

So, You Want An

AR-15 in CALIFORNIA!



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How it's possible

Due to a 2001 court ruling, AR-15 and AK "series" rifles are legal to possess unless they are listed in section 12276(e) of the California Penal Code, which can no longer be added to by the CA Department of Justice. As a result, "off-list" rifles have been spreading rapidly in California since late 2005. Presently, most off-list rifles are built with magazines which cannot be detached by hand (i.e. a tool is needed), or with detachable magazines but no prohibited "features" (such as pistol grips). "Pistol grip replacement" stocks and grips are available for AR and AK rifles. Should a new State or Federal ban be passed, you may not have the opportunity for long to build a rifle before they again become prohibited; many have purchased just the receivers for these weapons to ensure that they can legally build their rifles at a later date. This flier only touches the surface; read <http://www.calguns.net/> for FAR more detail, as well as up to the minute news.

Receiver Pricing

AR-15 receivers generally cost \$100-\$175. AK receivers generally run between \$75-\$125. 308-caliber AR's will be available, but higher. Dealers who stock lowers often charge more than online vendors, but the rates are often very competitive because internet purchases incur transfer fees. Some dealers are listed on the bottom of this flier.

Total rifle price

Building on a budget with inexpensive parts, a normal AR can easily be built for \$525 over the price of the receiver. An AK can generally be built for \$325 in parts, but requires an investment in specialized tooling. Extremely high-end rifles, particularly 308-caliber AR's, can run several thousand dollars. Any in-spec AR receiver can become a high or low end rifle, however ask on Calguns if you're wondering about AK brands.

AK builds

Off-list AK rifles can be built using a variety of methods, although they all require more than a casual degree of metalworking. However, complete rifles are readily available, generally starting around \$550 and ranging up to \$800.

Further questions can be answered by going to <http://www.calguns.net/> and searching the forums. You can also email me personally at [offlist @ thegunwiki.com](mailto:offlist@thegunwiki.com).

Transfer dealers

This is NOT all, just the ones I've gotten permission to post!

Bright Spot Pawn	Riverside	915-360-1796	
Cold War Shooters	Texas	915-479-8553	(they have transfer dealers throughout CA)
Ten Percent Firearms	Taft	661-765-6899	

This list is kept online: <http://thegunwiki.com/Gunwiki/CalArOpenFFLs>