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M&P 15

Centerfire Rifles



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DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

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NOTE: The M&P 15 Rifle, as sold by Smith & Wesson, is a rifle. Changes to the configuration of the M&P 15 Rifle by the end-user, including but not limited to, the addition of a barrel less than 16" in length may subject the firearm to classification under the National Firearms Act, which imposes registration, taxes, and other requirements on the owners of such firearms. It is your responsibility to comply with all Federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership or possession of this firearm and any conversions or additions of any aftermarket accessories that you undertake.

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YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

SAFETY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY!!!!

At home, in the field, at the range, or anywhere, the first concern of every firearm owner should be safety. Apply the following safety rules in every situation, with any kind of firearm. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 before proceeding with its operation.



WARNING: YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL OF THESE SAFETY RULES TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

As a firearm owner, you accept a demanding responsibility. How serious you take this responsibility can be the difference between life and death. There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of your firearm. At all times handle your firearm with intense respect for its power and potential danger.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Never point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot whether or not it is loaded. This is particularly important when loading, unloading, or field stripping the firearm. ALWAYS control the direction of the firearm.
- **ALWAYS TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT IS LOADED AND WILL FIRE.** Do not take anyone's word that the firearm is unloaded – always check for yourself. Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded. Keep your firearm unloaded and safely stored when not in use.
- **NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD OR ON THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOU INTEND TO FIRE.** Ensure that other objects do not touch the trigger.
- **ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.** Always be sure of where the bullet will strike and shoot only where there is a safe back stop free of obstructions, water or other surfaces which can cause a ricochet. Be sure your bullet will stop behind your target. Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity. Do not fire randomly into the sky.
- **NEVER CROSS OBSTACLES SUCH AS FENCES OR STREAMS WITH A LOADED FIREARM.** Always make certain your firearm is unloaded before crossing a fence, climbing a tree, jumping a ditch or negotiating other obstacles.
- **SAFE FIREARM HANDLING IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES.** Firearms are dangerous and can cause serious injury or death if they are misused or used inappropriately. Safety must be the prime consideration of any one who owns or handles firearms. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe firearm handling and common sense. Firearm safety training is available. Contact your firearms dealer, law enforcement agency, local sportsman's club, etc. for availability.
- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIREARM AT ALL TIMES.** In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury or death from misuse of the firearm 24 hours a day.
- **FIREARM SECURITY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must secure firearms safely from children and/or unauthorized users. Your firearm should always be kept unloaded and locked when not in use. A lock has been provided for this purpose. Never assume that the use of this lock is sufficient to safely secure your firearm. You must always evaluate your personal situation and employ the security systems that meet your needs and prevent children and unauthorized users from gaining access to your firearm.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **APPROPRIATE USE FOR YOUR FIREARM MEANS USING YOUR FIREARM FOR LEGAL PURPOSES.** For example - target shooting, hunting and lawful resistance of deadly criminal force. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the use of your firearm.
- **NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE.** Only your safe firearm-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility.
- **ALWAYS SAFELY STORE AND SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition separately so that they are not accessible to children and/or other unauthorized persons.
- **NEVER KEEP AMMUNITION IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE FIREARM.** Store each in a separate and secure place.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION THAT IS SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you handle your firearm for cleaning and maintenance.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTORS THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you discharge your firearm. Make sure others in the vicinity of where you will be shooting do so as well.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.** Do not use your firearm if you are on any medication which impairs, even slightly, your mental or physical ability.
- **ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.** 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, and other serious physical injury. Review the warnings and labels for all ammunition and cleaning products carefully. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.
- **BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION.** Not all firearms are the same. Familiarize yourself with the mechanical features of any firearm you intend to use. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 before proceeding with its operation.
- **NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS SAFE OPERATION OR HAVE NOT READ THESE FIREARM SAFETY RULES.**

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR PARTICULAR FIREARM** as indicated by the marking on the firearm. Never use non-standard, reloaded, or “handloaded” ammunition which has not been subjected to internal ballistic pressure testing.
- **BEWARE OF BARREL OBSTRUCTIONS** Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting. Mud, water, snow or other objects may inadvertently lodge in the barrel bore. A small obstruction can cause a dangerous increase in pressure and may damage your firearm and cause injury to yourself and others.
- **BE SURE ALL ACCESSORIES, SUCH AS HOLSTERS, GRIPS, SLINGS, SCOPES AND OTHER ACCESSORIES ARE COMPATIBLE** with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation. It is your responsibility to understand and follow all of the instructions in this manual, as well as those which may be supplied with your ammunition and any accessory.
- **NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM** beyond the field stripping procedure outlined in this manual. Improper disassembly or reassembly of your firearm may be dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death.
- **NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO SO IN THIS MANUAL.** Improper manipulation of any other internal component may affect the safety and reliability of your firearm and may cause serious injury or death.
- **NEVER ALLOW ANY ALTERATION OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS IN YOUR SMITH & WESSON FIREARM UNLESS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH** using genuine Smith & Wesson parts. If you do otherwise, improper functioning of your firearm may occur and serious injury or death and damage to property may result.



WARNING: SAFE USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY DEVICE WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM AND SMITH & WESSON WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM: (1) THE CRIMINAL OR NEGLIGENT USE OF THIS FIREARM; (2) A DISREGARD OF THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS; (3) IMPROPER OR CARELESS HANDLING OF THIS FIREARM; (4) THE USE OF NON-STANDARD, DEFECTIVE, IMPROPER OR RELOADED AMMUNITION; OR (5) IMPROPER OR NEGLIGENT MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE FIREARM.

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WHEN USED AND STORED IMPROPERLY. THEY POSE A RISK OF SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURIES. FIREARMS CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS TO CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE STORED IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNSAFE MANNER. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR FIREARM LOCKED AND UNLOADED IN A SECURE PLACE. THE AMMUNITION SHOULD BE STORED IN A SEPARATE, SECURE LOCATION WHEN IT IS NOT IN USE. SAFE AND SECURE STORAGE OF YOUR FIREARM IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY. YOUR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS SECURE YOUR FIREARM IN A MANNER THAT WILL PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.** Whenever your firearm is not in use, keep it unloaded and locked. Your safety and the safety of others requires that you always secure and store your firearm in a manner that will prevent unauthorized access. Never leave a firearm unattended unless it is locked, unloaded and secured.
- **ALWAYS USE THE LOCK PROVIDED BY SMITH & WESSON TO SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Please read and follow the instructions packaged separately for the use of this lock. A lock, when properly used, can be an effective tool in preventing unauthorized access to your firearm. There are other alternative locks and safe storage containers available in the marketplace which may also be appropriate for your particular needs. Consult your local firearm shop, hardware store, or local police department for guidance on the variety of other safe storage devices or practices which may be appropriate for your particular needs. By purchasing this firearm you have accepted the responsibility of safely securing the firearm at all times and preventing its unauthorized use. Never assume that the use of this lock alone is sufficient to safely secure your firearm. It is your personal responsibility to select and use whatever measures or practices that will enable you to be absolutely certain that your firearm is secure at all times.



WARNING: NEVER LOCK A LOADED FIREARM AND NEVER LOAD A LOCKED FIREARM!

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION CONT'D

- **ALWAYS STORE YOUR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY** so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Safe and secure storage of your firearm and ammunition are your responsibility. It is a full-time responsibility.
- **NEVER ASSUME THAT A "HIDING" PLACE IS A SECURE STORAGE METHOD.** Others may be aware of your storage location or come upon it by chance. It is your personal responsibility to use common sense when storing your firearm and ammunition and to always make sure they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.
- **NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.** When transporting your firearm, be sure it is unloaded and locked. Safe and secure transportation of your firearm is your responsibility.
- **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE LAW!** Many jurisdictions have laws that make it a crime to keep a firearm unlocked and in an area accessible to children or others. Keeping a firearm locked and unloaded when not in use is not only common sense safety practice... IT IS THE LAW. You must be familiar with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the safe storage and transportation of your firearm. Failure to know and follow the law may result in unauthorized access or use of your firearm by another. Obey all laws relating to the storage and transportation of firearms. Your local police department or firearm shop can furnish you with available information on storing and/or transporting a firearm safely and legally.
- **YOUR FIREARM IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must prevent your firearm from being stolen or from being used by untrained or unqualified individuals. Keep it locked, unloaded and secured when not in use.
- Never leave the key with the stored firearm.

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, FAIL TO FIRE OR EVEN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Locate the cartridge designation marked on the firearm. This information indicates the correct ammunition that must be used in this firearm (Figure 1).



You are responsible for selecting ammunition that meets industry standards and is appropriate in type and caliber for this firearm.

Never use a cartridge not specifically designated for use in your firearm. The wrong type of ammunition may exceed the capability of your firearm and may damage or even rupture your firearm.

Never mix ammunition.

In some cases, a round of ammunition not specified on your firearm may fit into the chamber. Firing ammunition not specified on your firearm may cause it to rupture and cause serious injury or death to you or others.



WARNING: NEVER USE AMMUNITION MARKED 5.56 NATO IN A FIREARM MARKED .223 REM. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THIS WARNING MAY CAUSE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Always inspect your ammunition before using it. Never use dirty, corroded or damaged ammunition which can lead to a burst cartridge which may cause damage to the firearm and personal injury or death.

Use only commercially manufactured ammunition with internal ballistic pressures which are in strict accordance with the specifications of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI). If you are uncertain, contact your ammunition supplier for verification.

AMMUNITION CONT'D



WARNING: NEVER USE NON-STANDARD, RELOADED OR "HANDLOADED" AMMUNITION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTERNAL BALLISTIC PRESSURE TESTING. RELOADED OR HANDLOADED AMMUNITION, MAY HAVE MANY MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY VARIABLES (SUCH AS THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF GUN POWDER). ANY AMMUNITION THAT IS IMPROPERLY MANUFACTURED, EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE, MAY FAIL TO FIRE OR MAY GENERATE EXCESSIVE INTERNAL PRESSURES WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE THE FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR THOSE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

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.



WARNING: NEVER USE AMMUNITION OF THE INCORRECT GAUGE OR CALIBER. USING AMMUNITION OF THE INCORRECT GAUGE OR CALIBER MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR FIREARM AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY TO YOU AND TO OTHERS.



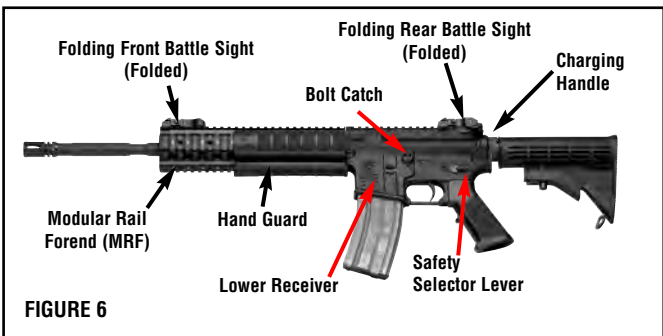
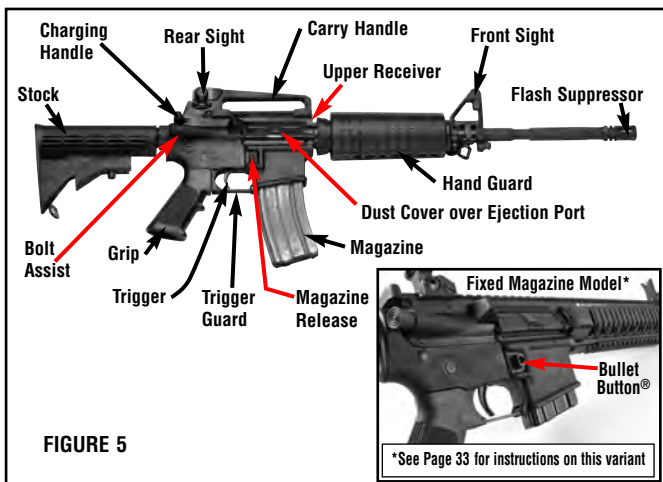
WARNING: DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE USE OF INCORRECT AMMUNITION OR BORE OBSTRUCTIONS.

CAUTION: Use of ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers in this firearm will cause oxidation to develop on any exposed metal parts of the firearm. To prevent such oxidation, the residue from corrosive primers must be completely removed from all exposed metal parts after each time ammunition with corrosive primers is used in this firearm. Conventional oil or solvent-based firearm cleaners WILL NOT dissolve the residue from corrosive primers. Residue from corrosive primers MUST be completely dissolved with a water-based cleaner. After the corrosive residue has been completely dissolved from all exposed metal parts, remove any excess water-based cleaner from the firearm. Finally, lubricate the firearm as instructed in the Safety and Instruction Manual. Failure to follow these instructions will cause damage to the firearm and may affect the ability of the firearm to function properly.

Check with the ammunition manufacturer or a qualified gunsmith if you are unsure whether the particular ammunition you plan to use in this firearm has been manufactured with corrosive primers. If in doubt, follow all the instructions above to prevent oxidation caused by ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers.

Ammunition manufactured by SAAMI member companies do not use corrosive primers.

MODEL & FEATURES IDENTIFICATION



INSPECTING YOUR RIFLE



WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE INSPECTING, DISASSEMBLY OR ASSEMBLING AND ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

- When you inspect your rifle, you should first check for yourself to ensure that it is unloaded. To do this, grasp the rifle with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, point the muzzle in a safe direction, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine (Figure 7).

NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

- Place safety selector lever on “SAFE” (Figure 8). If the safety lever won’t rotate to the “SAFE” position - pull the charging handle (uniformly by both sides) all the way back (Figure 9), press and hold the lower portion of the bolt catch down (Figure 10) while you release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position. Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch.
- Look into the receiver and check chamber to be sure no cartridges are visible (Figure 11).
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.
- Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and others and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine (Figure 12).

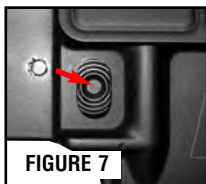


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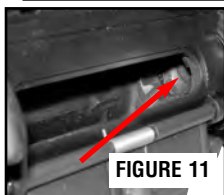


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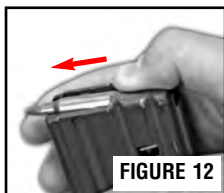


FIGURE 12



WARNING: NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE. ONLY YOUR SAFE FIREARM HANDLING WILL ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

PREPARATION FOR FIRING



WARNING: THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE FIREARM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED.**
- **ALWAYS BE SURE THAT ALL ACTIONS OF FIREARMS ARE OPEN, THAT CHAMBERS ARE CLEAR OF CARTRIDGES AND MAGAZINES ARE REMOVED OR UNLOADED, AND THAT FIREARM IS POINTING IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
- **ALWAYS KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER PARTS OF YOUR BODY AWAY FROM THE MUZZLE AND AWAY FROM THE EJECTION PORT.**
- **ALWAYS WEAR ADEQUATE AND PROPER EAR PROTECTORS SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE** to prevent permanent damage to your hearing. Make sure others who are nearby are wearing ear protection as well.
- **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE**, whether indoors or out. Safety glasses should protect your eyes from the firing flash and particles associated with the discharge of ammunition. Failure to do so creates a risk of personal injury from particle or debris spitting or from a ricochet.
- **ALWAYS BE ALERT AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.** Never shoot if you are tired, cold or impaired in any way.
- **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF OTHER PEOPLE** so that persons do not accidentally walk into the line of fire.
- **THE SHOOTER (AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SHOOTING AREA) MUST ALWAYS BE IN A POSITION THAT IS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE** and are not within an area where they may be struck by a ricochet or particles spitting from a firearm, or by ejected cases from some types of firearms.
- **NEVER SHOOT AT SURFACES THAT MAY CAUSE A RICOCHET.** Always select a place to shoot that has a safe backstop, is free from obstructions and has no surfaces that may cause a ricochet.
- **NEVER FIRE RANDOMLY INTO THE SKY.** Always select a place to shoot that has a safe backstop.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING OR HANDLING ANY FIREARM.**
- **NEVER ATTEMPT TO FIRE THE PISTON DRIVEN RIFLE VARIATION WITH THE GAS PORT SELECTOR IN THE TAKEDOWN POSITION OR WITH THE OPERATING ROD (PISTON) REMOVED. SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY MAY RESULT.**

LOADING



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

- Do not load the rifle until you have read and fully understand this manual.
- Do not load the rifle until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
- Never load your rifle until you are sure of your target, what is beyond it and are fully prepared to fire.
- Press the magazine release and remove the magazine from the firearm (Figure 13).

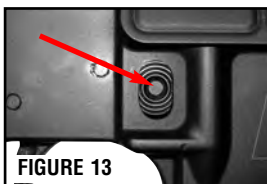


FIGURE 13



FIGURE 14



FIGURE 15

NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the bottom of the bolt catch down and release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position (Figures 14 & 15).
- Set safety selector lever to “SAFE”. (Figure 16)
- Orient the magazine as shown (Figure 17). Place a round between the lips of the magazine with the bullet forward. Press the round down and back until it is held by the magazine lips. Slide the next round in on top of the previous round and repeat until the desired number is loaded (Figure 18).



FIGURE 16

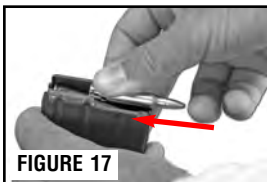


FIGURE 17



FIGURE 18



WARNING: DO NOT CARRY THIS RIFLE WITH THE BOLT OPEN AND A LOADED MAGAZINE IN THE RIFLE. AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE MAY RESULT IF THE BOLT CLOSES AND THE SAFETY LEVER IS NOT IN THE “SAFE” POSITION, LEADING TO DEATH OR INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch.

LOADING CONT'D

- Smith & Wesson has provided you with a magazine designed to operate in your specific model of firearm. While your magazine may be able to be inserted into another model firearm, it will only function properly in the specific model for which it was designed. Do not interchange magazines from one model firearm to another model firearm.
- Follow instructions in this manual and any other specific instructions which may be marked onto, or accompany, a magazine. Failure to use the particular type of Smith & Wesson magazine specified for your model and caliber of firearm may result in a malfunction.

- With the bullet end of the cartridge pointing forward, insert the loaded magazine into magazine well until it is securely locked in (Figure 19). Check placement by putting downward pressure on magazine.

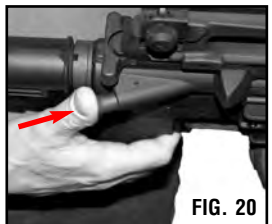


! WARNINGS: THIS FIREARM MAY DISCHARGE ACCIDENTALLY WHEN A ROUND IS FED INTO THE CHAMBER, IF IT IS DROPPED OR RECEIVES A BLOW TO THE MUZZLE OR FRONT OF THE FIREARM. (THIS CAN OCCUR REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE HAMMER OR ANY OF THE VARIOUS SAFETY DEVICES.) THEREFORE, EXTRA CARE AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS BY THE FIREARM USER IS MANDATORY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS.

! WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN YOU RELEASE THE BOLT.

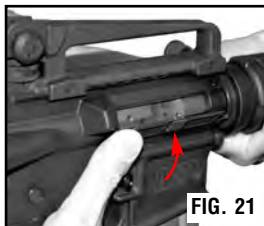
- Keep fingers away from ejection port and keep the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Press in on the top of the thumb piece of the bolt catch to release the bolt and carrier, which will move forward and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber. The firearm is now loaded and will fire if the safety selector lever is set on "FIRE" and the trigger is pulled.

- If the bolt does not completely close, press the bolt assist (Figure 20). This should move the bolt completely forward. If your rifle is not equipped with a bolt assist or the bolt assist does not chamber a round, see the Clearing Misfires section of this manual.



LOADING CONT'D

- You may now manually close the ejection port dust cover by raising it and “clicking” it into the closed position - covering the bolt (Figure 21).



WARNING: IF THE CARTRIDGE FAILS TO STRIP FROM THE MAGAZINE OR FULLY SEAT INTO THE CHAMBER, IMMEDIATELY STOP THE LOADING PROCESS. REMOVE THE MAGAZINE, LOCK THE ACTION OPEN AND VERIFY THAT THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY. REFER TO THE “INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM” SECTION OF THIS MANUAL.

WARNING: ALWAYS LOAD A ROUND INTO THE CHAMBER BY FEEDING IT FROM THE MAGAZINE. NEVER ATTEMPT TO LOAD THE FIREARM BY INSERTING A ROUND INTO THE OPEN EJECTION PORT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH TO YOUR OR OTHERS.

WARNING: NEVER STRIKE OR DROP THE FIREARM. DOING SO MAY CAUSE A ROUND TO CHAMBER.

WARNING: THESE SMITH & WESSON M&P RIFLES WILL FIRE WITH THE MAGAZINE REMOVED. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUTSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO FIRE.

FIRING

WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

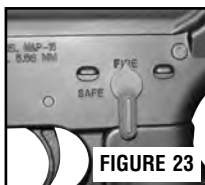
WARNING: WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE EVERY TIME YOU DISCHARGE YOUR FIREARM. MAKE SURE OTHERS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE YOU WILL BE SHOOTING DO SO AS WELL.

- Grasp firearm with one hand on handguard and other hand on firearm grip with index finger resting along outside of trigger guard. Raise firearm and pull buttstock firmly into shoulder (Figure 22).



FIRING CONT'D

- Move safety selector to the “FIRE” position (Figure 23).



- Keeping steady aim, place index finger on trigger and pull gently until the rifle fires. Your firearm chambers the next round immediately after firing.
- You may continue to fire by pulling and fully releasing the trigger until the magazine is empty.
- If you wish to stop firing, release trigger, remove finger from trigger guard, and set safety selector to “SAFE” (Figure 24). If you have fired the last round from the magazine, the bolt will be held to the rear so that the firearm can quickly be reloaded by replacing the magazine, or the chamber can be inspected to ensure that it is empty.



CLEARING MISFIRES



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



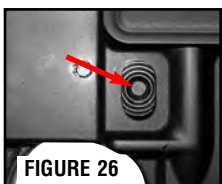
WARNING: WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS WHEN FIRING AND CLEARING MISFIRES OR MIS-FEEDS.



WARNING: IF YOUR FIREARM GIVES ANY INDICATION THAT IT IS NOT PERFORMING PROPERLY OR THE OPERATION OF YOUR FIREARM HAS CHANGED “THE WAY IT FEELS OR SOUNDS”, STOP FIRING. MAKE SURE THE FIREARM IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, UNLOAD THE FIREARM AND HAVE IT INSPECTED AND TEST FIRED BY A GUNSMITH QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SERVICE ON SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS.

TO CLEAR A MIS-FIRE

- If a cartridge fails to fire, wait ten seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard (Figure 25).
- Press the magazine release button and remove the magazine (Figure 26).



NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

CLEARING MISFIRES CONT'D

- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the lower portion of the bolt catch down (Figures 27 & 28). This will lock the bolt in the open position. Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch.



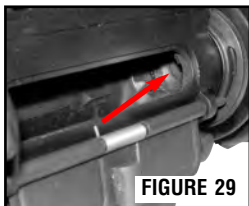
- Check chamber to be sure no cartridges are visible (Figure 29).



TO CLEAR A MIS-FEED ("JAM")

Note: Any autoloading firearm may, on occasion, fail to feed a cartridge properly from the magazine. If this should occur:

- Be certain the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.
- Press the magazine release and remove the magazine (Fig. 30).



NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

- Pull the charging handle back and lock the bolt open with the bolt stop (Figures 27 & 28).



Note: Drawing the bolt fully to the rear should allow clearance for the jammed cartridge to fall free and clear of the firearm.

- Put the safety in "SAFE" (Figure 31).




WARNING: KEEP YOUR FACE A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE EJECTION PORT WHEN CLEARING A MIS-FED CARTRIDGE. A CARTRIDGE MAY IGNITE IF THE PRIMER OF THE CARTRIDGE IS STRUCK WITH SUFFICIENT FORCE. IF A CARTRIDGE IGNITES WHILE BEING CLEARED FROM THE FIREARM, DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT.

- It may be necessary to manually remove a jammed cartridge. When attempting to clear a jam manually, use only wood 'tools', such as a pointed dowel or a pencil, and use extreme care to avoid striking the primer of the cartridge.
- Visually check to make sure all cartridges have been removed from the rifle. Safely dispose of any cartridges involved in a mis-feed incident. Do not use damaged ammunition in any firearm.

CLEARING MISFIRES CONT'D

- Once the mis-fed cartridge is cleared, proceed to load the firearm as instructed in the Loading Section.
- Dispose of defective cartridge(s) in a method specifically approved for live round disposal.

UNLOADING

 **WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

- Press magazine release and remove magazine (Fig. 32).

NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

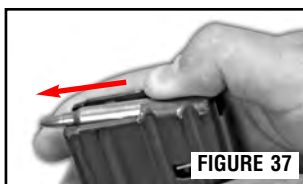
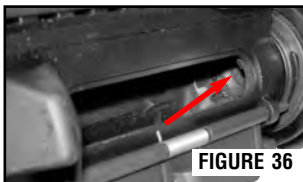
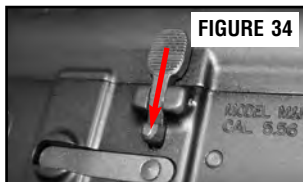
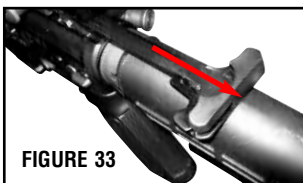
- Pull charging handle to rear and push in lower portion of bolt catch to hold bolt open (Figures 33 & 34).

- Set safety selector lever to "SAFE" (Figure 35).

- Look into the chamber through ejection port to ensure that the chamber is empty (Figure 36).

- Remove remaining live rounds from the magazine by sliding them forward and out of the magazine (Figure 37).

- Collect live ammunition for safe storage and spent cartridge cases for disposal.



DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING



WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: NEVER DO ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER ALTER OR MODIFY THE PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM.



WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR FIREARMS USE EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.



WARNING: ANY MAINTENANCE, ADJUSTMENT OR SERVICE NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS MANUAL MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MUST BE PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE SMITH & WESSON PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING OF YOUR FIREARM MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT.

- Remove the magazine from the firearm and ensure that the rifle is not loaded (Fig. 38).

NOTE: See page 33 for instructions on how to detach the magazine from the Fixed Magazine variant of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle.

- Place the safety in the "SAFE" position (Figure 39).

NOTE: When handling the M&P Rifle; If the safety selector does not easily rotate to the "SAFE" position, DO NOT attempt to force it into "SAFE". While keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, remove the magazine and lock your bolt open and then rotate the safety selector to "SAFE" before proceeding.

- Push the top of the bolt release to ensure that the bolt is in the forward position (Figure 40).
- Push in take down pin (above and behind the trigger (Figure 41) from left side and pull the pin out on the right side of the receiver until it comes to a positive stop (Figure 42).



FIGURE 38



FIGURE 39

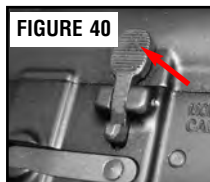


FIGURE 40



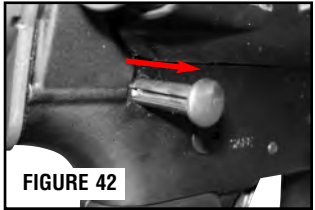
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DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING CONT'D

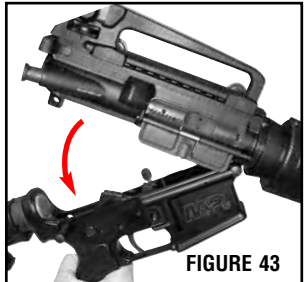
- Pivot lower receiver down and away from upper receiver. (Figure 43)

Note: Never dry-fire with the rifle disassembled.

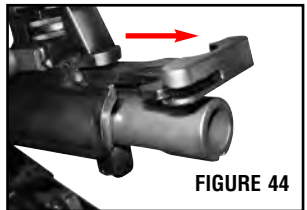
- If required, remove pivot pin from the front of receiver (in a similar manner to the rear pin) and separate the upper receiver from the lower receiver completely.



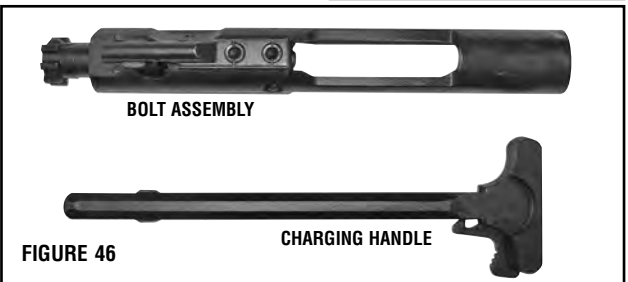
- Pull the charging handle to rear and remove bolt carrier assembly (Figure 44).



- Remove charging handle by pulling it backwards to the takedown notch and down out of the upper receiver (Figure 45) - this image shows the charging handle takedown notch (as seen from the bottom of the upper receiver).



- Figure 46 shows the bolt assembly (Bolt Carrier and Bolt itself) and the charging handle.



SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY



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WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.

HANDGUARD REMOVAL - M&P15 & M&P15A - Using a two-person "Buddy System"

- Stand the rifle on its buttstock with one hand gripping the stocks and other gripping the lower end of the handguard.
- While your buddy pulls down on the slip ring, which is a two-hand job, pull the hand guard free (Figure 47 & 48).
- Repeat this procedure to remove the other handguard.

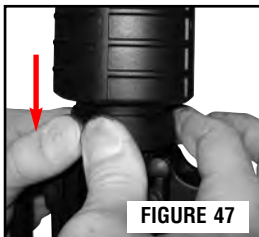


FIGURE 47



FIGURE 48



FIGURE 49

MODULAR RAIL FOREND REMOVAL - M&P15T

- Ensure that the magazine is removed and the firearm is not loaded so it will not fire.
- Move safety selector lever to "SAFE".

NOTE: When handling the M&P Rifle; If the safety selector does not easily rotate to the "SAFE" position, DO NOT attempt to force it into "SAFE". While keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, remove the magazine and lock your bolt open and then rotate the safety selector to "SAFE" before proceeding.

- Remove the stainless steel allen screw at the bottom of modular rail forend (Fig. 49) and slide bottom rail towards the muzzle of the firearm.
- Line up "teeth" and lift in bottom rail out of assembly (Figure 50 & 51).

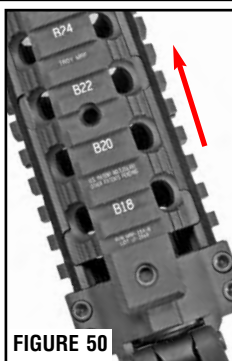


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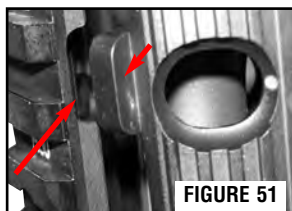
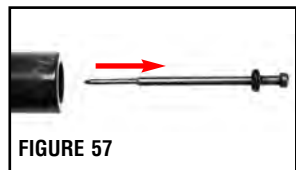
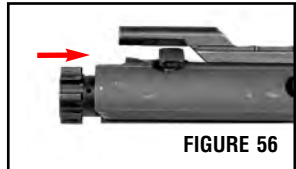
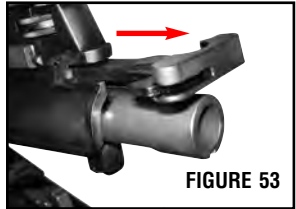
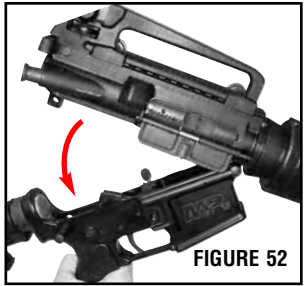


FIGURE 51

SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY CONT'D

BOLT FIELD STRIPPING

- Tip upper receiver open as instructed previously (Fig 52).
- Pull back on the charging handle and bolt assembly (Figure 53).
- Remove the bolt carrier assembly from the upper receiver.
- Pull the charging handle back and down to remove it from the upper receiver.
- Once the bolt carrier is clear of the firearm, move the bolt forward in the carrier to the unlocked position (Figure 54) and remove the firing pin retaining pin. Do not alter the split end of the firing pin retaining pin (Figure 55).
- Push the bolt into the bolt carrier to put it in the locked position (Figure 56).
- Remove the firing pin out of the rear of the bolt carrier (Figure 57).
- See page 29 for details regarding the piston driven variation and its unique instructions.



SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY CONT'D

- Give the bolt cam pin a 1/4 turn and lift it out (Figure 58).
- Remove the bolt from the bolt carrier (Figure 59).



FIGURE 58

WARNING: DO NOT DISASSEMBLE THE EXTRACTOR OR THE SPRING ASSEMBLY.

- Press the rear of the extractor to check that the spring works. (Figure 60) If there is no tension, you must take the extractor apart and clean the parts.
- Use a drift/pen tip to remove the extractor pin.
- Remove the extractor from the bolt. Do not remove the rubber grommet from the spring. (Figure 61)

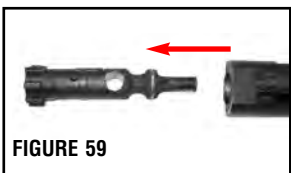


FIGURE 59



FIGURE 60

BUFFER AND SPRING FIELD STRIPPING

- Push in buffer (at the rear of the receiver / front of the stock) slightly and depress buffer retainer to release the buffer (Figure 62).
- Remove buffer and spring from the buffer tube (Fig. 63).

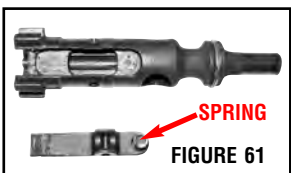


FIGURE 61



FIGURE 62

WARNING: DO NOT ALTER, MODIFY OR REPLACE ANY OF THE PARTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS THIS WORK IS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE SMITH & WESSON PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT.

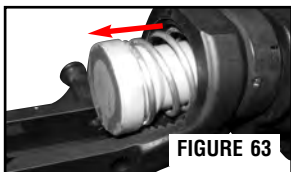



FIGURE 63

WARNING: NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM BEYOND THE FIELD STRIPPING PROCESS OUTLINED IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER MANIPULATE ANY INTERNAL COMPONENTS BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL SINCE THIS MAY AFFECT THE RELIABILITY, FUNCTIONING AND SAFETY OF YOUR FIREARM.

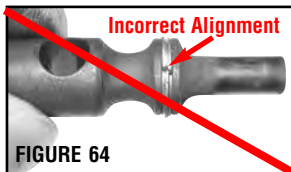
ASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING

 **WARNING: ALWAYS FOLLOW THE FIELD STRIPPING INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY. NEVER DO ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER ALTER OR MODIFY THE PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM.**

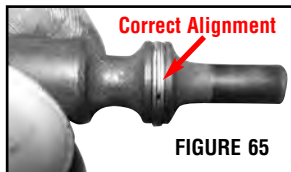
 **WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.**

- Assemble your rifle in the reverse order that you took it apart.

- Make sure that the gas-rings on the bolt are NOT aligned when reassembling. (Figures 64 & 65)



- Lubricate all metal parts by wiping them with a cloth dampened with a high quality firearm oil. Remove excess oil. Leave a light film of oil on all metal parts of your rifle - inside and out.



- See page 29 for details regarding the piston driven variation and its unique instructions.

CARRY HANDLE

WHEN EQUIPPED

 **WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.**

FOR OPTICS INSTALLATION

- Loosen both screws on the side of the carry handle (Fig. 66).
- Lift carry handle up and off receiver.



COLLAPSIBLE STOCK

WHEN EQUIPPED

To extend the collapsible stock, depress lever (Figure 67) and pull the stock out until it locks into position.

To collapse the buttstock, depress the lever again and push forward until it locks into position.

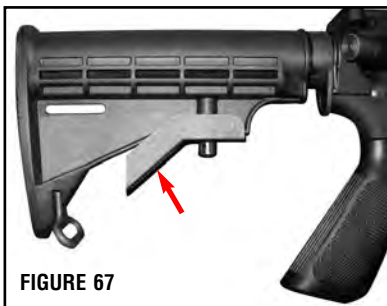


FIGURE 67

SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

WHEN EQUIPPED



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DUAL APERTURE REAR SIGHT

- This sight has a dual aperture (Figures 68 & 69). Use the larger aperture for normal range firing. Use the small aperture for longer range firing.

Note: Raise the rear sight up to raise the shot's point of impact and down to lower the shot's point of impact. Follow the UP and DN arrows to adjust your shot's striking point.

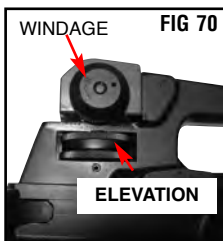
Turning the windage adjustment clockwise moves your group to the right ("R" Right arrow is stamped into the sight knob). Turning the windage screw counterclockwise moves the point of impact to the left (Figure 70).



FIG 68



FIG 69



WINDAGE

FIG 70

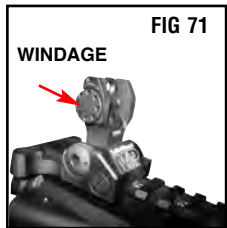
ELEVATION

SIGHT ADJUSTMENT CONT'D

REAR BATTLE SIGHT (Figure 71)

- This sight has a dual aperture. Use the larger aperture for normal range firing. Use the small aperture for longer range firing. Windage adjustments can be made with the rear sight. Adjustments can be made by turning the windage adjustment wheel with a small punch or pen tip.

Note: Be sure that the large rear sight aperture is deployed before folding the rear BATTLE SIGHT.



FRONT BATTLE SIGHT (Figure 72)

- If elevation adjustment beyond what the rear sight alone provides is needed, the front sight post can be moved up or down. (Figure 72) Depress the front sight detent and rotate the post counterclockwise to raise the post and lower the shot's impact - and clockwise to lower the post and raise the shot's point of impact



Note: Raise the front sight post up to lower the shot's point of impact and down to raise the shot's point of impact.

TO RAISE YOUR BATTLE SIGHT

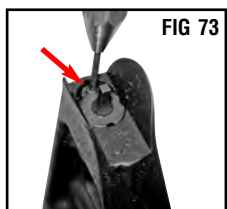
- Lift up on the sights until they lock into position.

TO LOWER YOUR BATTLE SIGHT

- Depress the stud on the left side of the sight base while folding the sights rearward.

ADJUSTABLE FRONT SIGHT POST

- If elevation adjustment beyond what the rear sight alone provides is needed, the front sight post can be moved up or down. (Figure 73) Depress the front sight detent and rotate the post counterclockwise to raise the post and lower the shot's impact - and clockwise to lower the post and raise the shot's point of impact.



MAGAZINE



WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR MAGAZINE.

- Figure 74 shows the parts that make up the magazine.

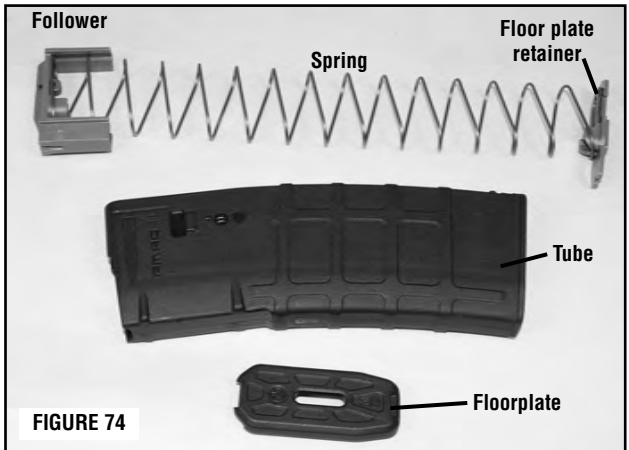


FIGURE 74

MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

- Using a small, blunt object (such as an allen wrench), push the floorplate retainer down by passing the tool through the hole in the floorplate (Figure 75).
- While holding the retainer down - slide floorplate forward off of the tube while keeping your thumb over the tube to prevent the spring from flying out (Figures 75 & 76).

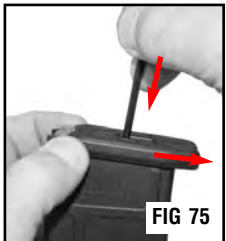


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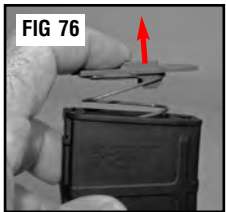


FIG 76

WARNING: MAGAZINE SPRING IS UNDER PRESSURE. CONTROL THE SPRING AND THE FLOOR PLATE RETAINER SO THAT THEY DO NOT FLY OUT AND CAUSE INJURY.

- Remove floorplate, the spring and the follower out through bottom of the magazine tube.

MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

- Install the follower and spring into the magazine tube.
- While holding the spring down (under tension) in the tube, slide the floorplate onto the magazine tube (over the tabs) until the floorplate locks it into place.



PISTON OPERATED VARIATION

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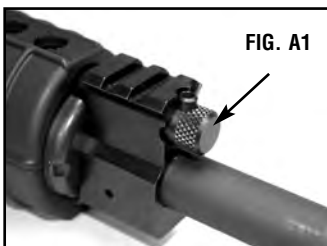


WARNING: ENSURE THAT YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE BEGINNING TO CLEAN IT. (SEE "INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM" SECTION). ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES OF SAFE FIREARM HANDLING.



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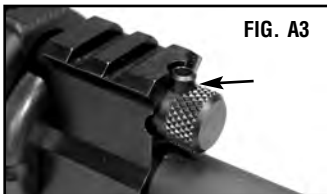
- This section details important information regarding the disassembly, assembly and operation of the piston driven variation of the M&P 15 centerfire rifle. Read and understand all previous sections of this manual regarding safety and operation of the M&P 15 rifle.



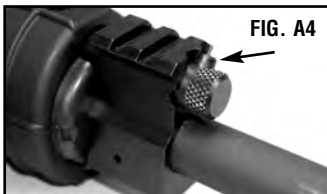
- You can identify this variation of the S&W M&P 15 by the presence of a knurled selector knob on the gas transfer block at the end of the forend (Figure A1).



- The gas transfer block on the barrel incorporates an adjustable gas interface (Figure A2). The locking detent is spring loaded to allow several positions to be selected.



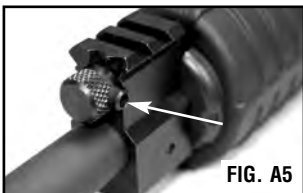
- As viewed from the muzzle end; when the spring loaded plunger is in the detent straight up (12 o'clock) it is in Normal Mode (Figure A3). The Normal Mode position allows for optimal gas passage into the gas plug/operating rod and is appropriate for regular semi-automatic fire.



- When the spring loaded plunger is in the 1 o'clock position it is in Reduced Gas Port Mode (Figure A4). The Reduced Gas Port Mode position reduces the amount of gas passing into the operating system by approximately 60%.

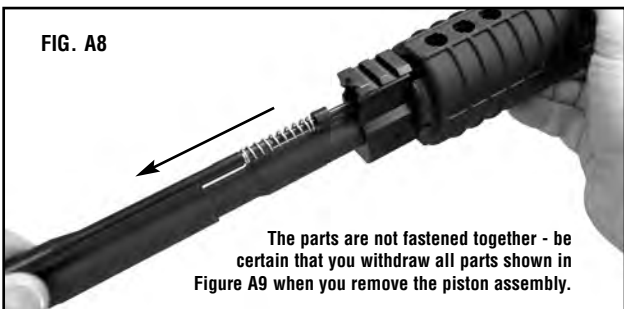
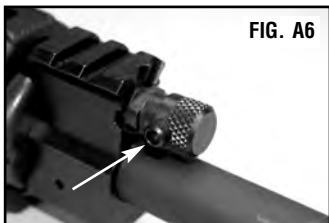
PISTON OPERATED MODEL CONT'D

- When the spring loaded plunger is in the 3 o'clock position it is in Single Shot Mode (Figure A5). The Single Shot Mode position eliminates the passage of gas through the gas plug. Accordingly, when firing in this mode, the operating rod will not get pushed back and the bolt will not cycle after a cartridge is fired. The operator will have to manually cycle the bolt to extract the cartridge casing and chamber another round.
- When the spring loaded plunger is in 9 o'clock position it is in Takedown (removal) position (Fig. A6).

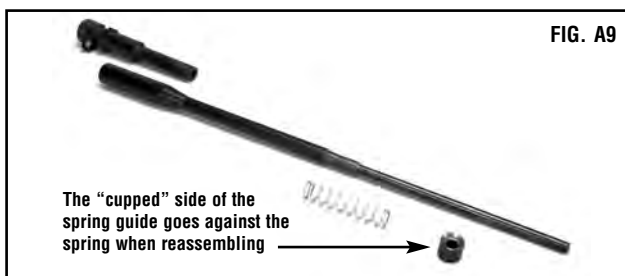


WARNING: NEVER ATTEMPT TO FIRE THE RIFLE WITH THE GAS PORT SELECTOR IN THE TAKEDOWN POSITION OR WITH THE OPERATING ROD (PISTON) REMOVED. SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY MAY RESULT.

- With the spring loaded plunger in the 9 o'clock position, the gas piston and operation rod can be removed from the rifle for cleaning or maintenance (Figures A7 & A8).



PISTON OPERATED MODEL CONT'D

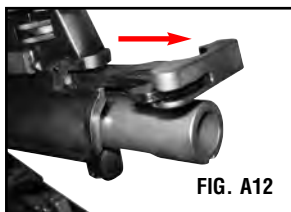


- The gas piston/operating rod assembly is made up of 4 parts (Figure A9). After cleaning these parts, lubricate them lightly to prevent rust and corrosion, reassemble the parts as shown (Fig. A10) and re-install in rifle.



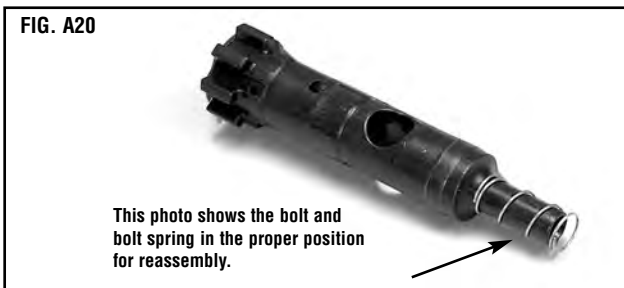
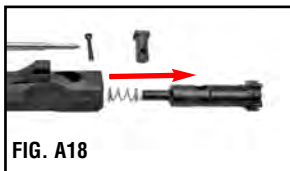
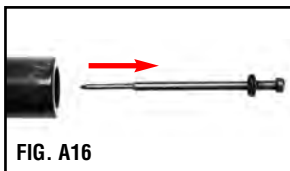
BOLT FIELD STRIPPING

- Tip upper receiver open as instructed previously (Figure A11).
- Pull back on the charging handle and bolt assembly (Figure A12).
- Remove the bolt carrier assembly from the upper receiver (Figure A13).
- Pull the charging handle back and down to remove it.
- Once the bolt carrier is clear of the firearm, remove the firing pin retaining pin. Do not alter the split end of the firing pin retaining pin (Figure A14).



PISTON OPERATED MODEL CONT'D

- Push the bolt into the bolt carrier to put it in the locked position (Figure A15).
- Remove the firing pin out of the rear of the bolt carrier (Figure A16)
- Give the bolt cam pin a 1/4 turn and lift it out (Figure A17).
- Remove the bolt from the bolt carrier (Figure A18).
- Figure A19 shows the extent to which the bolt and bolt carrier should be disassembled for cleaning.
- For reassembly, be sure to properly place the spring on the bolt (Figure A20) before sliding the bolt back into the bolt carrier.



FIXED MAGAZINE VARIATION

WHEN EQUIPPED

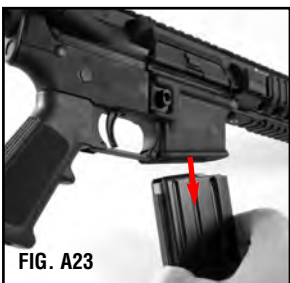
- This section details important information regarding the operation of the Fixed Magazine variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P 15 centerfire rifle. Read and understand all previous sections of this manual regarding safety and operation of the rifle.



- You can identify this variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P15 centerfire rifle by the presence of a Bullet-Button[®] where the magazine release is normally located on non-Fixed Magazine variants of this rifle (Figure A21).



- On the Fixed Magazine variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P 15 centerfire rifle, the magazine cannot be readily detached from the firearm without the use of a tool. In order to detach the magazine for loading, unloading, cleaning and maintenance, use a suitable tool such as a punch or the pointed tip of a bullet or ammunition cartridge to press into the center of the Bullet-Button[®]



(Figure A22). This will cause the magazine to detach from the rifle (Figure A23).

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CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE



WARNING: ENSURE THAT YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE BEGINNING TO CLEAN IT. (SEE “INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM” SECTION). ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES OF SAFE FIREARM HANDLING.



WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM AND ATTEMPT CLEANING OR MAINTENANCE.

- Before using your firearm for the first time, it should be cleaned.
- Your firearm was treated at the factory with either a preservative or oil to protect it against corrosion during shipping and storage.
- Preservative and oil should be wiped from the bore, chamber and exposed areas using a clean swab or patch before using the firearm.

CAUTION:

Never disassemble your firearm beyond the instructions in the Field Stripping and Inspection sections of this manual.

- Purchase cleaning supplies from your firearms dealer that are specifically designated for your type and caliber of firearm. Many suppliers offer these in kit form for your convenience.
- Follow the instructions provided with your cleaning supplies.
- Remove excessive firing residue from the bore and chamber using a properly fitted brush.
- Clean the exterior of the firearm using a non-abrasive cleaning cloth.
- After cleaning, lightly coat the metal parts, internal and external with a high quality firearm oil.

Whenever your firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity, water or other adverse conditions, it must be cleaned and lubricated.



WARNING: ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. CLEANING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, DISCHARGING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.

CAUTION: Always follow the instructions provided with your firearm cleaner and firearm lubricant.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CONT'D

CAUTION: Gas tube will discolor from heat. Do not attempt to remove discoloration.

CAUTION: Some cleaners can cause damage to your firearms. You should avoid prolonged solvent immersion and prolonged ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Choice of solvent should be restricted to those products specifically developed for firearms maintenance. Damage to a firearm's finish may occur if these cautions are ignored. Ammoniated solvents or other strong alkaline solvents, should not be used on any Smith & Wesson firearm.

Cleaning is essential to ensure the proper functioning of your firearm.

Your firearm is a precision instrument. To ensure reliable function it is necessary to follow a routine maintenance procedure. After firing your firearm, be sure to unload it following the procedure outlined in the section entitled "Inspecting Your Firearm" before performing any cleaning or maintenance procedure.

Remove any firearm cleaning solution, oil and fingerprints from the outside surfaces of the firearm. (Finger moisture, if left, could start a corrosion process).



WARNING: NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO DO SO IN THIS MANUAL. IMPROPER MANIPULATION OF ANY INTERNAL COMPONENT MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



WARNING: ANY MAINTENANCE, ADJUSTMENT OR SERVICE NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS MANUAL MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MUST BE PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE SMITH & WESSON PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING OF YOUR FIREARM MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT.

If your firearm will be used in a cold climate, be sure to use an oil of an appropriate weight so that it will not congeal in cold temperatures, causing the interaction of important parts to be slowed or halted.

MAINTENANCE BEFORE STORAGE

When storing, do not encase your firearm in anything that will attract or hold moisture, for example, leather or heavy cloth. Also, do not store firearms with a plug inserted in the barrel for this can be a contributing factor to moisture accumulation. If your firearm is to be stored for an extended period, the bore, chamber and internal surfaces should be oiled with a high-quality lubricating oil or preservative intended for firearms.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CONT'D

The external parts; receiver, bolt and barrel should be coated with an anti-rust oil. Before using your firearm again, be sure to clean it. Every time you clean your firearm, check it for signs of wear. If wear is noted, do not use the firearm. Return it to Smith & Wesson for service or have it checked by a qualified gunsmith.

CAUTION: Use of ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers in this firearm will cause oxidation to develop on any exposed metal parts of the firearm. To prevent such oxidation, the residue from corrosive primers must be completely removed from all exposed metal parts after each time ammunition with corrosive primers is used in this firearm. Conventional oil or solvent-based firearm cleaners **WILL NOT** dissolve the residue from corrosive primers. Residue from corrosive primers **MUST** be completely dissolved with a water-based cleaner. After the corrosive residue has been completely dissolved from all exposed metal parts, remove any excess water-based cleaner from the firearm. Finally, lubricate the firearm as instructed in the Safety and Instruction Manual. Failure to follow these instructions will cause damage to the firearm and may affect the ability of the firearm to function properly.

Check with the ammunition manufacturer or a qualified gunsmith if you are unsure whether the particular ammunition you plan to use in this firearm has been manufactured with corrosive primers. If in doubt, follow all the instructions above to prevent oxidation caused by ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers.

Ammunition manufactured by SAAMI member companies do not use corrosive primers.

LIMITED WARRANTY

For Owners Within The United States.

This warranty is granted by Smith & Wesson Corp. This warranty is effective from the date of purchase and applies to the original owner of any firearm. With respect to such firearms, this warranty supersedes any and all other warranties.

Smith & Wesson firearms are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Any such defects of which Smith & Wesson receives written notice within one year from the date of purchase by the original owner, will be remedied by Smith & Wesson without charge within a reasonable time after such notification and delivery of the firearm as provided below.

In the event of an emergency (repairs needed by law enforcement, an upcoming match or hunting trip), call 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 and ask for 911 Priority Repair Service. This allows you to speak with a Smith & Wesson representative.

Immediately upon receipt, your firearm will be assigned to a gunsmith. After the work is completed, we will return your Smith & Wesson firearm via overnight delivery.

Warranty claims (in writing) and the firearm concerned should be delivered to Smith & Wesson's Customer Service Department, 2100 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104. In addition, a copy of the bill of sale in the owner's name, or a copy of ATF Form 4473 indicating date of purchase must be included. It is important that the owner comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations in the shipment of firearms to Smith & Wesson.

Warranty claims should state the model and serial number of the firearm concerned and the description of the difficulty experienced. It is recommended that shipments be insured by the owner, since Smith & Wesson will accept no responsibility for loss or damage in transit. Transportation and insurance charges for return to owner will be paid by Smith & Wesson if the claim is covered by the warranty.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SMITH & WESSON BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC LOSS, INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

Some States do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

WARRANTY CONT'D

Smith & Wesson will not be responsible for:

- Defects or malfunctions resulting from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments or modifications made or attempted by anyone other than a qualified gunsmith following Smith & Wesson authorized procedures, or failure to follow the disassembly instructions in the Smith & Wesson manual.
- Use of defective or improper ammunition, corrosion, neglect, abuse, ordinary wear and tear, or unreasonable use.
- Criminal misuse, negligence or use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Smith & Wesson's Lifetime Service Policy begins after the warranty period has expired. Smith & Wesson will repair, without charge, for the lifetime of the original owner, any Smith & Wesson handgun purchased on or after February 1, 1989, and any M&P15 series rifle, that is found to have a defect in material or workmanship. Eligibility for this Lifetime Service Policy requires returning the Product Registration Card within 30 days of purchase. The Lifetime Service Policy covers functional defects; it does not include the firearm's finish, grips, magazines or sights. The Lifetime Service Policy is in addition to and not an extension of the Smith & Wesson Warranty.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights that vary from State to State.

Note: All liability is excluded in the event that the instructions in the Smith & Wesson manual are not observed.

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.22 CALIBER PISTOLS

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Should your Smith & Wesson firearm require service, it should be returned to the Smith & Wesson factory.

- Call or e-mail the Customer Service Dept. for authorization and shipping instructions.
- Ensure that the firearm is unloaded.
- **Do not attempt to ship a firearm via US Postal Service; only federally licensed dealers may ship a firearm by US Postal Service.**
- **DO NOT SHIP ANY AMMUNITION.**
- Enclose a letter which includes your full name and address (no P.O. Boxes, please), daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the serial number of the firearm, and details of the problem experienced (stating the brand and type of ammunition used when the problem occurred) or work desired.
- Record the serial number before shipping, in case you wish to check on the repair status of your firearm.
- Please remove all custom parts and accessories, such as stocks, special sights and scopes, or slings from your firearm before returning.
- Place the firearm in its original case or in a similarly secure container and pack it securely.
- The package must **NOT** bear any markings which indicate the identity of the contents.

CONTACT & SHIPPING CONT'D

- It is most important that you comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The following guidelines are meant to help, but you must seek assistance from the appropriate authorities if necessary.
- If your firearm must be replaced, it may be necessary to ship the replacement to a dealer rather than directly to you. You will be requested to furnish a signed FFL (Federal Firearms License) from your dealer in such an instance.
- Warranty repair work will begin upon receipt and examination of the firearm. In the case of repairs or work not covered by the warranty, a quotation covering the cost of the work plus round trip transportation charges will be sent to you. Repairs or modification will begin upon receipt of payment.



WARNING: YOU MAY PURCHASE ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR SMITH & WESSON FIREARM. YOU MUST HAVE SOME OF THESE PARTS INSTALLED BY A GUNSMITH QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SERVICE ON SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS. YOU MUST NEVER ATTEMPT TO MODIFY YOUR FIREARM OR INSTALL REPLACEMENT PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM. ALWAYS USE A QUALIFIED SMITH & WESSON GUNSMITH EVEN IF THE REPAIR SEEMS TO BE SIMPLE.

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