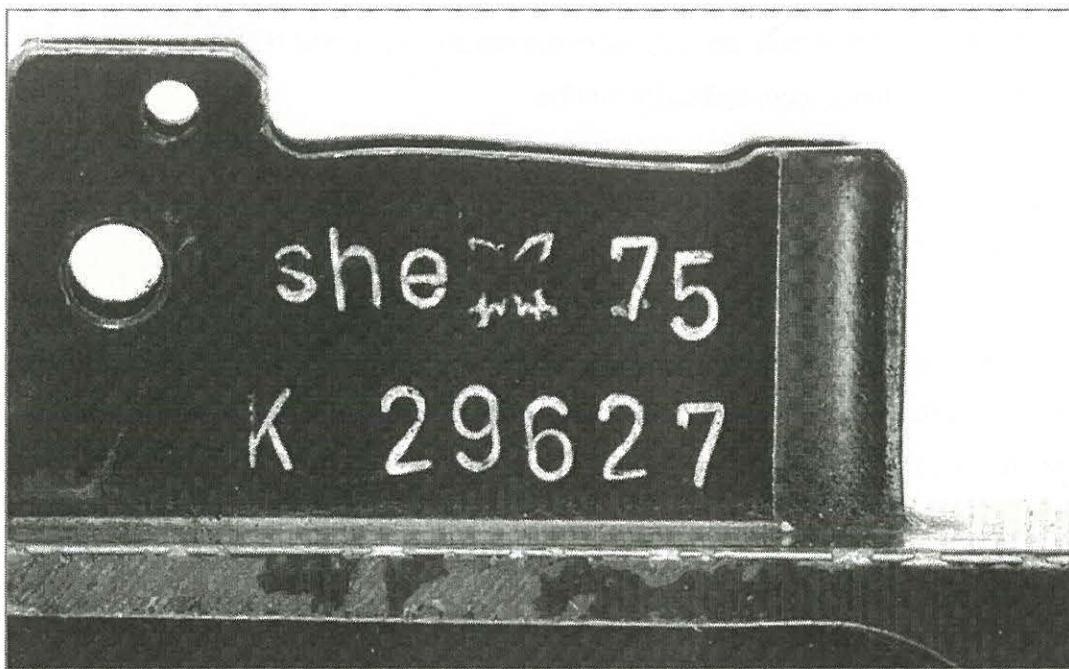


Figure 4: Example of Vz58 assault rifle markings (RCMP firearms reference standards collection)

### ANALYSIS OF THE CZ858 RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER

8. The location of the original Vz58 markings and the replacement CZ858 markings for the CZ858 rifle, serial number \_\_\_\_\_, are shown in figure 5 below.

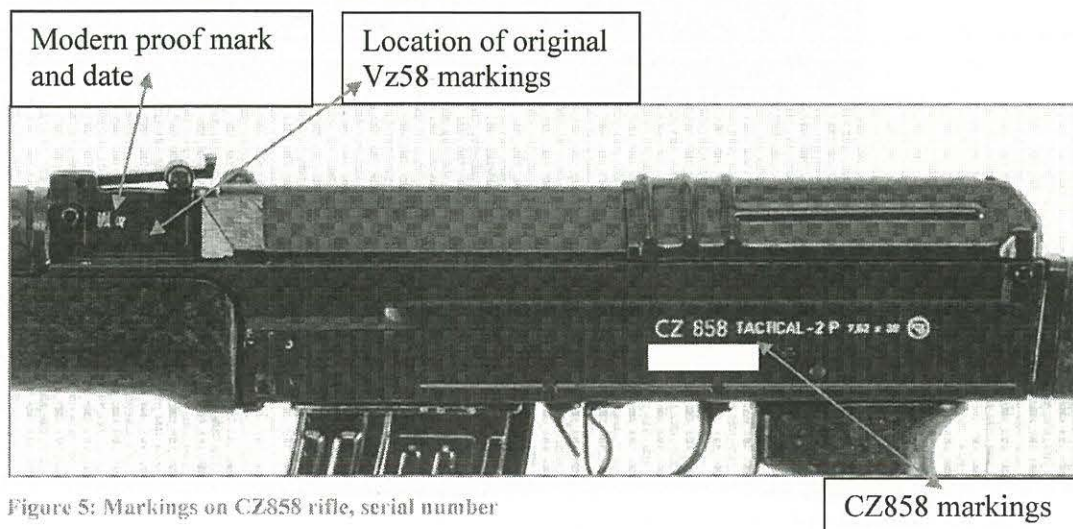


Figure 5: Markings on CZ858 rifle, serial number \_\_\_\_\_



9. The replacement CZ858 markings consist of the make (CZ), model (CZ858 Tactical-2P), caliber (7.62 x 39 mm), logo, and serial number
10. The rifle bears a modern Czech Republic proof mark, dated 2007, located on the left side of the rear sight block. See figure 6.
11. The original Vz58 rifle markings on the left side of the CZ858 rifle sight block have been removed. The left side of the sight block has been machined, removing the surface metal where the code for the manufacturer, the military property mark, the year code and the original serial number would have been located. The machined space is now occupied by the modern proof mark and date. A close-up of the left rear sight block is in figure 6 below.

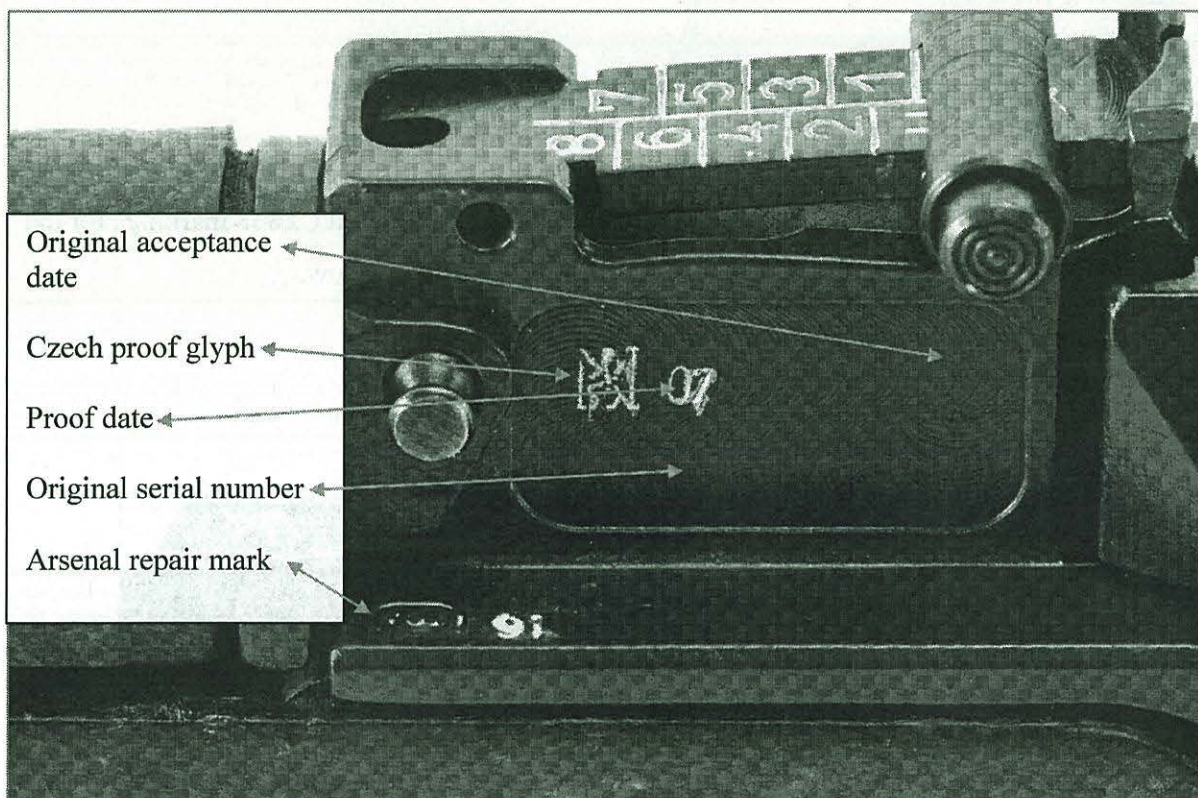


Figure 6: Left side of rear sight block of CZ 858 rifle, serial number



12. The manufacturer code and the military property mark are no longer visible. However, parts of the original serial number and year of acceptance are faintly visible if examined in strong light at approximately a 45 degree angle. Complete restoration of the original serial number was not attempted.
13. A repair code on the upper receiver adjacent to the left side of the rear sight block consisting of the letters “VOZ” inside an oval followed by the digits “91” establish that this rifle was returned to the military arsenal for repairs in 1991. An overhead view can be seen in Figure 7.

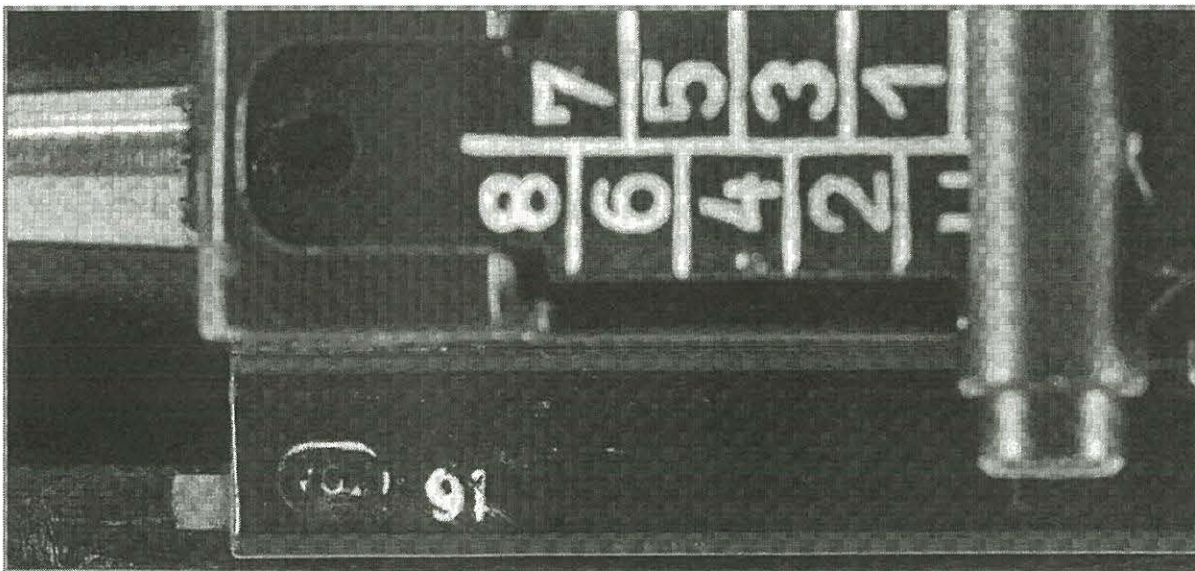


Figure 7: View of arsenal repair code from above, CZ858 rifle, serial number

14. The fire control mechanism of the CZ858 rifle is shown in figure 8 below, as seen from the top of the opened receiver.

Figure 8: Top view of fire control mechanism of CZ858 rifle, serial number .

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selector markings were altered by the removal of the “30” code to the front of the selector. The standard magazine capacity of the Vz58 assault rifle is 30 shots and the “30” code signifies the full automatic position of the selector, representing the possibility of a 30 shot burst. The “1” code to the rear of the selector indicates the semiautomatic position of the selector, which is the setting depicted in figure 9 (the tail of the selector points to the setting in effect).

18. The full automatic capability of the CZ858 rifle could be restored

This would take 20 minutes to an hour depending on how of full automatic capability was not attempted.

Restoration

Figure 9: Right side of the CZ858 rifle receiver, serial number showing the selector and selector markings



## CONCLUSIONS

19. The Česká Zbrojovka (CZ) model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle, serial number \_\_\_\_\_ was fabricated from a finished Vz58 selective fire assault rifle modified to eliminate its full automatic fire capability and limit the mode of fire to semiautomatic only.
20. The Česká Zbrojovka (CZ) model CZ858 Tactical-2P rifle, serial number \_\_\_\_\_, is an automatic firearm which has been altered to discharge only one projectile with one pressure of the trigger, thereby creating a prohibited firearm commonly known as a “converted automatic firearm” (CA).



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Reference to the following news report: **CZ858 "SPARTAN" DECLARED PROHIBITED BY RCMP**  
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January 9, 2017 Brian News 35 <https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/cz858-spartan-declared-prohibited/>

Please provide copies of all records showing how the CZ858 is 'converted to a fully automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease.' Please include copies of records showing the following:

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- (2) the parts required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (3) the person-minutes required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (4) the qualifications of the gunsmith(s) that easily converted the CZ858 to full auto; and
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