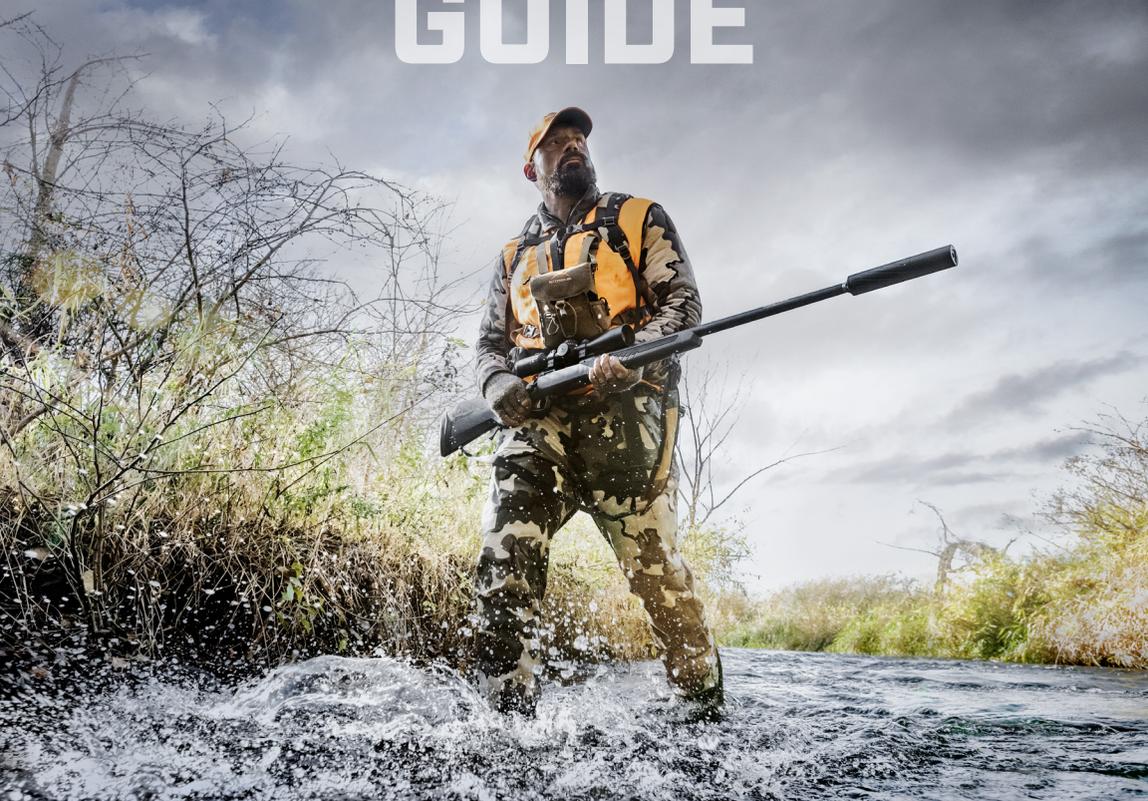




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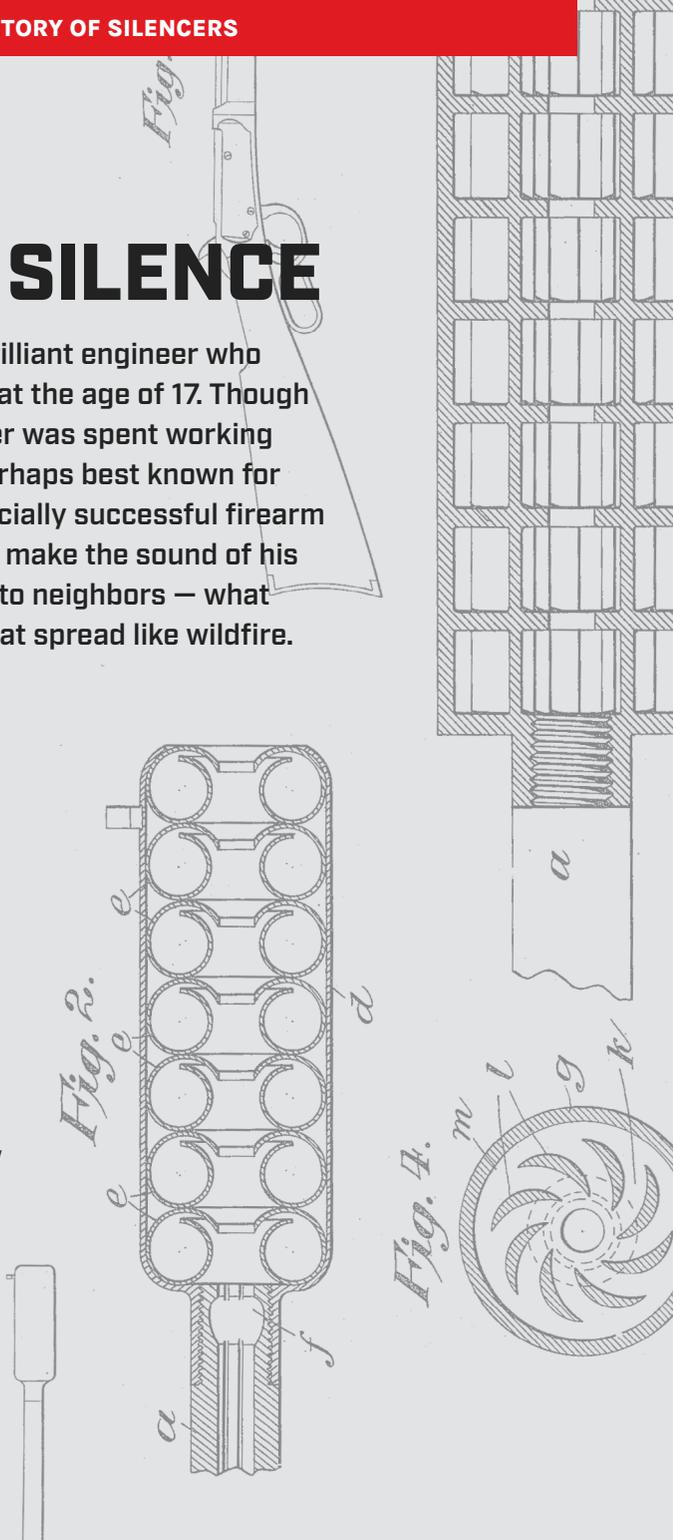
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THE STORY OF SILENCE

Hiram Percy Maxim was a brilliant engineer who graduated from MIT in 1886 at the age of 17. Though much of Maxim's early career was spent working on engines and cars, he's perhaps best known for developing the first commercially successful firearm silencer. He wanted a way to make the sound of his gunshots less of a nuisance to neighbors — what followed was an invention that spread like wildfire.

THE BEGINNING

Silencers quickly grew in popularity among hunters and shooters alike. Unfortunately, the general public lacked understanding about this novel piece of equipment and misinformation led to a safe, useful tool being perceived as dangerous and controversial. And so, the federal government began the process of banning silencers throughout the country — a process that would prove difficult thanks to the 2nd Amendment. So instead of prohibiting them? They placed restrictions on them.

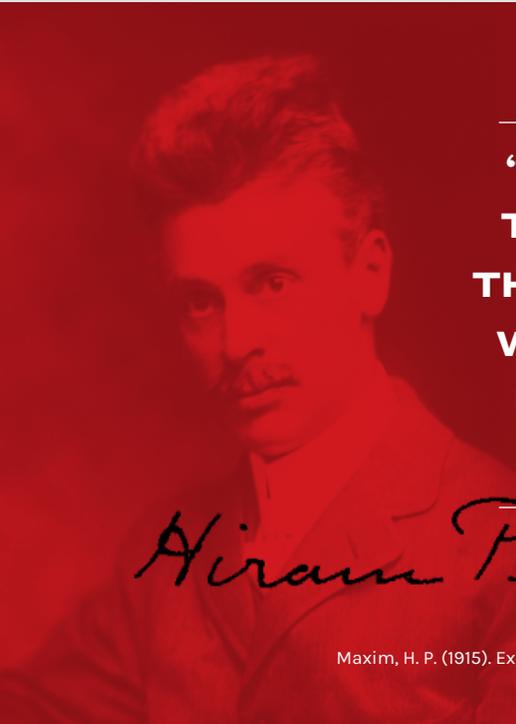


SILENCER RESTRICTION

In 1934, the National Firearms Act (NFA) was created, which placed restrictions on silencers and weapons potentially associated with organized crime and criminal activity (like short barrel shotguns, machine guns, cane guns and more). Even though a person could still legally obtain silencers and these weapons, it came at a price. Specifically, a \$200 tax stamp that created a significant obstacle for firearm enthusiasts.

FINDING A SOLUTION

That \$200 tax stamp is still in effect and the process itself hasn't gotten much easier – until Silencer Central® was founded in 2005. We were the first major company to [ship silencers directly to our customers](#) and simplify every step of the application process – from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) paperwork and tax stamp support to [free NFA gun trusts](#). And now, with the ATF's introduction of eForms, silencer applications can be processed online faster than they are with paper. Basically? It's the simplest silencer buying has been since the day they were invented.

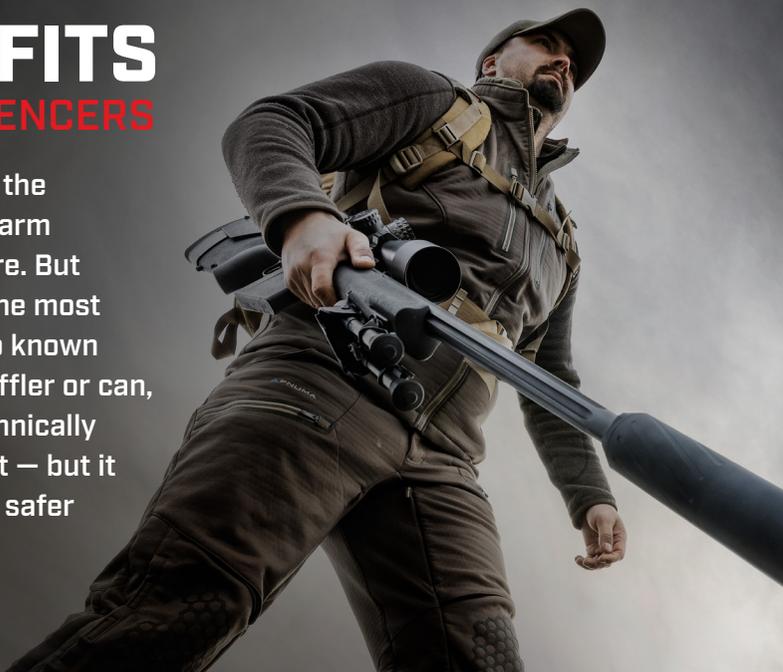


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6 BENEFITS OF USING SILENCERS

Silencers are one of the fastest-growing firearm accessories out there. But they're also one of the most misunderstood. Also known as a suppressor, muffler or can, this tool doesn't technically silence your gunshot — but it does make shooting safer and more enjoyable.



1

PROTECT HEARING (AND THOSE AROUND YOU)

The volume of a gunshot is enough to cause permanent hearing loss — and once that damage is done, there's no getting it back. Silencers bring the decibel count to a hearing-safe level, no earplugs needed.

2

REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION

Using a silencer means you're less likely to disturb neighbors who live near the land you're on. It helps keep public lands public by reducing noise complaints and leads to kinder, more respectful communities.

3

IMPROVE ACCURACY

Recoil isn't just a pain in the shoulder for hunters and shooters – it can affect accuracy, too. In addition to quieting your shot, silencers can help reduce muzzle climb and recoil, improving accuracy.

4

AVOID SCARING OFF GAME

A silenced gunshot is less likely to spook nearby animals you're hunting. Meaning if your buddy bags a buck, you still have a chance to get one too. It's also a great way to efficiently get rid of varmints like coyotes, prairie dogs and groundhogs.

5

COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS

If you're shooting with friends, communication is critical. By containing the noise of your gunshots, you're able to hold conversations with the people around you and don't have to shout over your hearing protection.

6

IMPROVE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

If fumbling around with earplugs or headphones isn't for you, a silencer can provide the same level of hearing protection. This is especially helpful for hunters, since uncovered ears allow you to hear everything from a bear in the woods to a rattlesnake in the brush.

THE FACTS ABOUT SILENCER LEGALITY

Silencers — and the laws surrounding them — are often misunderstood. Thankfully, the reality of silencer legality is simpler than most believe. Here are three things you should know.

FACT #1 SILENCERS ARE LEGAL IN MOST OF THE U.S.

In the majority of the U.S., silencers are legal. The only exception is if you live in one of the eight states where they aren't legal: California, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York or Rhode Island.

FACT #2 YOU CAN HUNT WITH A SILENCER

Of the 42 states where silencer ownership is legal, it's legal to hunt with them in 41. The only outlier is Connecticut, where it's legal to own a silencer, but not to hunt with one.

FACT #3 OWNING A SILENCER IS SIMPLER THAN EVER

All you need to do to own a silencer is be approved by the ATF and pay your tax stamp (we'll even take care of the paperwork for you). After that, you're all set.



TRAVELING WITH A SILENCER

The good news? Silencer owners generally don't need to fill out additional paperwork to transport their can. Even still, before you pack your silencer and hit the road, there are a few things you'll want to consider.

DRIVING WITH YOUR SILENCER

A good rule of thumb when you're [driving with a silencer](#) is to treat it just like you would a firearm (especially if you're driving across state lines). Keep it in a locked case in a spot that's hard to reach. Places like the trunk or under your back seat are usually pretty safe bets.

The Firearms Owners Protection Act of 1986 allows you to drive your silencer through states where they aren't legal – but many silencer owners still choose to avoid those states anyway.

FLYING WITH YOUR SILENCER

Since silencers are legally defined as a firearm, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) treats them like it. And just like any firearm, [you can fly with your silencer](#) to any state where it's legal to own your silencer. You'll need to place your silencer in a TSA-approved locking container and follow the same procedures for checking a firearm aboard the plane.

The one thing you'll want to consider when flying with a silencer is whether your flight has any layovers in states where they aren't legal. You shouldn't have any issues as long as the layovers are planned and your end destination is still a state where silencers are legal.

BRING COPIES OF YOUR PAPERWORK

Whether you're driving across town in a state where silencers are legal or flying across the country, always make sure to have copies of your ATF paperwork and silencer tax stamps on hand.

HOW TO TRANSFER OR SELL YOUR SILENCER

Whether you're selling your silencer or passing it down to a loved one, you can absolutely **transfer it to a new owner**. Before you get too far, there are a few steps you'll need to take with the ATF and some things you'll need to consider before actually giving it to them.

1

ARE SILENCERS LEGAL IN YOUR (AND THEIR) STATE?

Make sure the person you're transferring to lives in one of the 42 states where silencer ownership is legal. It's also good practice to double-check local laws while you're at it.

2

DO YOU LIVE IN THE SAME STATE AS THE NEW OWNER?

Living in the same state as the new owner certainly makes the process easier – but if that's not the case, you can still transfer your silencer. It'll just take a few extra steps.

3

HAS ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK BEEN COMPLETED?

The transfer of your silencer will require you to fill out a **Form 4**, which you can get from the ATF's website. Depending on circumstances like where you both live, more paperwork might be required.

HAVE QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP

We go through this process thousands of times a year – so if you have questions about selling or transferring your silencer, we know exactly how to help. Give us a call at 888.781.8778, send us an email or hop on a chat with a Silencer Central rep at [SilencerCentral.com](https://www.SilencerCentral.com).



HOW TO SET UP FOR A DIRECT THREAD SILENCER

Because they're often light and compact, direct thread silencers are a popular choice for hunters and shooters. The one big consideration? The barrel of your gun needs to be precisely threaded to fit your silencer. Many barrels these days come pre-threaded — but even factory-threaded barrels can be imperfect. A good way to make sure your threading is exact is to send it to a gunsmith or a professional company that specializes in threading.

SILENCER CENTRAL BARREL THREADING SERVICES

Just like the process of buying a silencer, we make the process of getting your gun barrel threaded simpler than ever.

1 PURCHASE THE 360 MAILING PROGRAM

You can [order the service](#) on Silencer Central's website.

2 PACKAGE YOUR FIREARM(S)

Place your firearms in the box we send you, then mail it to us.

3 WAIT FOR THREADING

Our certified machinist will thread your firearm on a specialized CNC machine.

4 GET IT SHIPPED TO YOU

We'll send your newly threaded guns straight to your doorstep.



OUR BARREL THREADING SERVICE IS EASY AND PAINLESS

Our [unique barrel threading service](#) couldn't be simpler. First, strip your firearm down to a barreled action for easy handling. Then, ship your gun straight to us. That's it! We'll handle the rest. We want the entire process of shooting suppressed to be as simple as possible, so we put lots of time and energy into making our barrel threading program the best in the country.

WE'VE MADE SIMPLE EVEN SIMPLER

Buying a silencer has been far too difficult for far too long. That's why we've made it our mission to simplify the process for everyone.



1

**CHOOSE THE RIGHT
SILENCER FOR YOU**

[SHOP NOW](#)



2

**LET US HANDLE
THE PAPERWORK**

[SEE HOW](#)



3

**ENJOY FRONT DOOR
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Pay 25% down, then continue making payments while you wait for your application to be approved.

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NFA GUN TRUST

We'll provide you with a free NFA Gun Trust, personalized for you and customized to your state's regulations.

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BUYING EXPERTS

At Silencer Central, we know more about the ins and outs of silencer laws perhaps more than anyone else. And we put that knowledge to work not just by making it easy for you to buy a silencer – but by helping you find one that's perfect for your needs.

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DIRECT SHIPPING

We're licensed in all 42 states where silencers are legal – which allows us to deliver your new silencer straight to your front door.

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