


<p>California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT John Marsh, Chief</p> 	<h1>INFORMATION BULLETIN</h1>	
<p><i>Subject:</i> <b>Important Notice to All California Licensed Firearm Dealers Re: Sale and Possession of Juggernaut Tactical's "Featureless Series" Rifles—Including the F-9, F-10, and F-15 Rifles</b></p>	<p><i>No.</i> 2022-DLE-02</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i>  Bureau of Firearms (916) 210-2300</p>
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**TO: All California Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Agencies, Centralized List of Firearms Dealers, Manufacturers, and Exempt Federal Firearms Licensees**

The Department of Justice (the "Department") recently became aware that Juggernaut Tactical ("Juggernaut") has asked California licensed firearm dealers to sell its "Featureless Series" of rifles—including the F-9, F-10, and F-15 Rifles. The Department has received requests for clarification as to whether these rifles qualify as assault weapons under California law. This Bulletin is intended to provide guidance regarding the sale and/or possession of these rifles in California.

**The Department has determined that all three of Juggernaut's "Featureless Series" rifles are assault weapons under California Penal Code section 30515, subdivision (a)(1)(A).** The possession, manufacture, distribution, transportation, importation, keeping for sale, offering for sale, or exposing for sale of these firearms in the state of California is a violation of the California Penal Code. **DO NOT SELL these rifles.**

Pictures of **the Juggernaut "Featureless Series" rifles—the F-9, F-10, and F-15 rifles**—retrieved from Juggernaut's website (<https://jtactical.com/category/27>), are below:

**F-9 Featureless Rifle**



**F-10 Featureless Rifle**



**F-15 Featureless Rifle**



**These rifles have a pistol grip that, when combined with other characteristics of the rifle, violates the provisions of California Penal Code section 30515, subdivision (a)(1)(A).** Penal Code section 30515, subdivision (a)(1)(A) describes one type of an assault weapon as a "semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that does not have a fixed magazine but has ... (A) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon." California regulations define such a pistol grip as a "grip that allows for a pistol style grasp in which the web of the trigger hand (between the thumb and index finger) can be placed beneath or below the top of the exposed portion of the trigger while firing. This definition includes pistol grips on bullpup firearm designs." (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 11, § 5471 (z).)

The Department has concluded that **all three** rifles in the "Featureless Series"—the F-9, F-10, and F-15—fall within the plain language of these provisions. It is clear from pictures of these rifles on Juggernaut's website that the pistol grip "*allows for a pistol style grasp in which the web of the trigger hand (between the thumb and index finger) can be placed beneath or below the top of the exposed portion of the trigger while firing.*" (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 11, § 5471 (z), italics added.) **None** of the "Featureless Series" rifles meet the regulatory definition of "featureless," which "means a semiautomatic firearm (rifle, pistol, or shotgun) lacking the characteristics associated with that weapon, as listed in Penal Code section 30515." (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 11, § 5471 (o).)

**The manufacture, distribution, transportation, importation, keeping for sale, offering for sale, or exposing for sale of the "Featureless Series" rifles in California is prohibited under Penal Code section 30600, subdivision (a).** A violation of this provision is a felony subject to a maximum punishment of eight years in prison.

The mere possession of a "Featureless Series" rifle in California can be a misdemeanor pursuant to Penal Code section 30605, subdivision (a).

**DO NOT SELL a Juggernaut "Featureless Series" rifle—including the F-9, F-10, and F-15 rifles.** A cease-and-desist letter demanding the immediate cessation of the sale of these rifles has been sent to Juggernaut.

As a California Licensed Firearms Dealer, **please ensure that all staff members who process Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) transactions are informed of this bulletin** and are familiar with the California Penal Code to ensure compliance. The California Penal Code can be found in electronic format at <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Firearms, Customer Support Center at (855) 365-3767 or via email at [bofdes@doj.ca.gov](mailto:bofdes@doj.ca.gov).