



BEAR CREEK[®] ARSENAL

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION INSIDE: Read this manual before handling this firearm. Keep this manual with your firearm and review it before each use. Do not allow others to handle or fire your firearm until they have read this manual. Transfer this manual with the firearm upon ownership change. **THIS MANUAL IS FOR Bear Creek Arsenal[®] FIREARMS ONLY.** Be a responsible firearm owner. Use it safely, store it securely, and always transfer a firearm responsibly and legally.

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BEFORE LOADING AND FIRING THIS FIREARM, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS MANUAL.

This is an auto loading firearm. It is immediately loaded and ready to fire again after each shot until all cartridges loaded in magazine have been fired. The firearm is able to fire both with and without the magazine in place. REMOVING THE MAGAZINE DOES NOT UNLOAD THE FIREARM NOR DOES IT ENGAGE A SAFETY. THE FIREARM IS NOT UNLOADED UNTIL THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED AND THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY. ABOUT YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL This is an instruction booklet on how to operate this firearm with some basic safe handling rules. It does not attempt to provide information about using a firearm to defend yourself, how to hunt, or for competitive or target shooting. It is important to receive training from a competent firearms instructor prior to engaging in any of these activities. Every safety rule has a reason behind it - read the rules carefully and understand why each is important for safety. It is recommended that every person receive instructions from a competent firearms instructor before handling this or any other firearm. Know and obey all firearms laws and regulations, which may vary from city to city and state to state. Do not give a firearm to someone who is not allowed to own a firearm or who may use it for a criminal purpose.

WARNING: Altering your firearm in any way could violate local, state or federal laws/regulations.

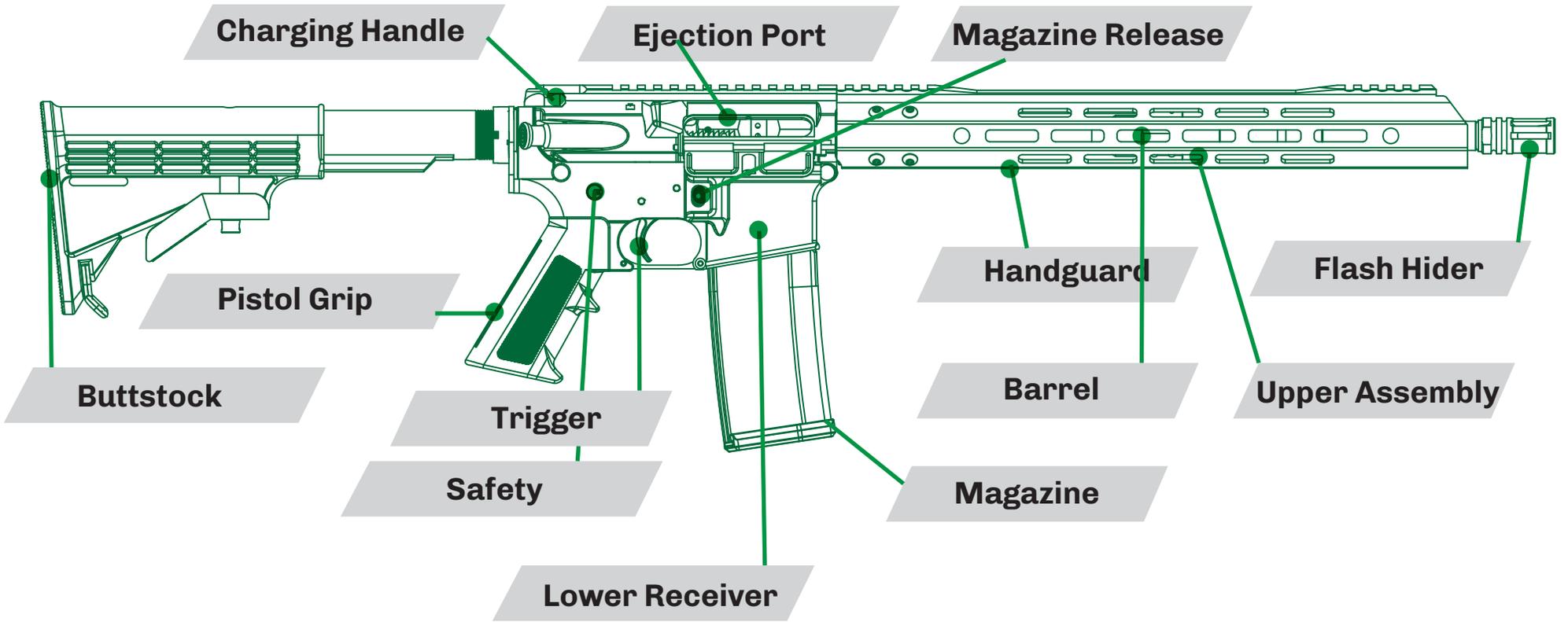
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Obey firearm storage laws.

Store firearms and ammunition separately.

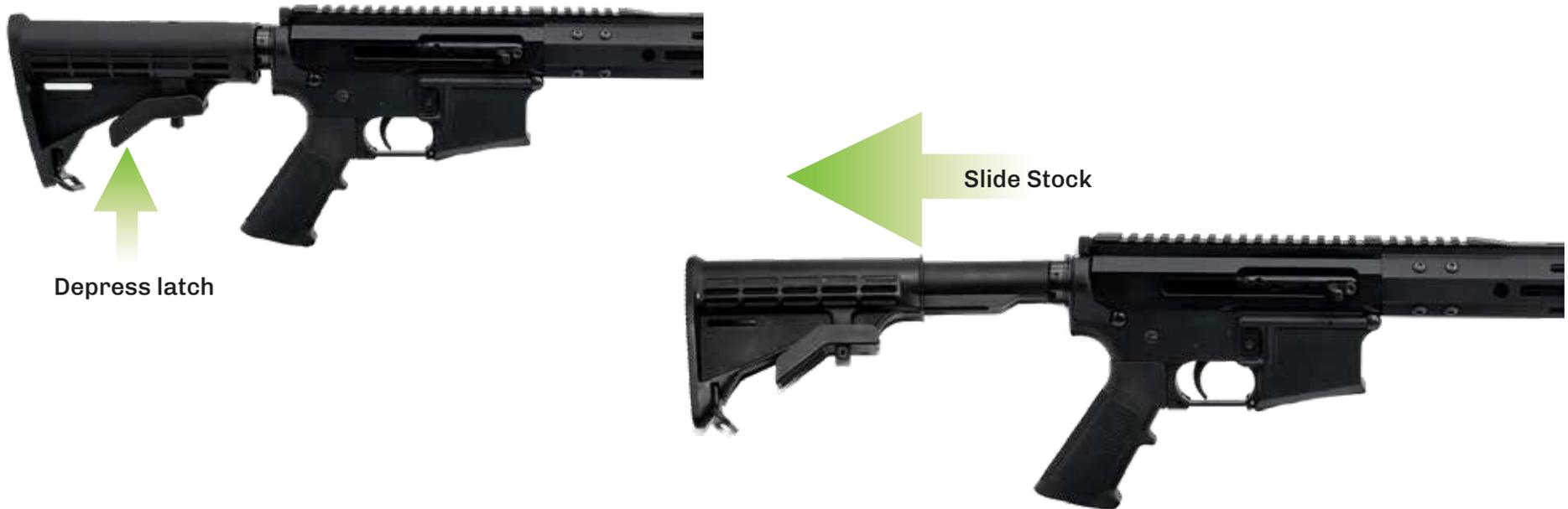
AR RIFLE PARTS



COLLAPSIBLE STOCK ADJUSTMENT

Your AR may be equipped with an adjustable buttstock. If so, follow the procedure below to adjust the stock to one of six positions.

1. Remove magazine and unload firearm
2. Rotate the safety selector to the "SAFE" position
3. POINT GUN IN SAFE DIRECTION WHILE KEEPING FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER.
4. Depress the latch lever and slide the stock to the desired length, then ensure the latch is engaged by moving the stock back and forth.



SAFETY RULES, READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE SAFETY RULES

Be A Safe Shooter.

ACCIDENT (ak' si dent) N. 1. An unintentional or unexpected happening that is undesirable or unfortunate, especially one resulting in injury, damage, harm or loss.

Don't be the cause of an accident. A responsible firearm owner is safety minded and always handles firearms in a safe manner by following the basic rules of safe shooting and by using common sense in the handling of a firearm. Store firearms unloaded, locked, and in a secure place. Keep keys for locks separate from lock and in a secure place away from children. Keep firearms out of reach of children. You are responsible for children's safety. Be A Responsible Gun Owner.

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded at all times.
- Never point a firearm at any person or thing you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and have made the **DECISION** to fire.
- Be sure you have positively identified your target.
- **ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
- Do not drop your firearm. Make sure you maintain control of your firearm at all times. If it falls, it may fire. If you do drop it, unload it and examine it to be sure it works correctly. Do not attempt to fire it again until you have completed this safety check.
- Never put your hand over the muzzle of the firearm.
- Keep your finger(s) off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you are actually aiming at your target and made the decision to fire.
- Under no circumstances should the owner/purchaser of this firearm allow it to come into possession of or be handled by small children or a mentally handicapped individual.
- **DO NOT COVER THE EJECTION PORT WITH YOUR HANDS WHEN LOADING/UNLOADING YOUR FIREARM. SAFETY RULES READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE SAFETY RULES TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT IS LOADED ... ALL THE TIME.**
- Never rely on a firearm's "safety features" to protect you from unsafe firearm handling. A safety is only a mechanical device, not a substitute for common sense.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and have made the **DECISION** to fire.
- Be sure of your target and backstop before you shoot. Ask yourself what your bullet will hit if it misses or goes through the target.
- Before shooting, be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions, including excessive oil and grease.
- Do not let water, snow, mud or other materials enter the barrel.
- Do not pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
- Always hold your firearm so you control the direction of its muzzle in case you fall or stumble. **BE A RESPONSIBLE FIRE-ARM OWNER!**
- **ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

- If anything does get into the barrel, remove cartridges, and clean bore immediately before attempting to shoot. Obstructed barrels can burst and injure you and/or bystanders.
 - Maintain possession of your firearm at all times when you are on the firing range or during target practice. **DO NOT ALLOW OTHERS TO HANDLE YOUR FIREARM UNLESS THAT PERSON IS BEING INSTRUCTED OR TRAINED.**
- BE A SAFE FIREARM OWNER!**
- **ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
 - Firearms and alcohol or drugs do not mix. Do not take them before or during shooting activities. Your vision, coordination and judgment could be impaired, making firearm handling unsafe.
 - When taking medication, seek a doctor's advice to be sure you can operate and handle your firearm safely.
 - Receive training from a competent firearms instructor before using any firearm.
 - Before attempting to shoot, practice operations by using snap caps (dummy rounds). Become familiar with the safety features, trigger control, and handling of the firearm.
 - Make sure you maintain control of your firearm at all times.
 - Always keep and carry your firearm with an empty chamber until you intend to shoot, so your firearm cannot be fired unintentionally.
 - Firearms should be unloaded when not in use. This means both the chamber and magazine are empty.
 - When transferring a firearm by hand, always open the action and check to assure that it is unloaded prior to handing it over to someone.
 - Never take anyone's word that a firearm is unloaded. When receiving a firearm, always open the action and check that it is unloaded.
 - Do not try to change your firearm's trigger pull, because alterations of trigger pull usually affect the fit of critical parts and might cause accidental firing.
 - Never use a firearm that jams or fails to function properly. Should this occur, send in for replacement/repair.
 - If your shot sounds weak or underpowered, it could mean a bullet is in the chamber/bore. The gun should be immediately unloaded and the chamber/bore checked for obstructions before refiring.
 - **DO NOT "HORSEPLAY" with a firearm.** Your firearm cannot think, but you can. Firearm safety depends on you. **IMPORTANT WARNING** There is no safe way to discharge a firearm in a home or apartment. Bullets will go through walls, floors, furniture, and appliances and still cause serious injury or death to persons in the house, next-door, or outside. Accidental discharges indoors **ALWAYS** result in property damage or personal injury.
 - Load firearm only when on range preparing to fire. Unload it before leaving range.
 - Treat every firearm as if it is loaded ... all the time!
 - Load and unload with the firearm muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
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- Be certain firearm is unloaded before cleaning.

- **Completely unload your firearm before storing, travelling, standing it against an object, laying it down, entering a house, car, truck, boat, RV/camper, building, or handing it to someone.**
- **Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.**
- **Tragedy may result if a child finds your firearm and plays with it. Keep every firearm secure. Children do not understand firearms can kill.**
- **Store firearms and ammunition separately. Both should be placed beyond children's reach.**
- **Obey all laws regarding the storage and security of firearms in the home. READ THESE RULES!**
- **Know and obey the laws regarding the transportation and carrying of firearms.**
- **Old or reloaded ammunition may cause damage to the firearm and/or injure you or others. Use only clean, dry, original, high-quality, commercially manufactured ammunition. Using reloaded ammunition may void the warranty.**
- **ALWAYS REMEMBER, REMOVING THE MAGAZINE DOES NOT UNLOAD THE RIFLE NOR DOES IT ENGAGE A SAFETY.**
- **ALWAYS REMEMBER, THE FIREARM IS NOT UNLOADED UNTIL THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED AND THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY.**
- **ALWAYS REMEMBER, THIS FIREARM IS ABLE TO FIRE WITH OR WITHOUT THE MAGAZINE IN PLACE.**
- **Many ammunition identifications sound similar. Make sure you use the right caliber/size ammunition in your firearm.**
- **If firearm fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, keep it pointed at the target for at least 30 seconds. Remove the magazine before opening the action. Remove the cartridge from the chamber. Sometimes slow primer ignition will cause a "hang fire" and the cartridge will go off after a short pause.**
- **When group firing, always appoint someone to maintain safety control. Obey his/her commands immediately and completely.**
- **While shooter is loading, firing, and unloading, spectators need to remain behind shooter.**

- Always wear protective glasses when shooting.
- Always wear hearing protection when shooting.
- Never shoot at hard flat surfaces or water; bullets will ricochet unpredictably.
- Do not alter or modify your firearm.
- Have your firearm serviced regularly by a qualified gunsmith.
- Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, cancer and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after firing your firearm, after cleaning your firearm, or whenever you have handled ammunition.
- Always use quality ammunition.
- ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

DETERMINE FIREARM IS LOADED/ UNLOADED

Always make sure firearm is unloaded before handling.

1. POINT FIREARM IN SAFE DIRECTION WHILE KEEPING YOUR FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER.
2. Press magazine release button to remove magazine.
3. With finger off trigger fully retract rear/ side charging handle.
4. From above right and rear, carefully inspect chamber to make sure it is empty.
5. Slowly lower charging handle.



Turn the safety device to switch between fire and safe



Empty Chamber

AMMUNITION

Bear Creek Arsenal offers in AR's in several caliber options. Locate the cartridge designation, for caliber, marked on the firearm's barrel. This information indicates the correct ammunition that must be used in your firearm. Bear Creek Arsenal firearms are direct impingement gas operated firearms and as such rely on the amount of pressure of the gass developed when the cartridge is fired.

NOTE: If your Bear Creek Arsenal® rifle/pistol is chambered in 5.56 NATO, it will fire both 5.56 NATO and .223 Remington ammunition. If your Bear Creek Arsenal® rifle/pistol is a .223 Wylde , it will fire both 5.56 NATO and .223 Remington ammunition, as the chamber is made for this.

You are responsible for selecting ammunition that meets industry standards and is appropriate in type and caliber for this firearm. Never mix ammunition.

AMMUNITION Warning!

Never use ammunition not specifically designated for use in your firearm. Failure to use the correct type or caliber of ammunition may cause the firearm to jam, or fail to fire, or may generate excessive pressure which can damage or even rupture your firearm, causing personal injury or death to the shooter or bystanders. Always inspect your ammunition before using it. Never use dirty, corroded or damaged ammunition. A burst cartridge may result, causing damage to the firearm and personal injury or death to the shooter or bystanders. In some cases, a round of ammunition not specified on your firearm and not listed as alternate ammunition in this manual, may fit into the chamber. Firing this ammunition may cause a rupture resulting in damage to the firearm and personal injury or death to the shooter or bystanders. For more information regarding usage of caliber combination, refer to: www.SAAMI.org

A firearm and ammunition are a system and must work together. There are different types of ammunition for different types of firearms. Your firearm has been designed for ammunition of a specific type and a specific gauge or caliber. It is important to select the proper ammunition for your firearm. Different combinations of bullet velocity, bullet weight and firearm weight can have major impact on felt recoil; high felt recoil can be uncomfortable to some shooters. CAUTION: Use of ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers in this firearm is not recommended and will cause oxidation to develop on any metal parts of the firearm. Ammunition manufactured by SAAMI member companies does not have corrosive primers.

LOADING/PREPARING TO FIRE

- Place the EMPTY magazine in the magazine well, located in bottom of firearm. Push firmly enough on bottom of magazine to make sure it is properly seated. A distinctive “click” will confirm the magazine has been properly inserted. Pull the rear/side charging handle completely to the rear until the bolt carrier locks back. Return the charging handle to the latched position and rotate the safety selector to “SAFE”.
- POINT FIREARM IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND KEEP FINGER OFF TRIGGER.

CAUTION: Never load cartridge by hand directly into the chamber.

WARNING: Never touch the trigger when loading or unloading the firearm.

FIRING: Always wear eye and ear protection when using any firearm.

THE FIREARM IS NOW READY TO FIRE. BE PREPARED FOR NOISE AND RECOIL WHEN FIREARM FIRES.

- Aim firearm at target by aligning sights.
- Rotate safety selector to “Fire.”
- Now lightly place finger on trigger, and slowly squeeze trigger to fire the firearm. Spent cartridge is expelled up and to the right, unless it is left ejecting 9mm AR or a left side charger. It is immediately loaded and ready to fire again after each shot until all cartridges loaded in magazine have been fired. The firearm is able to fire both with and without the magazine in place. Rifle will automatically be ready to fire again after each shot until all cartridges loaded in magazine have been fired.

REMOVING THE MAGAZINE DOES NOT UNLOAD THIS FIREARM NOR DOES IT ENGAGE A SAFETY.

THIS FIREARM IS NOT UNLOADED UNTIL THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED AND THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY.

Put safety selector on “SAFE.”

Press magazine release button to remove magazine.

From above right and rear, carefully inspect chamber to make sure it is empty.

CAUTION: Do not cover the ejection port with your hand when firing your rifle/pistol.

UNLOADING

1. Rotate safety selector to “SAFE” position.
2. While pointing the muzzle in a safe direction, remove the magazine by depressing the magazine release and pulling the magazine out
3. With your finger off trigger fully retract charging handle, ejecting cartridge.
4. Release/lower charging handle.
5. Retract charging handle to lock back to rearward position.
6. Push charging handle in closed position.
7. Re-inspect chamber to ensure firearm is unloaded. Insert chamber flag, retract charging handle, and slowly lower. Push charging handle in closed position.

CAUTION: Step 3 is a crucial part of the unloading process. Do not depend on the fact that no casing was ejected on clearing. There could still be a live round in the chamber for any number of reasons. Make certain that you inspect the chamber to make sure that it is clear.

MALFUNCTION

WARNING! If cartridge hangs up, jams or binds when being chambered from magazine into chamber, do not attempt to force it into the chamber by pushing. DO NOT COVER THE EJECTION PORT WITH YOUR HANDS WHEN LOADING/UNLOADING YOUR FIREARM.

What to do:

- Point firearm in a safe direction while keeping your finger off the trigger.
- Remove magazine.
- Pull back on charging handle and allow cartridge to fall from firearm.
- Do not cover the ejection port with your hands when loading / unloading your firearm.
- If cartridge does not fall free, pull charging handle back and lock it in the rear position.
- Carefully dislodge cartridge.
- If cartridge cannot be removed, lock bolt carrier back, carefully store your firearm and magazines and take it to a competent gunsmith or call our customer service. Remove the BCG if possible.

Most failures to feed or chamber a cartridge are the result of a damaged magazine, improper firearm handling or defective ammunition. Whatever the cause, a jammed cartridge can be a dangerous situation.

TO ELIMINATE MALFUNCTIONS

- First try changing type/brand of ammunition and/or magazine.
- If changing to another type/brand of ammunition and/or magazine does not at once result in smooth feeding of cartridges from magazine to chamber, the following steps should be taken:

Magazine should be removed first. Check chamber to be sure it and magazine well are clear of cartridges.

- Thoroughly clean magazine, paying particular attention to removing accumulated residue.
- Thoroughly clean breech mechanism of firearm. Use a bristle brush and solvent to remove residue and fouling from breech face, extractor, chamber and feed ramp. (See Detailed Maintenance and Cleaning section for detailed instruction).
- Check that magazine spring tension is adequate; the spring should hold the follower tightly against the lips of the magazine.
- Check that magazine lips are free of nicks and burrs and are not deformed.
- Remove excess oil and solvent from all cleaned components, load magazine and try firearm again.

FIELD STRIPPING & CLEANING

Before performing any cleaning or maintenance, make sure the firearm is completely unloaded (this includes the magazine and chamber).

1. Always use proper eye protection when cleaning firearms.
 2. POINT GUN IN SAFE DIRECTION WHILE KEEPING FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER.
 3. Remove magazine and unload firearm.
 4. Fully retract the charging handle then release to completely close the bolt.
 5. Rotate safety selector to "SAFE" position.
 6. Depress the take down pin located just above and to the rear of the safety/selector on the left side of the receiver.
 7. From the right side of the receiver pull the pin outward until the mechanical stop prevents further movement.
 8. The lower receiver can now pivot downward and away from the upper receiver. Rotate the rifle/pistol until the upper and lower receivers are both at a 45 degree angle.
 9. Unlatch and retract the charging handle approximately 1" exposing the rear of the bolt carrier. Grasp the rear of the carrier and pull it rearward until free of the receiver. The rifle is now field stripped for routine cleaning.
 10. For rear charging pull the handle and remove the rear charging handle and BCG. For side charging use a T-25 wrench to remove handle and unscrew the back receiver plug and pull out the BCG.
 11. Remove the firing pin retaining pin, the firing pin can now be withdrawn rearward from the carrier.
 12. Remove the bolt cam pin by rotating the pin 90 degrees and remove. The bolt can now be removed from the front of the
- NOTE: We do not advise extractor removal unless you are experiencing extractor issues.*
13. If extractor removal is desired, use a suitable punch to press the extractor pin from the bolt. Maintain control of the extractor spring, extractor insert and O-ring. BCG disassembly is now complete.
- Clean all parts with a quality CLP, rinse, dry and inspect. Lightly lubricate the bolt, wipe away any excess lubricant.
14. Verify that the three bolt rings are installed so that the gaps do not line up, but are evenly spaced about 120 degrees.
 15. Insert the bolt into the carrier with the extractor located on the right side of the carrier.
 16. Insert the cam pin and rotate 90 degrees and reinstall the firing pin.
 17. Install the firing pin retaining pin from the left side of the carrier.
- Confirm that the firing pin is retained. BCG reassembly is now complete.
18. Clean the barrel bore and chamber with a quality bore solvent following the manufacturer's instructions.
 19. Use a quality powder solvent to clean the carrier way (tunnel) of the upper receiver and lightly lubricate. It's not necessary or recommended to remove the trigger action components from the lower receiver to clean.
 20. Brush or wipe away excessive fouling. Using a quality aerosol cleaning product is a simple method to clean the lower receiver. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
 21. Lightly oil all exposed metal surfaces of the BCG, upper receiver carrier way and trigger action components of the lower receiver. Wipe away any excessive lubricant.
 22. Reinstall the BCG and charging handle. Push the BCG fully forward, the rear of the carrier must be flush with the rear of the upper receiver. Close the receiver, press the take-down pin back in. The rifle is now ready for service.

DETAILED MAINTENANCE

1. Check to make sure firearm is not loaded.
2. Field strip the firearm.
3. Scrub the bolt (including the extractor) with a nylon brush dipped in solvent. Pay particular attention to removing buildup of any type in the extractor groove. Wipe away any remaining solvent with a rag or cloth.
4. Scrub the bolt carrier, firing pin and the interior of the upper receiver with a nylon brush dipped in cleaning solvent.
5. Clean the firing pin hole and firing pin cavity of the bolt with a pipe cleaner.
6. Wipe away any remaining solvent thoroughly with a rag.
7. Apply a moderate coat of lubricant to the cavity on the carrier into which the bolt is installed.

LUBRICATION POINTS

1. Bolt carrier body and cam pin, especially along the runners on the bottom of the carrier and the bosses on the rear. Place two drops of lubrication into cam pin slot.
 2. Inside of the upper receiver.
 3. Outside of the long, thin section of the charging handle.
 4. Take down pins.
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Limited Lifetime Warranty

30-Day Return Policy

All of our products have a money back guarantee for thirty (30) days from date of purchase (herein defined as the date a product is ordered and payment is submitted through the Site) no questions asked! Any returns after the 30 day time period will be re-embursed in the form of a store credit coupon. Any returns 6 months or more after purchase date will be refunded in the form of a store credit and will have a 15% restocking fee.

How to Return a Product:

- 1) To initiate a warranty claim, please submit an RMA request from the website directly. Here is a how-to video on the procedure to submit an RMA. Our video can be found at [How-to submit a Warranty Request](#) If you require additional help processing your warranty, please reach out to our customer service desk at customerservice@bearcreekarsenal.com and they can help guide you further.
- 2) Once an RMA has been received our team will be in contact with you and provide you with a return number and shipping label. We will also provide you with an estimated timeline so you can stay aware of the process.
- 3) Please remove all accessories/attachments before returning item. **BE SURE GUN IS NOT LOADED WHEN SHIPPING!** Extra fees may be charged if accessories are not removed. Then package your item and drop off at the shipping carrier.
- 4) If you contact us with questions or to inquire about the status of your return, we may request that you provide the return number indicated before.

Term and Limitations:

- We reserve the right to reject any returned product and to decline to issue any reimbursement if in our sole judgment the returned product has been damaged by you or otherwise while in your custody or care.
- We reserve the right to repair, replace, or issue credit for the returned product regardless of the requested outcome.
- No return payment will issue to you until we have received, processed, and accepted your returned product, packaging, proof of purchase, and return tag.
- Typical processing time is 1-14 business days from the date we receive your return.

What is NOT covered by our Bear Den Guarantee?

- Normal wear and tear.
 - Products that have been modified/serviced by another manufacturer or gunsmith.
 - Damage caused in whole or part by failure to perform proper care and maintenance.
 - Damage caused in whole or part by the use of nonstandard ammunition, including without limitation high velocity or high pressure ammunition, tracer ammunition, or hand-loaded ammunition.
 - Damage caused in whole or part by unauthorized modification or alteration, unauthorized repair, misuse, or abuse.
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