



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[®] **BC-201** and **BC-202** ONLY. Be a responsible firearm owner. Use it safely, store it securely, and always transfer a firearm responsibly and legally.

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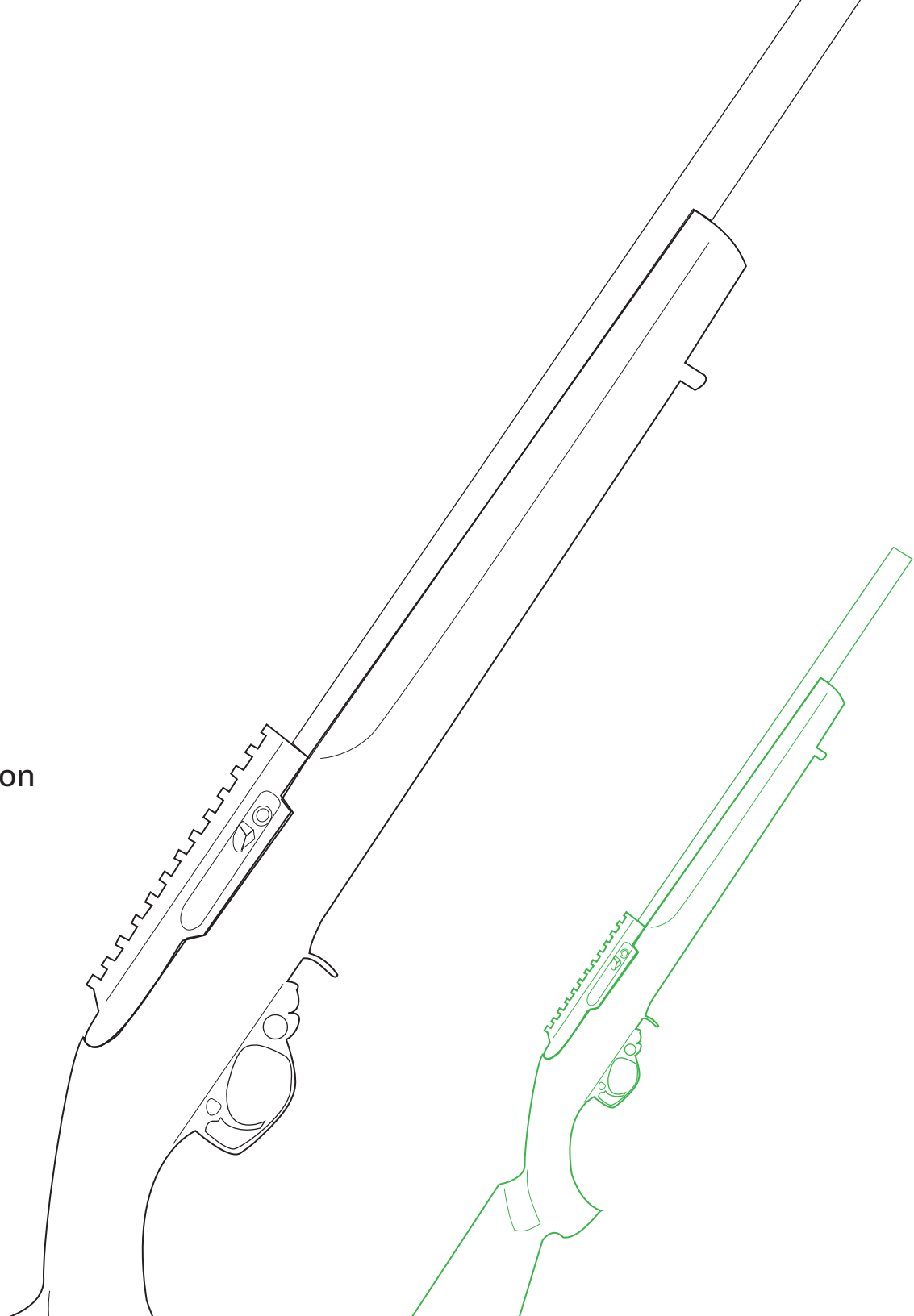
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FIREARMS SAFETY-YOUR RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY MUST BE THE FIRST AND CONSTANT CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HANDLES FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. This Instruction Manual is designed to assist you in learning how to use and care for your BCA 201/202® Rifle properly. Please contact us if you have any questions about it.

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

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

OBEY ALL FIREARMS LAWS WHEN BUYING AND SELLING FIREARMS.

NEVER BUY A GUN INTENDING TO TRANSFER IT TO SOMEONE WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM OWNING FIREARMS.

NEVER, EVER BE A "STRAW PURCHASER"

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 safely handle firearms 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 challenged individual.
- 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.
- Always hold your firearm so you control the direction of its muzzle in case you fall or stumble. **BE A RESPONSIBLE FIREARM 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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!
- 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 CAN 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. This firearm is chambered for rimfire cartridges. Please check the barrel to make sure you have the right caliber ammunition. No other ammunition maybe used other than what is on the barrel.
- 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.

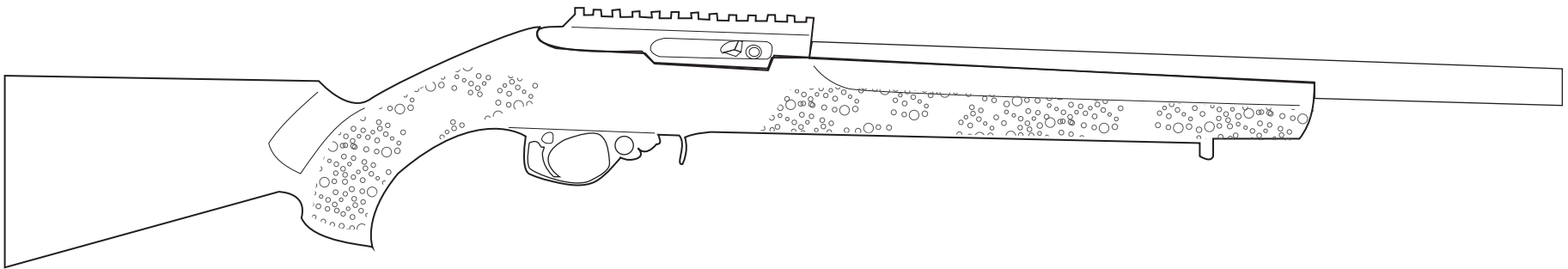
AMMUNITION WARNING!



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.

Bear Creek Arsenal® MODEL 201/202



Autoloading rifle
chambered for
the .22 Long
Rifle, .22 WMR,
or .17 HMR car-
tridge

Uses:
10 shot rotary mag
for 22lr

9 shot rotary mag
for 22wmr/17hmr

Recoil Operated

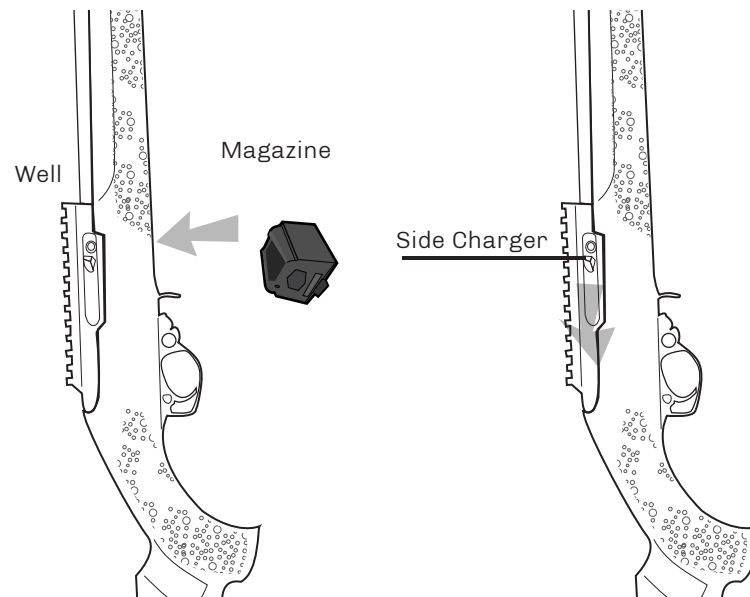
- Higher capacity variants are available: 25 rnd in stick mags and 60 and 100 in drum mags for 22lr, 15 rnd stick mags for 22wmr/17hmr and 1 rnd magazines available

Retracting the bolt handle cocks the internal hammer and compresses the recoil spring. When the bolt is manually released, it moves forward (driven by the recoil spring), strips a cartridge from the magazine, if a loaded magazine is in place, and chambers the cartridge. The bolt is held against the chambered cartridge by the recoil spring. When the trigger is pulled, the hammer is released and strikes the firing pin. The firing pin indents the cartridge case rim and ignites the priming compound inside the rim. This ignites the powder in the cartridge case and a great volume of gas is instantly generated, which acts on the interior of the cartridge case in all directions. **WARNING—ALTERATIONS** This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Because the bullet offers the least resistance, it moves out of the cartridge case and exits the muzzle. The bolt then moves rearward automatically, extracting and ejecting the fired cartridge case, and at the same time cocking the hammer and compressing the recoil spring, etc., as described above. Once the trigger is released, the rifle is ready to fire again. Each time the trigger is pulled and released, the same cycle is repeated until there are no more cartridges in the magazine or in the chamber. The rifle will fire if there is a cartridge in the chamber and the trigger is pulled, whether or not there is a magazine in place! Removing the magazine does not unload the rifle. Never assume the rifle is unloaded. Visually inspect the chamber and the magazine each time the rifle is handled to be certain there are no cartridges in either. All models have the same basic operation mechanism and include the following features with which the gun user should be thoroughly familiar.

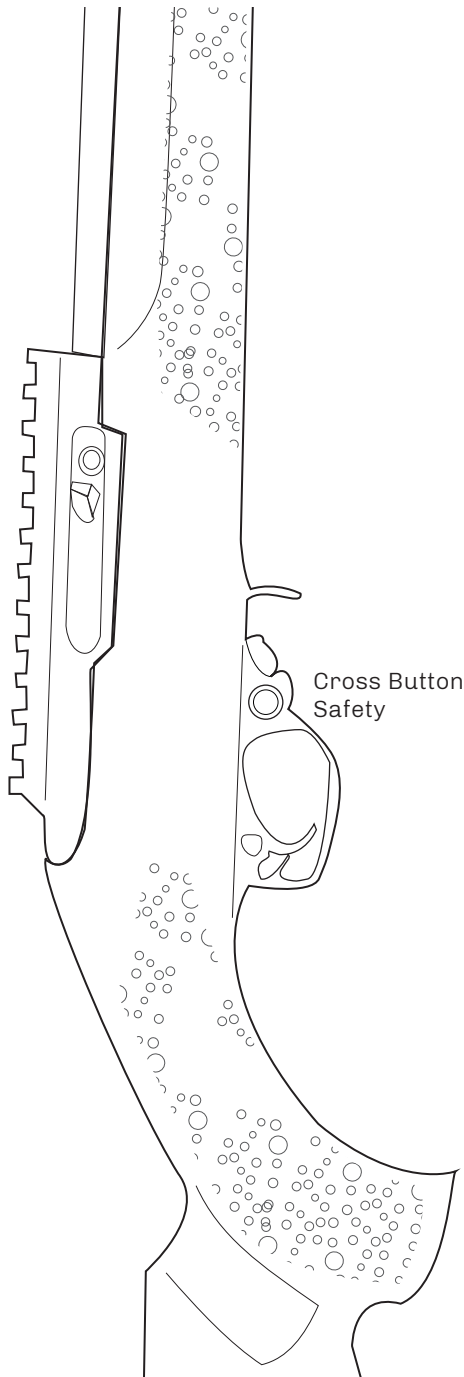
LOADING/ PREPARING TO FIRE

Place the 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 side charging handle back and let it go to pull the first round into the chamber. Disengage the safety, now the firearm is now ready to be fired.

NOTE: The bolt does not remain open after the last shot has been fired, nor does the bolt automatically lock open when the magazine is empty. When firing is completed, manually retract the bolt, lock it open, and visually check the chamber to be sure it is empty.



OPERATION OF SAFETY



The rifle has a cross-button safety which is located in the forward portion of the trigger guard. The safety can be operated only when the hammer is cocked. The safety is “on” when it protrudes fully from the right side (the bolt handle side) of the trigger guard assembly. In this position the sear is blocked, and the gun cannot be fired from a normal pull on the trigger. The safety should always be in the “on” (safe) position except when the shooter is actually firing the gun. The safety should be moved to the “on” position whenever the shooter ceases firing, even temporarily. The safety is “off” (fire) when it protrudes from the left side of the trigger guard assembly. When the safety is off, the red band shows on the safety button, but do not totally rely on the appearance of the red band to indicate that the safety is off. In poor light or if dirt is present, the red band may not be visible. If the safety is “off” and the trigger is pulled, the rifle will fire.

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. Aim firearm at target by aligning sights.

Now lightly place finger on trigger, and slowly squeeze trigger to fire the firearm. Spent cartridge is expelled up and to the right. 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 THIS FIREARM NOR DOES IT ENGAGE A SAFETY.

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

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.

! 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.**

1. What to do:

- Point firearm in a safe direction while keeping your finger off of the trigger.
- Remove magazine.
- Pull back on charging handle and allow cartridge to fall from firearm.
- Carefully dislodge cartridge.
- If cartridge cannot be removed, carefully store your firearm and magazines and take it to a competent gunsmith or call our customer service.

2. Most failures to feed or chamber a cartridge are the result of a damaged magazine, improper firearm handling or defective ammunition.

3. Whatever the cause, a jammed cartridge can be a dangerous situation.

TO ELIMINATE MALFUNCTIONS

- First try changing type/brand of ammunition.
- If changing to another type/brand of ammunition 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 firearm. Use the BCA Universal Cleaning kit and Otis cleaning wipes to remove residue and fouling from barrel, 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.

FIELD STRIPPING & CLEANING

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

1. With the rifle pointing in a safe direction, remove the magazine, open the bolt and visually make certain there is not a cartridge in the chamber. Then allow the bolt to close.
2. Loosen (don't remove) the take-down screw
3. Position the safety so an equal amount of the button is exposed on each side. If the safety is not in the middle when the barrel-receiver assembly is lifted out of the stock, the stock will be damaged.
4. Swing the barrel-receiver assembly upward away from the forearm of the stock. Be careful the two receiver cross pins and bolt stop pin do not fall out, also the magazine release pin on the trigger housing is prone to falling out.
5. Remove the trigger guard by simply drifting out the two receiver pins. It is recommended that the components of the trigger guard assembly not be disassembled from the trigger guard. This is the extent of disassembly required for routine inspection, cleaning and lubrication. If it is desired to thoroughly clean the inside of the receiver by removing the bolt, be aware that although removing and installing the bolt (along with the bolt handle-recoil spring assembly) is simple, it must be done correctly.

6.To remove the bolt:

- a.Position the rifle upside down so the bolt is fully accessible.
- b.Drift out the bolt stop pin, located at the rear of the receiver.
- c.Remove screw for side charging handle
- d.Pull bolt to the rear with the loose side charging handle
- e.Using other hand lift the bolt out of the receiver while simultaneously removing side charging handle (**be careful as bolt is under spring tension from recoil spring and may cause it, the rod, and/or the spring to fly out**)

MAINTENANCE OF STAINLESS STEEL RIFLES

Firearms and components made of stainless steel are relatively more resistant to corrosion than those of blued steel. However, in the interest of proper operation and long life of a stainless steel firearm, inspect it frequently and clean, lubricate and apply an appropriate rust preventative. Sometimes discoloration occurs from perspiration or from contact with some types of gun cases. Rusting may occur as a result of the firearm being exposed to moisture, salt air or chemicals. Minor discoloration can usually be removed by rubbing the stainless area with an abrasive ink eraser, crocus cloth, or a "metal polishing" compound. When using any of these abrasives, proceed with care and use light pressure to achieve a blending of "color" with those areas that are not discolored. Do NOT use abrasives on the clear coating of the aluminum alloy receiver and trigger housing. External surfaces most subject to rusting from handling, or from exposure to the elements, should be cleaned and wiped dry after use or after exposure to adverse conditions. If the rifle is to be stored, coat it with a light film of oil or preservative. Where the rifle is in continuing use, and the presence of oil or grease would be objectionable, then the external surfaces can be coated (after cleaning and drying) with a paste wax formulated for use on metals. Apply the wax sparingly, allow time for it to dry hard, then buff lightly with a soft cloth. When applying the wax, take care that it does not get into the mechanism or on the functioning parts or in the bore

Clean all parts with a quality CLP, dry and inspect. Lightly lubricate the bolt, wipe away any excess lubricant.

It's not necessary or recommended to remove the trigger action components from the frame to clean.

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

30-Day Return Policy

All of our products have a money back guaranteed 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-imbursed 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. 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.



**LIFETIME
GUARANTEE**