

	Caliber	Markings	length	weight
Oswald (Klein ad.)	6.5		36"	5½ lb.
Commission	6.5	C2766 Made Italy 1940 ----- 91/38 Mann. Car.	40.2" ----- (34.8) (stock)	8 lb.
Internatl Armament	6.5	(91-38)	40	7.5
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Mauser Karabiner 98		Erfurt 1903 Kar 98	37.4	7.8

This model was soon followed by the Mannlicher-Carcano Model 38 7.35mm short rifle. This weapon retained all the basic Carcano features but was a modernized version, lighter in weight and shorter in length designed especially for the new cartridge. The rifle was placed in production at the Terni factory, and thousands were manufactured along with large quantities of ammunition. However, the replacement of the 6.5mm models had not progressed very far when Italy entered World War II. Unable to afford the high cost of manufacturing enough of the new rifles to quickly re-equip all her military forces, and faced with the alternative requirement of supplying two cartridges and rifles piecemeal to her armed forces, Italy reluctantly decided to drop the 7.35mm weapons and retain the 6.5mm arms. In order to make use of some of the Model 38 rifles already manufactured, considerable numbers of them were refitted with 6.5mm barrels and became known as the Model 91-38 6.5mm. The remainder were held in storage pending the time when the postponed adoption of the 7.35mm cartridge could be put into effect. When Italy became a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization after World War II, the U.S. M1 Garand rifle was adopted as the standard rifle, canceling all plans for the adoption of the 7.35mm Carcano. The rifles held in storage were sold as surplus material.