French Type ‘D’ fusil
the 1730 - 1763 trade gun

French fur traders bartered the Type ‘D’ trade gun as early as 1730. Simple, sturdy, in many variations, the Type ‘D’ fusil was the standard trade gun until the French were ejected from Canada by the British in 1763, after the French and Indian War.

Our Type ‘D’ kit is based on the most popular of the variations known. We offer traditional iron and fancy brass trim. Oddly, the Type ‘D’ was not made with matching finials on the triggerguard and buttplate.

We do not yet know the French name for this trade fusil. It was designated as the Type ‘D’ by T. M. Hamilton in his book Colonial Frontier Guns.

Not difficult to assemble, our newly refined stock pattern makes the Type ‘D’ fusil a good first project for the novice who has some woodworking skills and simple hand tools. If this is your first project, we highly recommend that you purchase and read one of our many books or watch a DVD’s on gunbuilding. These part sets do not include step-by-step instructions. These are correct copies of original guns and not a good project if you don’t have a good working knowledge of how these firearms function.

We will be glad to help answer your technical problems, if you should encounter any, but you should read the gunbuilding manuals for general construction information.