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Hugo Borchardt, born in Germany and later a naturalized U.S. citizen designed a large toggle-action semi-automatic pistol called the Borchardt C/93.

Georg Luger, born in Austria designed a pistol that was an evolution of the Borchardt design. The Luger pistol is semi-automatic, magazine-fed pistol that operates on the short-recoil principle.

In 1902 Luger developed the 9 mm Luger Parabellum by re-necking the case of the 7.65 mm Luger round. The Luger model 1904, in 9 mm Luger was adopted by the German Navy. The German Army adopted the pistol in 1908 and gave the pistol the designation [Parabellum](#) Model 08, or P.08. The Luger was the standard sidearm for the German army during WWI and WWII but was replaced by the Walther P.38.

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