

## Legal Hobby Fireworks Manufacturing www.LegalPyro.com - Licensing Checklist

- Obtain and read the ATF Orange Book to understand Federal regulations.
- Request an Application for Explosives License or Permit from the ATF and determine which type of magazine will be required to meet your needs.
- Contact local officials and determine if any local laws or ordinances exist that address making and storing fireworks. Request a copy and record your conversations in a journal.
  - Village
  - City
  - Town or Township
  - County or Parish
- Research and read your State Statutes to understand how your state regulates the use, manufacture, storage, and transportation of Fireworks.
- Determine which agencies are empowered with enforcement responsibilities.
- Contact each agency identified in the prior step and request copies of any procedures or administrative rules that have been adopted to enforce the state statutes.
- Determine a location for the type of storage magazine you will need. If you plan to build a magazine, be sure to obtain any required building permits prior to starting construction.
- Assure that you fully understand all governing laws and requirements and that you have documented all the steps taken to this point. You may need to educate various local and state officials as you make application for licenses and permits.
- Contact any local or state agencies that you identified previously and request an application for the storage of explosives in your community and an application for whatever manufacturing permits or licenses that may be required.

Generally a state inspection of your storage facility requires that you have already obtained a federal license. State agencies may inspect your magazine but not issue a storage permit until after you have received your federal license.

- Complete and mail your Application for an Explosives License from the ATF. A fingerprint card from the local police department may not be accepted by ATF, be sure to use FBI form FD-258 which can be obtained from the National Licensing Center or your nearest ATF office. It is recommended that you use certified mail with a return receipt.

The ATF asks for information about the status of your state or local license or permit. While this may seem like a catch 22 situation, because local agencies also request a copy of your federal license, you just need to be able to describe the legal requirements and explain that the local or state permits are pending issuance of the federal license.

- Be prepared to respond promptly to any requests for additional information from all agencies as they to process your applications. The ATF may take 90 days or more.