SKS Magazine Conversion Kits

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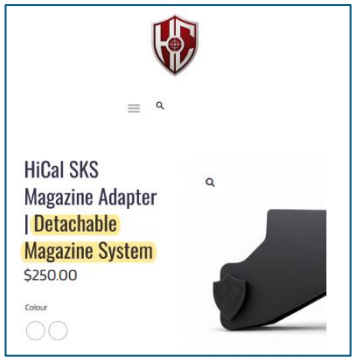
Modifying an SKS rifle so it can use a 10-round detachable magazine instead of its original fixed 5-round magazine: The adapter kits replace the SKS's original fixed magazine system so the rifle can accept detachable 10-round magazines instead of being limited to 5 rounds. Installing the adapter requires the modification of the rifle. There is also a requirement to alter the magazines themselves for some kits (like the TNA Gen 2).



Original links :
https://truenortharms.com/gen-2-true-north-arms-cf-flared-sks-magwell-complete/
https://canadiansafetysource.ca/sks/roc-sks-to-ar-magazine-adapter
https://hical.ca/product/hical-sks-magazine-adapter-detachable-magazine-system/

FROM THS ADS:

"Milling the receivers"

- The receiver is the main metal body of the rifle that holds the moving parts.
- Milling means cutting or machining metal away.
- The idea it to cut into the rifle's body to change how it accepts magazines.

"To accept Durham 10 round AR pistol mags"

- Durham is a brand of magazine.
- AR pistol mags are magazines designed for AR-style *pistols*.
- Key loophole: In Canada, magazines designed for pistols are limited to 10 rounds, not 5. So a 10-round AR pistol magazine is legal.
- The modification lets the SKS take these legal 10-round magazines.

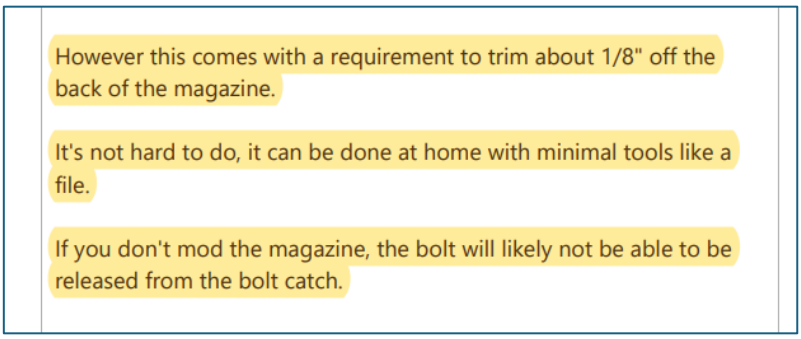
"Allows for quick magazine changes"

- The original SKS has a fixed magazine you reload with stripper clips (slower).
- After modification, you can swap magazines like a modern rifle — much faster reloads.

These products are openly sold:
The True North Arms (TNA) ad describes a "Flared SKS Magwell COMPLETE" made from 3D-printed carbon fibre nylon and CNC-milled parts, priced at $135.99. The HiCal ad describes a "Detachable Magazine System" that "Allows use of compatible 10-round magazines". Both are sold by Canadian companies.

The 10-round magazine compatibility is the selling point:
HiCal's ad states the adapter is "Compatible with 7.62×39 AR-pattern magazines" and "Allows use of compatible 10-round magazines". This is the core of the workaround: AR-pattern pistol magazines are limited to 10 rounds under Canadian law, and the adapter lets the SKS accept them.

Installation requires permanent modification of the rifle:
The TNA ad is explicit: "These require a good chunk of clearance to be made in the receiver metal of the sks and stock modifications."

Legal status murky, likely illegal
While the *magazines* are technically legal, modifying the rifle itself to accept them likely violates Canadian law. Altering a firearm's magazine well to accept a prohibited-capacity magazine for that firearm type is generally not permitted. The "loophole" is that the magazines were designed for pistols, not rifles — but once you adapt a rifle to use them, the legal status becomes murky.

Requirement to modify magazines as well
True North Arms references magazine modification. In the product description for its Gen 2 SKS Magwell, TNA states: *"The Gen 2 will likely need the magazine mod that is detailed in the youtube video."* A discussion among Canadian gun owners about the TNA Gen 2 adapter highlights that the Gen 2 design requires modifying the magazine (trimming the back) to function. One poster noted that if you modify a 10-round pistol magazine to work in a semi-automatic rifle, you have "redesigned the magazine to fit a semi automatic rifle, which means that 10 round pistol magazine is now a prohibited device". The RCMP's official position is that magazine capacity is determined by what the magazine was designed for, not what gun it is used in. A magazine designed for a pistol is legal at 10 rounds. But if it is altered to function in a rifle, that legal basis likely collapses.