



Magpul BTR/BSL FAQ

Q: Is there an ATF opinion letter for the Magpul BTR and BSL?

A: The ATF is no longer issuing classification letters for firearm accessories, including braces. The ATF has seen these products, and they have been specifically designed to closely conform to the features and limitations identified in existing opinion letters.

An additional data point is that many common brace-type products do not have an individual letter for that specific product and instead rely on referring to classification of previous products in a manufacturer's line, and this is really no different. In fact, we conform quite closely to approved features, function, and dimensions in the body of existing classifications. It is still the responsibility of the customer to ensure that their specific configuration is compliant in their location.

Q: Is the BTR/BSL a stock?

A: **No.** The BTR and BSL are expressly designed to aid single handed operation of AR-based firearms. The features, dimensions, and characteristics have all been chosen specifically for this function.

Q: Can I fire this from the shoulder?

A: **The BTR and BSL are designed to aid single handed firing of AR-based firearms.** Any other use is outside the intended purpose of the product. There are several ATF opinion letters regarding the shouldering of brace-equipped firearms, and we encourage reading those opinions to be best informed about current interpretations.

Q: Can I use this on an A5 extension?

A: The BTR and BSL are specifically designed for a standard, mil-spec carbine-style receiver extension*. Using an A5 or other extension that is longer than a regular carbine extension will allow the BTR and BSL to extend to a length that exceeds the ATF opinion limitations on extended length of 13.5". If the BTR/BSL are used on an A5 length extension, permanent modification is required to ensure maximum length is not exceeded.

Q: Can I use this in conjunction with a LAW Folding Stock adapter or a similar product?

A: The BTR and BSL are specifically designed for standard, mil-spec carbine-style receiver extensions* without any additional accessories that increase the effective length of the receiver extension. Adding any accessory or component that results in the carbine receiver extension protruding further to the rear may allow the BTR and BSL to extend to a length that exceeds the ATF opinion limitations on extended length of 13.5". If the BTR/BSL are used with any of these accessories, permanent modification is required to ensure maximum length is not exceeded.

Q: Doesn't a standard carbine receiver extension turn a firearm into a rifle?

A: No. The ATF has issued several opinions that state that a carbine receiver extension does not in and of itself make an AR receiver into a rifle, and at least one brace classification letter has been issued approving the use of a carbine receiver extension with a blade-style brace and maintaining pistol classification.** **Final configuration is what is evaluated by the ATF, and it is recommended that the user be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations to make sure that their final configuration is compliant.**

Q: Do I need to use a sling with the BTR/BSL?

A: It is not necessary. The shape of the BTR/BSL provide stability simply by contacting the forearm. By using a sling, however, additional tension can be applied to add stability and control. The rear-mounted QD socket provides a centered sling mounting point for this purpose and can be used with either hand. A QD sling mount can also be added to the M-LOK slot on either side of the BTR or BSL, which can add some additional tension into the user's forearm, but then is optimized for firing from a specific (left or right) hand.

Full disclaimer info:

*Mil-spec carbine receiver extension equipped AR Pistols. Not compatible with proprietary, pistol, or commercial receiver extensions. All ATF, NFA, state and local rules and laws apply, where applicable.

**ATF has ruled that attaching stabilizing braces with certain features will not make a firearm NFA controlled. This product conforms to this ATF precedent, and the body of existing classification opinions. As of December 10, 2019, ATF is no longer issuing classification letters for firearm accessories, including stabilizing braces.

*****This product is designed and intended to serve only as a forearm brace for one-handed firing of a pistol. It is not intended to be fired from the shoulder. Any redesign or reconfiguration of this product may render the attached firearm NFA controlled. The user is exclusively responsible for determining the correct application of state and federal law based on the unique configuration of each firearm.**



