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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An absolute must for these fine Hungarian pistolsBy jmiersUnfortunately, there just isn't a lot known about these Browning Hi-Power clones, but after having 2 of them, they're every bit as good as the Brownings that they're modeled after, except...there are a myriad of model numbers, importers, and even different operating systems. If you're wondering if your FEG is a BHP-compatible clone, this is

THE source for information because some are 100% compatible with 100% Browning internal operating system, some are partial compatible with an internal operating system like a SW 39xx/59xx series, and some have a Browning internal operating system but are only 85-90% compatible. Mr. Paragien has provided a GREAT resource for those wanting information on these inexpensive (definitely not cheap) pistols! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This little book is a big frog in the small pond. By K. R. O. Brien. Where else are you going to go for information on Hungarian Hi-Powers? I liked this enough that I bought the paperback for the office shelves after reading the Kindle version. I'm a professional in the field. It is a very slim book and, as a critical review notes, based on a limited number of samples. But it's also based on Jerry Paregien's and Gary Frazier's (Jerry's all-but-co-author's) first-hand observations. This book avoids the "telephone" trap of repeating Internet conventional wisdom of uncertain provenance. The author is very active on a forum related to the BHP, and his invariably helpful posts there lay the groundwork for this short but focused work. There is room for a larger 2nd edition with some more content, for example, more detail on exports to third countries (neither Hungary nor the USA), and more detail on the Mauser SA80 and DA90 and the version sold in South Africa as the Luger SA80, and a serial number list however incomplete. (From even a small number of serials it's possible to make production estimates; google the "Tiger tank problem" as taught in B-schools). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I was considerably underwhelmed by it. Not really a ... By Drew N. Early. I was considerably underwhelmed by it. Not really a treatise on the FEG; rather his personal experiences with a very limited number of samples. No significant information as to s/n ranges, dates of manufacture by model, or overall quantities. A halfhearted attempt to contact former KBI importer Kassnar was referenced and written off as "the Daly website had gone down"--yet, informed internet search has much information directly available online from the Kassnar family representative. Similarly, no information was presented relative to KBI use of FEG frames and FN slides, but thousands of these guns were imported into the US, either directly or as used police guns (primarily from Israel). I shoulda just saved my \$5.99 and stuck w/ the internet...

There are only a few handguns in the past century that can equal the long term regard earned by the FN/Browning Hi-Power, or P-35, by its owners and users. First produced in 1935, and the result of the collaborative efforts of John M. Browning and Dieudonné Saive of Fabrique Nationale, the Hi-Power has been manufactured almost continually since then by FN in Belgium. Once the original Browning patents for this pistol had expired, manufacturers could produce the Hi-Power without legal ramifications. One of the foremost and most prolific of those producers was the Hungarian conglomerate of FG, which in 1971 developed the P9, one of the most faithful versions of the Browning design ever made in quantity outside the FN factories in Belgium and Portugal. Fully illustrated with over thirty detailed photographs.