

Russian/Molot VEPR & Saiga:

The VEPR and Saiga use a punch-crimp to secure the piston against unscrewing from the bolt carrier. These crimps will need to be drilled out at .125"-.160" diameter so the original piston can be removed. The original factory-installed length of the piston that protrudes from the nose of the carrier also needs to be recorded so the replacement piston assembly can be installed to the same length. Once threaded in to match the original protruding length, the KNS piston Op-Rod will need to be drilled at .100" diameter with a #39 bit to match the holes in the carrier where the punch-crimps were originally, before the spring-pin can be installed. The VEPR/Saiga model op-rod has a softer protective coating than nitriding so it may still be successfully drilled with common steel drill bits