



# **FN HIGH POWER™**



**AUTOLOADING PISTOL  
OWNER'S MANUAL**

Important operating instructions for:

## **FN HIGH POWER™ AUTOLOADING PISTOLS**

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## 1. FOREWORD

**ALWAYS KEEP THIS MANUAL WITH YOUR FIREARM. INCLUDE IT WITH THE PISTOL WHEN IT CHANGES OWNERSHIP OR WHEN IT IS LOANED OR PRESENTED TO ANOTHER PERSON.**

***NOTICE!* THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR ITS LOCAL OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTORS ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCT MALFUNCTIONS OR PHYSICAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE CRIMINAL, NEGLIGENT, IMPROPER, OR CARELESS USE OR HANDLING OF THE PRODUCT; THE USE OF RELOADED, HAND-LOADED OR RE-MANUFACTURED AMMUNITION; ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF THE PRODUCT; OR OTHER INFLUENCES AND ACTIONS BEYOND FN'S DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE CONTROL.**

### **▲WARNING**

**ALL FIREARMS HAVE LETHAL POTENTIAL. READ THE BASIC SAFETY RULES CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THEM FULLY BEFORE HANDLING THIS FIREARM.**

In addition to the basic safety rules there are other safety rules pertaining to the loading, unloading, disassembly, assembly and use of this firearm located throughout this manual.

### **▲WARNING**

**READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM. MAKE SURE THAT ANY PERSON USING OR WHO HAS ACCESS TO THIS FIREARM READS AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THIS MANUAL BEFORE USE OR ACCESS.**

**▲WARNING**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND ABIDE BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS GOVERNING THE SALE, TRANSPORTATION, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, AND USE OF FIREARMS IN YOUR AREA.**

**CALIFORNIA STATE WARNING, SAFETY AND WARRANTY NOTES**

According to state law, California requires that firearms manufacturers, distributors and retailers include conspicuous, specific warnings with firearms sold in that state.

**▲WARNING**

“Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.”

**▲ADVERTENCIA**

“A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesiones graves y la muerte. Evite que los niños tengan acceso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la cárcel.”

## 2. BASIC SAFETY RULES



**READ THIS MANUAL BEFORE HANDLING YOUR FIREARM.**

**WARNING: FIREARMS CAN BE DANGEROUS AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR DEATH, IF HANDLED IMPROPERLY. THE FOLLOWING SAFETY RULES ARE IMPORTANT REMINDERS THAT AS A FIREARMS OWNER SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR CARELESS OR ABUSIVE HANDLING OF ANY FIREARM. HANDLE THIS FIREARM AND ALL OTHER FIREARMS WITH RESPECT FOR THEIR POWER AND POTENTIAL DANGER AT ALL TIMES.**

- 1. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, EVEN IF YOU ARE CERTAIN IT IS UNLOADED.**

Never point any firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot even if you are certain it is unloaded. Stay alert and be aware of all persons and property within the range of your ammunition.

- 2. NEVER RELY TOTALLY ON YOUR FIREARM'S MECHANICAL "SAFETY" DEVICES. LIKE ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE, A "SAFETY" CAN SOMETIMES FAIL; IT CAN BE JARRED OR INADVERTENTLY MANIPULATED INTO AN UNSAFE CONDITION.**

Remember, safe gun handling does not stop with your firearm's mechanical "safety" devices, it starts there. Always treat this firearm with the respect due a loaded, ready-to-fire firearm.

The word "safety" describes a firearm's trigger block mechanism, sear block mechanism, hammer block mechanism or striker block mechanism. Mechanical "safeties" are designed to place your firearm in a safer status, and no guarantee can be made that the firearm will

not fire even if the “safety” is in the on “safe” position. Mechanical “safeties” merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your firearm’s muzzle in an unsafe direction.

Some firearms do not have a mechanical safety. Many target firearms, lever-action firearms and pistols do not have manual “safety” mechanisms. Therefore, it is critical to read and understand the owner’s or operator’s manual for every firearm that you use, which explains the safe operation of the firearm.

While it is a good idea to test your firearm’s mechanical “safety” periodically for proper function, never test the “safety” while your firearm is loaded or pointed in an unsafe direction.

See Section 9 for instructions on the operation of this firearm’s “safety” mechanisms.

**3. KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER AT ALL TIMES UNTIL SHOOTING IS IMMINENT.**

**4. KEEP ALL FIREARMS UNLOADED DURING TRANSPORT, EVEN WHEN STORED IN A HOLSTER, GUN CASE, SCABBARD OR OTHER CONTAINER.**

For law enforcement, military personnel and authorized individuals, refer to the procedures of your organization or to the state and local laws and guidelines on carrying a loaded firearm.

**5. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BACKSTOP**

Clearly identify your target and what is beyond. Know the range of your ammunition and where the bullet will land if the target is missed or the bullet penetrates the target. Special care must be taken when shooting in any condition which makes identification of the target or backstop harder to assess, including low light conditions. Never shoot at water or hard objects. Shooting at the surface of water or at rock or other hard surfaces increases the chance of ricochets or fragmentation

of the bullet which can result in the bullet striking an unintended target.

**6. WHENEVER YOU HANDLE ANY FIREARM, OR HAND IT TO SOMEONE, ALWAYS OPEN THE ACTION IMMEDIATELY AND VISUALLY CHECK THE FIREARM'S CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE FIREARM IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED.**

Completely unload your firearm as described in Section 6. Make certain the firearm does not inadvertently contain any ammunition. Remember, merely removing the magazine does not mean the chamber is unloaded. Always keep the chamber empty and your fingers away from the trigger unless shooting is imminent.

**7. STORE YOUR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY, WELL BEYOND THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

Store all firearms in secure, locked cases or a gun safe and store ammunition separately from your firearms. Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use. Take prudent safeguards to ensure your firearm does not become available to children, untrained, inexperienced or unauthorized people. At all times, comply with local and state laws concerning the possession and storage of firearms.

**8. USE ONLY THE PROPER AMMUNITION FOR YOUR FIREARM.**

Use only factory-loaded, new ammunition manufactured to SAAMI or CIP specifications. Be certain that each round you use is of the proper caliber or gauge and type for the particular firearm. The caliber of the FN High Power is located on the rear of the barrel and is visible through the ejection port. The use of reloaded or remanufactured ammunition increases the likelihood of case head ruptures or other defects in the ammunition that can cause damage to your firearm and serious injury to yourself or others nearby.

**9. PROPERLY MAINTAIN YOUR FIREARM, PRACTICE**



## **PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND AVOID UNAUTHORIZED SERVICING.**

Store and carry your firearm so debris does not accumulate in the working parts. Clean and oil your firearm following the instructions provided in this manual after each use to prevent corrosion damage or accumulation of debris. Make sure that no obstructions remain in the barrel. Firing the pistol with an obstruction in the barrel can cause extensive damage to your firearm and serious injury to yourself and others.

### **⚠️WARNING**

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ALTER THE TRIGGER, SAFETY OR OTHER PARTS OF THE FIRING MECHANISM OF THIS OR ANY OTHER FIREARM. FAILURE TO OBEY THIS WARNING MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH TO YOURSELF OR OTHERS.**

Your firearm is a mechanical device and as such, is subject to wear and requires periodic inspection and service. FN firearms should only be serviced by the FN Product Service Center or an FN authorized individual. FN cannot assume any responsibility for injuries suffered or damage caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications of FN firearms.

## **10. ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING.**

Unprotected, exposure to gunfire can cause hearing damage. Wear hearing protection (shooting earplugs and/or ear muffs) to guard against such damage.

Wear shooting glasses to protect your eyes from flying particles. Allow proper distance (also known as eye relief) between a scope and your eye when firing a scoped pistol, rifle or shotgun. Do not use unorthodox shooting methods that could cause the rearward travel of the slide or bolt of a firearm to contact your eyes, face or hands. Always keep a safe distance between the muzzle and ejection port of your firearm and

any persons nearby, as muzzle blast, debris and ejecting shells could inflict serious injury.

Always wear appropriate eye protection when disassembling and cleaning your pistol to prevent the possibility of springs, spring-tensioned parts, solvents or other agents from contacting your eyes.

## **11. AVOID DROPPING FIREARMS OR SHOOTING FROM UNSTABLE POSITIONS.**

Shooting from unstable positions is dangerous. Doing so increases the risk of falling or dropping the firearms. The following rules should always be observed: always make certain that your firearm is unloaded when climbing or navigating obstacles and ensure that the surface that you are firing the pistol from is safe and stable. Dropping a pistol from an elevated position increases the risk of damage or unintended discharge.



**DROPPING OR JARRING A LOADED FIREARM CAN CAUSE THE FIREARM TO DISCHARGE. BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL DURING ANY SHOOTING ACTIVITY OR WHEN CARRYING ANY FIREARM TO AVOID DROPPING IT.**

## **12. BE ALERT TO THE SIGNS OF AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION.**

If a cartridge has a different sound or lighter recoil than normal, do not load another cartridge into the chamber. If your firearm fails to fire, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction for a minimum of 30 seconds. Rotate the ejection area of the firearm away from you, carefully open the action and remove the cartridge from the chamber. If the primer is indented, the defective cartridge should be disposed of in a way that cannot cause harm. If the primer is not indented, your firearm should be examined by a qualified gunsmith and the cause of the malfunction corrected before further use. Unload the pistol following the instructions in section 6.3, then field strip the pistol following the instructions in section 11.1 and inspect the barrel for

obstructions before shooting. Never inspect the barrel while the firearm is loaded or prior to complete field stripping. Inspect the barrel only after ensuring that it is safe to do so. Mud, snow and an infinite variety of other objects may inadvertently lodge in a barrel bore. If an obstruction is seen, no matter how small it may be, clean the bore with a cleaning rod and patch as described in section 12.1 of this manual. It only takes a small obstruction to cause dangerously increased pressures that can damage your firearm and cause serious injury or death to yourself and others.

### **13. WHEN DISCHARGING A FIREARM, MAKE SURE THAT THE AREA HAS ADEQUATE VENTILATION.**

Exposure to lead and other toxic chemicals can occur from discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition. Lead is a substance that has been known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious injury. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure to ammunition or after cleaning a firearm.

### **14. BE DEFENSIVE AND ON GUARD AGAINST UNSAFE GUN HANDLING AROUND YOU AND OTHERS.**

Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe other shooters violating any of these safety precautions, politely suggest safer handling practices.

### **15. BE CERTAIN YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE CLEANING.**

Because so many gun accidents occur when a firearm is being cleaned, special care should be taken to ensure your firearm is unloaded before disassembly, cleaning and reassembly. Keep ammunition and other flammable or dangerous objections away from the cleaning location. Never test the mechanical function of any firearm with live ammunition.

### **16. TEACH AND SUPERVISE FIREARMS SAFETY TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD, ESPECIALLY TO CHILDREN AND NONSHOOTERS.**

Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in firearm and shooting safety courses.

**17. NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TAKE JUDGEMENT/REFLEX IMPAIRING MEDICATION OR DRUGS BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING.**

Your vision, motor skills and judgment could be dangerously impaired, making your gun handling unsafe to you and to others. Consult your physician for personalized medical advice.

**18. READ AND HEED ALL WARNINGS IN THIS OWNER'S MANUAL, ON AMMUNITION BOXES AND WITH ALL ACCESSORIES THAT YOU INSTALL ON YOUR FIREARM.**

It is your responsibility to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your FN firearm. FN assumes no liability for incidents which occur when unsafe or improper pistol accessories or ammunition combinations are used.

**NOTICE: FN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICING A FIREARM WHICH HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY REMOVAL OF METAL FROM THE BARREL OR SLIDE, MODIFICATIONS OF THE FIRING MECHANISM AND/OR OTHER PARTS, AND WILL, IN SUCH A CASE, ALWAYS RECOMMEND RESTORING THE FIREARM TO ITS ORIGINAL SPECIFICATIONS. PARTS AND LABOR REQUIRED FOR SUCH A RESTORATION ARE PAYABLE BY THE OWNER OF THE FIREARM.**

**DO NOT REMOVE ANY PARTS OR COMPONENTS REQUIRED BY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW.**

**NOTICE: THIS PISTOL SHOULD BE CLEANED PRIOR TO USE FOLLOWING THE INITIAL CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN SECTION 12.1 OF THIS MANUAL.**

Various metal parts of your pistol have been coated at the factory with corrosion inhibitors and lubricants to protect the pistol during shipping and storage. Before using your pistol, clean the preservatives from the inside of

the barrel, slide and action/chamber areas with a quality gun oil as explained in section 12.1. If your pistol is to be stored, it is acceptable to leave the preservatives on the pistol and keep it in its original packaging. Never fire the pistol upon purchase without first inspecting cleaning and lubricating it before use. Pay special attention that all foreign material is removed from the bore of the barrel to prevent an unsafe condition.

### 3. AMMUNITION

AMMUNITION NOTICE: FN specifically disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury occurring with, or as a result of, the use of faulty, non-standard, remanufactured, hand-loaded or reloaded ammunition, or cartridges other than those for which the firearm was originally chambered. Serious damage, injury or death could result from the use of incorrect ammunition, from firing against a bore obstruction or from propellant overloads. Use of improper ammunition, such as listed previously will void the manufacturer's warranty. Use only commercially manufactured ammunition made in accordance with SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute) or CIP (Commission internationale permanente pour l'épreuve des armes à feu portatives "Permanent International Commission for the Proof of Small Arms") standards. Be certain that the ammunition is the appropriate caliber and loading for the firearm and is clean, dry and in good condition. The caliber of your FN pistol is marked on the portion of the barrel visible through the ejection port.

#### **WARNING**

**THE FN HIGH POWER IS DESIGNED TO SAFELY AND RELIABLY FUNCTION WITH +P AMMUNITION. THE AMMUNITION SOLD AS +P+ DOES NOT CONFORM TO SAAMI OR CIP GUIDELINES AND MAY DEVELOP CHAMBER PRESSURE IN EXCESS OF INDUSTRY STANDARDS. DO NOT USE +P+ AMMUNITION IN THE FN HIGH POWER AS IT COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT USE AMMUNITION SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR USE IN SUBMACHINE GUNS OR RIFLES AS CHAMBER PRESSURE**

**MAY REACH OR EXCEED THE PRESSURE DEVELOPED BY PROOF LOADS.**

**▲WARNING**

**CAREFULLY INSPECT EACH CARTRIDGE BEFORE IT IS LOADED IN THE MAGAZINE. BE CERTAIN THE CARTRIDGE CASE IS NOT SPLIT OR DEFORMED AND THAT THE CARTRIDGES DO NOT POSSESS ANY OTHER DENTS OR DEFECTS.**

For best results, use new factory manufactured ammunition from a reputable manufacturer. Primers, powder, cartridge cases and bullets can deteriorate with time and cause damage to the firearm or injury to the shooter or others.

**▲WARNING**

**LEAD BULLETS HAVE A TENDENCY TO CAUSE BORE LEADING, WHICH MAY DRAMATICALLY INCREASE PRESSURE WHEN A MORE RIGID BULLET DESIGN IS FIRED IN THE LEADED BORE. BE SURE TO REMOVE ALL CHAMBER AND BORE LEAD ACCUMULATION AFTER EACH USE. DO NOT SHOOT CARTRIDGES WITH JACKETED OR MONOLITHIC BULLETS THROUGH A BARREL PREVIOUSLY FIRED WITH LEAD BULLETS BEFORE THE BORE IS THOROUGHLY DELEADED.**

**CAUTION: STORE ALL CARTRIDGES OF DIFFERENT CALIBERS IN COMPLETELY SEPARATE AND WELL-MARKED CONTAINERS. NEVER STORE CARTRIDGES OF MIXED CALIBERS IN A COMMON CONTAINER OR IN YOUR POCKETS.**

FN has gone to great lengths to ensure the compatibility of the FN High Power with the widest possible range of ammunition but due to the vast and ever increasing number and types of ammunition available it is

recommended that you test your pistol with any ammunition that you wish to carry for protection to ensure reliable functioning.

If you have concerns about the compatibility of a particular ammunition type with your FN pistol, contact FN customer service before using any such ammunition.

## **4. DRY FIRING & “DUMMY” ROUNDS**

Dry firing is defined as firing a firearm with no ammunition in the chamber. Occasional dry firing of your FN High Power and for disassembly is acceptable. Regularly dry firing your FN High Power pistol for practice or training may result in damage to the striker. “Snap Caps” (inert chamber inserts that allow a firearm to be dry fired without damaging the firing pin) are commercially available for those who wish to practice firing without live ammunition.

**CAUTION:** Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction, even if you are certain it is unloaded.

**CAUTION:** Store inert ammunition separately from loaded ammunition to avoid unintended firing of the pistol. Failure to follow this warning could result in serious injury or death.

**CAUTION:** “Dummy Rounds” with empty primer pockets are suitable for loading/unloading practice and some training activities but do not protect the striker during dry firing.

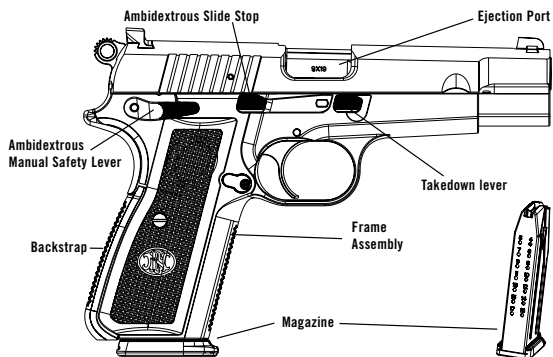
## **5. NOMENCLATURE**

The FN High Power described in this manual refers only and specifically to the pistol produced by FN America, LLC. Legacy “High Power” or “Hi Power” pistols made by FN Herstal S.A., Browning Arms Company, or any other manufacturer are designed and will function differently. If you are unsure what type or model of pistol you own, please call FN Customer Service at 1-800-635-1321 before proceeding further.

In conventional gun terminology, the position and movement of parts are described as they occur with the firearm horizontal and in the normal firing

position: the muzzle is forward or front, the pistol grip is rearward or rear, the trigger is downward or underneath, the sights are upward or on top. For general parts nomenclature refer to Figures 1 and 2.

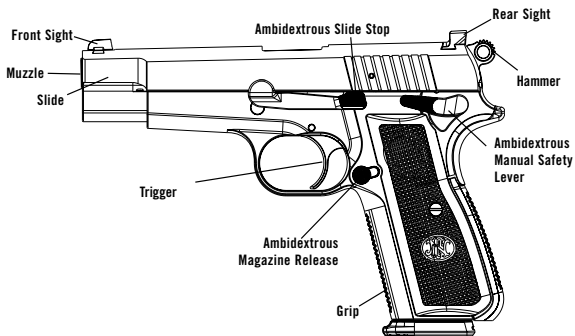
FIGURE 1



Right view of the FN HIGH POWER pistol



**FIGURE 2**



**Left view of the FN HIGH POWER pistol**

## VERIFYING THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED

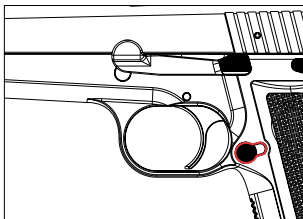
**BEFORE HANDLING, STORING OR TRANSPORTING YOUR PISTOL, FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED.**

### **⚠ WARNING**

**ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

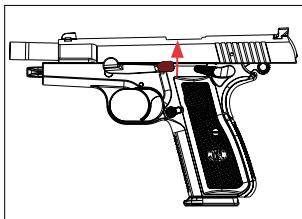
1. Depress the magazine release to eject the magazine. If the magazine does not eject from the magazine well, press and hold the magazine release while gently pulling on the magazine floor plate (Figure 3).
2. If the slide is closed, pull the slide back and eject the cartridge from the chamber if one was chambered. Lock the slide to the rear by pressing the slide stop up and allowing the slide to rest against the slide stop retaining it to the rear (Figure 4).

FIGURE 3



Depress magazine release.

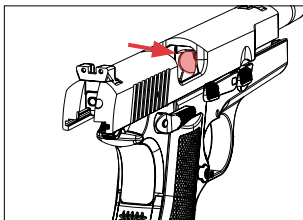
FIGURE 4



Lock slide open.

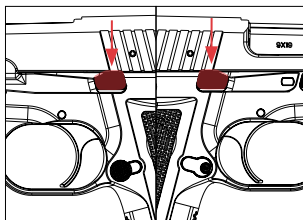
3. Inspect the chamber and magazine well to ensure no cartridge is present. Remember, merely removing the magazine does not mean the chamber is unloaded (Figure 5).
4. Release the slide by pushing downward on the slide stop or by pulling rearward on the slide to disengage the slide stop and then let the slide move forward under control (Figure 6).

FIGURE 5



Empty chamber.

FIGURE 6



Slide released.

5. Ensure that the magazine is empty. If the magazine is not empty, unload it as described in Section 6.4. Unload any spare magazines.

**CAUTION: THE RECOMMENDED CARRY CONDITION OF YOUR PISTOL IS WITH THE CHAMBER EMPTY. FOR GOOD SAFETY PRACTICE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A CARTRIDGE NOT BE CHAMBERED UNTIL USE IS IMMINENT. ONCE A CARTRIDGE IS CHAMBERED, EXTRA CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED TO ENSURE NOTHING COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE TRIGGER. IF THE PISTOL IS EQUIPPED WITH A MANUAL SAFETY THE SAFETY SHOULD BE ENGAGED WHEN A ROUND IS CHAMBERED AND REMAIN ENGAGED UNTIL READY TO SHOOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

## 6. LOADING AND UNLOADING

### **⚠WARNING**

**LOAD THE CHAMBER ONLY WHEN READY TO USE THE PISTOL.**

**WHENEVER A LIVE ROUND IS IN THE CHAMBER THE PISTOL CAN FIRE, EVEN IF THE MAGAZINE IS EMPTY OR HAS BEEN REMOVED.**

**WHEN LOADING YOUR PISTOL ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER. KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT LIES BEHIND IT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

**MAKE SURE YOUR FINGERS ARE SAFELY AWAY FROM THE EJECTION PORT WHEN THE SLIDE IS RELEASED TO AVOID PINCHING THEM WHEN THE SLIDE CLOSES. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.**

### 6.1 LOADING THE MAGAZINE

#### **⚠WARNING**

**INSERT THE MAGAZINE INTO THE PISTOL AND LOAD A CARTRIDGE INTO THE CHAMBER ONLY WHEN READY TO FIRE. IF THE PISTOL IS EQUIPPED WITH A MANUAL SAFETY THE SAFETY SHOULD REMAIN IN THE ENGAGED POSITION UNTIL READY TO FIRE.**

#### **⚠WARNING**

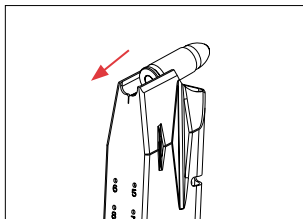
**USE ONLY AMMUNITION THAT IS OF THE APPROPRIATE CALIBER AND LOADING FOR THE FIREARM TO BE USED AND IS CLEAN, DRY AND IN GOOD CONDITION. THE**

## **CALIBER OF YOUR FN PISTOL IS MARKED ON THE PORTION OF THE BARREL VISIBLE THROUGH THE EJECTION PORT.**

If the magazine to be loaded is still in the pistol, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine from the pistol.

Hold the magazine in one hand. With the other hand, place a cartridge on the magazine follower or on the cartridge case of the previously loaded round in the magazine in front of the feed lips at the top of the magazine. Press the cartridge down into the magazine body and slide the cartridge under the feed lips until it is seated fully inside the magazine body.

**FIGURE 7**



Loading the magazine.

Repeat the process until the magazine is fully loaded. The holes on the back of the magazine body allow you to estimate the number of cartridges present in the magazine (Figure 7).

**CAUTION: DO NOT TRY TO FORCE MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ROUNDS INDICATED FOR YOUR PARTICULAR MAGAZINE INTO THE MAGAZINE. ATTEMPTING TO OVERLOAD THE MAGAZINE CAN DAMAGE IT CAUSING THE PISTOL TO MALFUNCTION.**

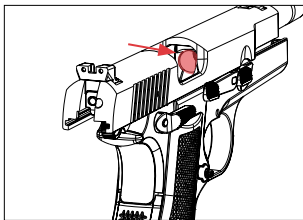
## 6.2 LOADING THE PISTOL

### **⚠WARNING**

**WHEN LOADING YOUR PISTOL, ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER. ALWAYS CLOSE THE SLIDE BEFORE INSERTING A LOADED MAGAZINE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO IMMEDIATELY CHAMBER A CARTRIDGE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

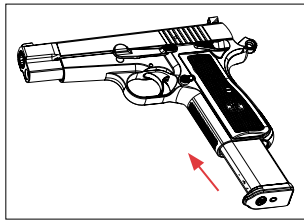
1. Before loading, ensure that the chamber of the pistol is empty and the pistol does not contain a magazine. Close the slide if you do not wish to immediately chamber a cartridge (Figure 8).
2. Insert the loaded magazine into the pistol, making certain that the magazine is pressed completely in and is retained by the magazine release (Figure 9).

FIGURE 8



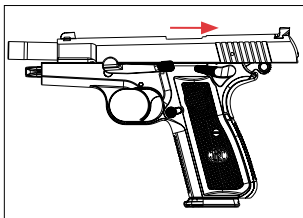
Empty chamber.

FIGURE 9



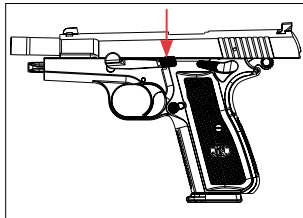
Insert magazine.

FIGURE 10



Retract slide.

FIGURE 11



Depress slide stop lever.

3. With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your fingers away from the trigger, hold the pistol in your firing hand and pull the slide fully rearward with the other hand and release the slide, which will return under the force of the recoil spring (Figure 10-11). You can also press down on the slide stop to allow the slide to move forward and chamber a cartridge if the slide is locked to the rear. This movement resets the firing mechanism and moves the first cartridge from the magazine into the chamber. Allow the slide to “slam” forward under the force of the recoil spring. Do not ease it forward. Engage the safety by moving the safety lever to the engaged (up) position if you do not immediately wish to fire.

**▲WARNING**

**THE PISTOL IS NOW READY TO FIRE. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

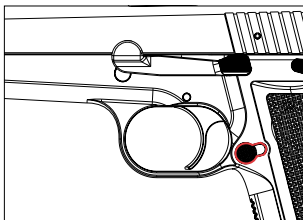
## 6.3 UNLOADING

### **▲WARNING**

**WHILE UNLOADING THE PISTOL, ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER. IF YOUR PISTOL IS EQUIPPED WITH A MANUAL SAFETY, THE SAFETY SHOULD BE IN THE ENGAGED POSITION. WHEN UNLOADING, IT IS VITAL THAT YOU REMOVE THE MAGAZINE FROM YOUR PISTOL SO THAT A CARTRIDGE IS NOT CHAMBERED WHEN YOU CLOSE THE SLIDE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

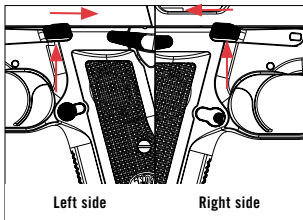
1. Press the magazine release and remove the magazine. If the magazine does not drop out of the pistol, pull on the magazine base plate while pressing the magazine release (Figure 12).
2. If the slide is closed, pull the slide back and eject the cartridge from the chamber. Lock the slide to the rear by pressing the slide stop up and allowing the slide to rest against the slide stop retaining it to the rear (Figure 13).

FIGURE 12



Depress magazine release.

FIGURE 13



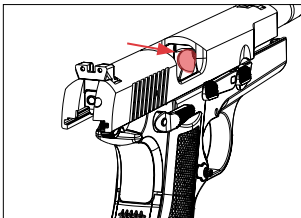
Lock slide open.



3. Inspect the chamber and magazine well to ensure no cartridge is present. Remember, merely removing the magazine does not mean the chamber is unloaded (Figure 14).

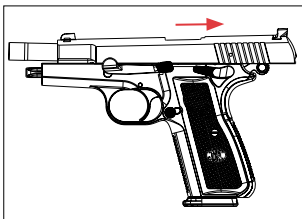
4. The slide should be left in the open position until ready to load or when putting the pistol away. To release the slide, pull rearward on the slide to disengage the slide stop or press down on the slide stop to allow the slide to move forward (Figure 15-16).

FIGURE 14



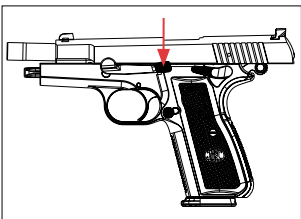
Empty chamber.

FIGURE 15



Retract slide.

FIGURE 16



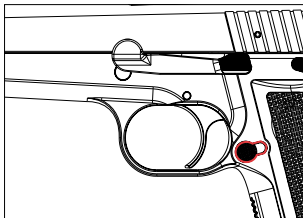
Depress slide stop lever.

5. Unload the magazine as explained in Section 6.4.

## 6.4 UNLOADING THE MAGAZINE

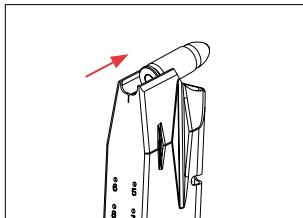
1. Unload the pistol and place it in a safe condition as detailed in Section 6.3.
2. Depress the magazine release and remove the magazine (Figure 17).
3. Strip the top cartridge from the magazine by pushing forward on the rim of the cartridge and slide the cartridge out from under the feed lips. When the cartridge is removed the remaining cartridges will move up in the magazine. Continue removing the cartridges in this manner until the magazine is empty. Repeat this procedure with all loaded magazines (Figure 18).

FIGURE 17



Depress magazine release.

FIGURE 18



Remove rounds from magazine.

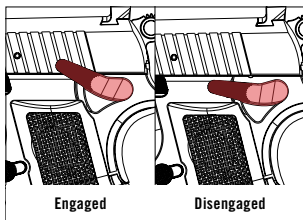
## 7. FIRING

### **⚠ WARNING**

**WHEN FIRING, THE SLIDE MOVES REARWARD PAST THE BACK OF THE FRAME. TO PREVENT THE SLIDE FROM CAUSING INJURY IN ITS REARWARD MOVEMENT WHEN SHOOTING, KEEP THE PISTOL AWAY FROM THE EYES OR FACE. KEEP YOUR HAND IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CANNOT BE HIT BY THE SLIDE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.**

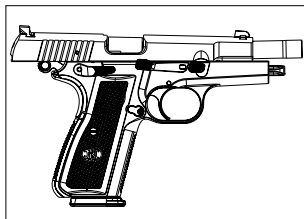
1. Load a cartridge into the chamber as detailed in Section 6.2.
2. With a cartridge in the chamber disengage the manual safety if your pistol is so equipped, aim at your target and squeeze the trigger to fire the pistol (Figure 19).
3. After a cartridge has been fired, the slide moves rearward, ejects the empty cartridge case and returns forward resetting the firing mechanism and loading a cartridge from the magazine into the chamber. You may continue to fire the pistol until the magazine is empty by pulling the trigger to fire each cartridge. After the last cartridge in the magazine is fired, the slide stop will automatically engage the slide and hold the slide in the open (rearward) position (Figure 20).

FIGURE 19



Manual safety.

FIGURE 20



Slide locked open.

## 7.1 RELOADING DURING FIRING

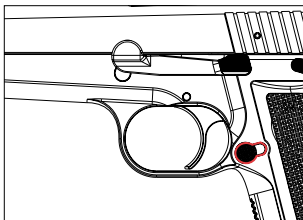
### **⚠WARNING**

**NEVER CHAMBER A CARTRIDGE UNLESS USE OF THE PISTOL IS IMMINENT. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. MAKE SURE YOUR FINGERS ARE SAFELY AWAY FROM THE CHAMBER WHEN THE SLIDE IS RELEASED TO AVOID PINCHING THEM WHEN THE SLIDE CLOSES. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

After firing the last cartridge with the magazine inserted, the slide will remain in the open position. If firing is imminent, the empty magazine can quickly be replaced with a loaded magazine as follows:

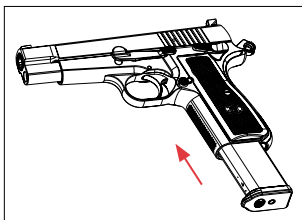
1. Depress the magazine release to eject the empty magazine (Figure 21).
2. Insert a loaded magazine completely into the magazine well until it locks into position (Figure 22).

**FIGURE 21**



Depress magazine release.

**FIGURE 22**

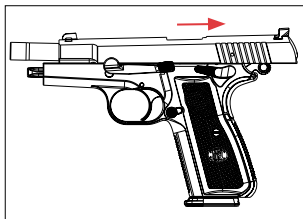


Insert magazine.

3. Release the slide by pulling rearward on the slide to disengage the slide stop and allow the slide to move forward and chamber a cartridge (Figure 23). You can also press down on the slide stop to allow the slide to move forward and chamber a cartridge (Figure 24).

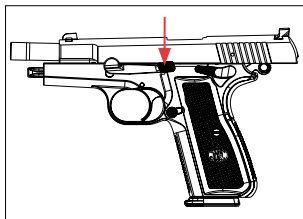
When the slide closes, the pistol is loaded and ready to fire. You may now continue firing.  
(Figure 23-24).

FIGURE 23



Retract slide.

FIGURE 24



Depress slide stop lever.

If firing is no longer imminent and you are finished shooting, remove the magazine and pull the slide to the rear to eject the chambered round. Inspect the magazine well and chamber to ensure no ammunition remains in the pistol and allow the slide to return to the forward position.

## 8. FUNCTION OF THE FN HIGH POWER

The FN High Power is a semi-automatic, locked-breach pistol. With the chamber and magazine loaded, the pistol will fire a single shot each time the trigger is pulled until the magazine and chamber are empty. The slide will remain locked to the rear after the last cartridge is fired. The FN High Power uses an exposed hammer, single action mechanism with a manual safety to fire the pistol. Once loaded the pistol should remain cocked with the safety on until ready to fire.

**▲WARNING**

**DO NOT MANUALLY DECOCK THE HAMMER WITH A CARTRIDGE CHAMBERED. MANUALLY LOWERING THE HAMMER CREATES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF UNINTENTIONALLY FIRING THE PISTOL THAT COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

## **8.1 FIRING CYCLE**

When the trigger is pulled the transfer bar is disengaged from the firing pin while simultaneously disengaging the sear from the hammer. When the hammer is released it rotates forward to strike the firing pin which then strikes the primer of the loaded cartridge, firing the pistol. The energy generated from the firing of the cartridge moves the slide and barrel rearward, the barrel is unlocked from the slide after a short distance and stopped. The slide then continues rearward under inertia compressing the recoil spring and ejecting the fired cartridge case. As the breach face of the slide passes the back of the magazine in its rearward travel, the cartridges in the magazine rise under spring tension until the top round is in contact with the magazine feed lips. As the slide is returned forward by the recoil spring the top cartridge is stripped from the magazine by the slide and pushed into the chamber of the pistol. Releasing the trigger will allow the firing mechanism to reset and the process can be repeated until the magazine is empty. Upon firing the pistol with an empty magazine inserted, the magazine follower will push the slide stop into engagement with slide and lock the slide to the rear of its travel.

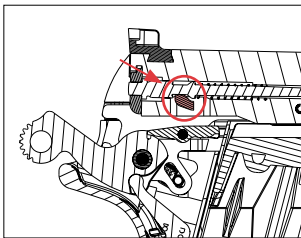
## **9. FN HIGH POWER FEATURES**

### **9.1 PASSIVE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

The FN High Power is equipped with two passive safety systems incorporated into the firing mechanism: a firing pin block and trigger disconnect to prevent the pistol from firing unless the trigger is pulled, and the slide and barrel are in the locked position.

- The firing pin block prevents the tip of the firing pin from protruding from the breach face unless the trigger has been pulled to the rear (Figure 25).

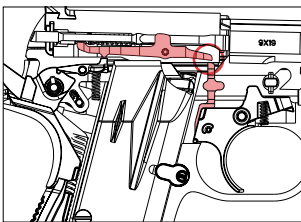
FIGURE 25



Firing pin block.

- The trigger disconnect safety is actuated when the transfer bar is pushed out of alignment with trigger actuator lever preventing the sear from releasing the hammer. This safety feature prevents the pistol from firing out of battery (Figure 26).

FIGURE 26



Trigger disconnect safety.

## 9.2 MANUAL SAFETY

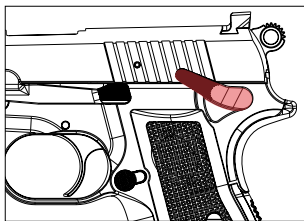
**NOTICE! THE SAFETY OF THE FN HIGH POWER CANNOT BE ENGAGED WHEN THE HAMMER IS IN THE FIRED (DOWN/FORWARD) POSITION.**

The FN High Power pistol is equipped with a manually activated safety that prevents the pistol from firing unless it is deactivated, the safety levers are

located at the rear of the frame. When the safety levers are moved to the up position (Figure 27), the safety is engaged and blocks the movement of the sear. When the safety levers are moved down the red dot indicating that the pistol will fire is exposed, and the firing mechanism is free to operate. The safety lever is retained in the selected position by a detent and will snap into location when engaged or disengaged. It is recommended that the safety be disengaged only when ready to fire the pistol or for disassembly (Figure 28).

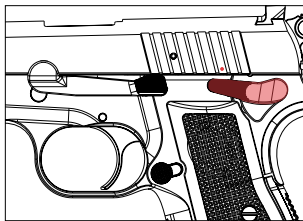
**▲WARNING**

**FIGURE 27**



**Engaged.**

**FIGURE 28**



**Disengaged.**

**NEVER RELY TOTALLY ON THE “SAFETY” MECHANISMS OF YOUR PISTOL. LIKE ANY OTHER MECHANICAL DEVICE, IT COULD FAIL OR BE JARRED OR INADVERTENTLY MANIPULATED INTO AN UNSAFE CONDITION, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PISTOL IS SUBJECTED TO EXTREME FORCES OR CONDITIONS NOT ENCOUNTERED UNDER NORMAL SHOOTING CONDITIONS.**

**CAUTION: THE RED DOT ON THE SLIDE SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON TO INDICATE THE FIRING CONDITION OF THE PISTOL. THE DOT CAN BECOME OBSCURED OR DAMAGED PREVENTING IT FROM BEING SEEN.**



**▲WARNING**

**ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT AND KEEP YOUR FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO SHOOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

**▲WARNING**

**THE MANUAL SAFETY CAN NOT BE ENGAGED WITH THE HAMMER IN THE DOWN/FORWARD POSITION. FORCING THE SAFETY LEVER CAN DAMAGE THE SAFETY MECHANISM REQUIRING REPAIR OF THE PISTOL BEFORE CONTINUED USE!**

**▲WARNING**

**WITH THE TRIGGER PULLED AND THE SAFETY ENGAGED, THE SAFETY IS PREVENTING THE PISTOL FROM FIRING IF THE USER IS PULLING THE TRIGGER WHEN THE SAFETY IS DISENGAGED THE PISTOL WILL FIRE.**

**▲WARNING**

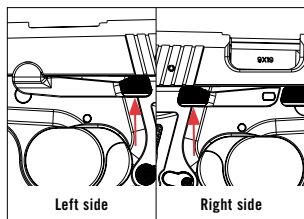
**DO NOT MANUALLY LOWER THE HAMMER WHEN A CARTRIDGE IS CHAMBERED. PULLING THE TRIGGER TO RELEASE THE HAMMER DISENGAGES THE SAFETY MECHANISMS AND GREATLY INCREASING THE RISK OF AN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE WHICH MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

### **9.3 AMBIDEXTROUS SLIDE STOP**

The FN High Power slide stop is fully ambidextrous meaning that the control levers are located on both sides of the frame within reach of the thumb of the shooting hand. The slide stop is automatically engaged when the last

shot from a magazine is fired or the slide is retracted with an empty magazine in the pistol. To engage the slide stop without an empty magazine inserted, retract the slide and press up on the slide stop and hold it in that position while allowing the slide to move forward (Figure 29).

**FIGURE 29**



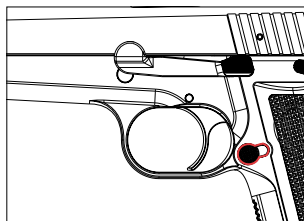
Slide stop operation.

To release the slide from the slide stop, press down on the left or right slide stop lever and the slide will be released to close. The slide can also be released by pulling back and releasing the slide as long as an empty magazine is not inserted.

#### **9.4 MAGAZINE RELEASE**

The FN High Power magazine release is located on the frame behind the trigger. The release can be actuated by pressing the magazine release into the frame. The magazine release can be easily actuated by the thumb of the shooting hand. The magazine release can be installed for right- or left-hand operation. (Figure 30).

**FIGURE 30**



Magazine release.

#### **9.5 MAGAZINE**

The FN High Power has a standard magazine capacity of 17 rounds and is equipped with witness holes along the back of the magazine to allow for the estimation of rounds remaining in the magazine.

FN High Power magazines not specifically covered in this manual should be covered by an addendum included with this manual or with the magazine. If the magazine that you have is not covered in this manual or by an

addendum, information can be found on the FN website or by contacting FN customer service.

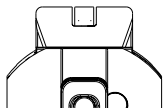
**NOTE:** Some jurisdictions limit the maximum capacity of magazines. All FN pistols intended for sale in those jurisdictions will be shipped with magazines not exceeding the specified number of rounds in compliance with local or state law. Verify the capacity of your magazine before entering these jurisdictions to avoid violating local laws. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal law at all times.

## 10. SIGHT ALIGNMENT

**NOTE:** The sight alignment described is for the standard sights provided with the FN High Power pistol. Alternate sight options may have different sight alignment requirements. Please refer to any special instructions provided with your alternate sights.

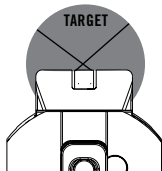
The sights of the FN High Power should be aligned with the top of the front sight even with the top of the rear sight and an equal gap between the rear sight and the sides of the front sight. The point of impact will be at the top of the front sight when the sights are properly aligned.

**FIGURE 30A**



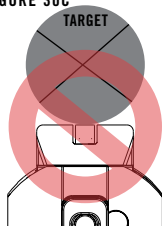
**Proper Sight Alignment**

**FIGURE 30B**



**Correct Point of Aim**

**FIGURE 30C**



**Incorrect Point of Aim**

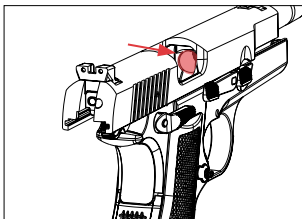
# 11. DISASSEMBLING AND REASSEMBLING THE PISTOL

## 11.1 FIELD STRIP (DISASSEMBLY FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE)

It is very important to become familiar with the disassembly procedure of your pistol. Disassembly to field strip level is required for proper cleaning and lubrication, which ensures reliable operation of the pistol.

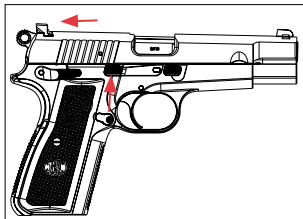
1. Completely unload the pistol as described in Section 6.3 and remove the magazine. Inspect the chamber and the magazine well to verify that the pistol is completely unloaded (Figure 31).
2. Retract the slide and lock it in its rearward position using the slide stop (Figure 32).

FIGURE 31



Empty chamber.

FIGURE 32

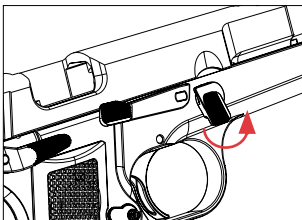


Retract slide.

3. Rotate the takedown lever approximately 90° counterclockwise (Figure 33).
4. While holding the slide with one hand, release the slide from the slide stop and ease it forward (Figure 34).
5. Remove the slide by pulling the slide forward and away from the frame (Figure 35).

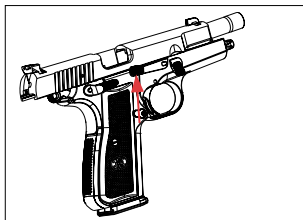
**Note:** The recoil spring and recoil spring guide are under spring tension. Ensure that your hand is positioned to capture the spring and guide when they are removed from the assembled position.

**FIGURE 33**



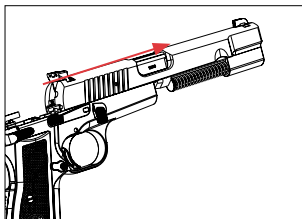
Rotate takedown lever.

**FIGURE 34**



Release slide and ease it forward.

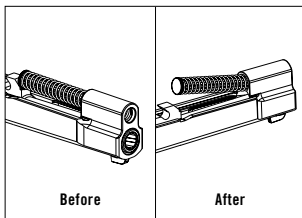
**FIGURE 35**



Pull slide forward.

6. Hold the slide upside down, grasp the recoil spring guide, with the hand positioned behind the guide, and lift the rear of the recoil spring guide and recoil spring up and out of the slide (Figure 36).

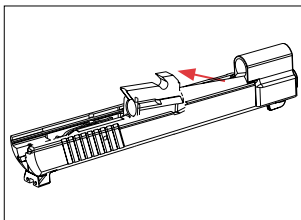
**FIGURE 36**



Recoil spring guide and recoil spring.

7. Grasp the barrel by its lug, lift it up and forward around the extractor then slide the barrel rearward out of the slide (Figure 37)

**FIGURE 37**

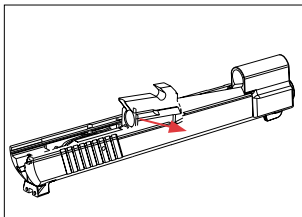


Remove barrel from slide.

## 11.2 REASSEMBLY FROM THE FIELD STRIPPED CONDITION

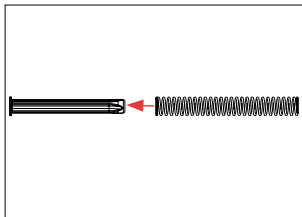
1. Install the barrel into the slide by grasping the lug of the barrel and sliding the muzzle of the barrel through the barrel hole in the slide from the inside. Allow the barrel to drop down into the slide and slide the barrel back to the breach face until the barrel drops into the locked position (Figure 38).
2. Place the recoil spring onto the recoil spring guide (Figure 39).

**FIGURE 38**



Install barrel into the slide.

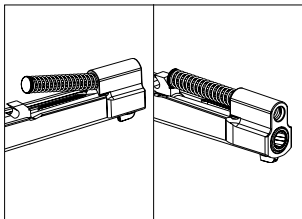
**FIGURE 39**



Place the recoil spring into the recoil spring guide.

3. Place the recoil spring against the recess in the front of the slide. Compress the recoil spring using the recoil spring guide and slide the the back of the recoil spring guide onto the recess until centered on the front of the barrel lug (Figure 40).

**FIGURE 40**

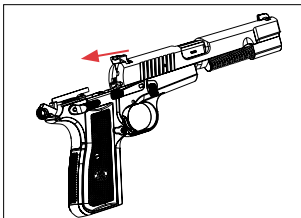


Place the recoil spring against the recess in the front of the slide.

**NOTE:** The disassembly lever must be in the down position to install the slide assembly on to the frame.

4. Guide the slide and barrel assembly onto the frame and pull the slide to its rearmost position and lock the slide to the rear using the slide stop (Figure 41)

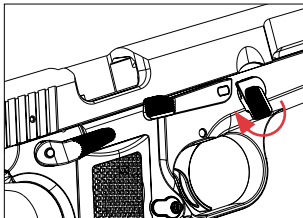
**FIGURE 41**



Guide the slide and barrel assembly onto the frame.

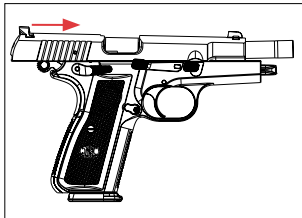
5. Rotate the takedown lever upward locking the frame and slide together (Figure 42).
6. Release the slide and allow it to travel forward. Test the functions of the pistol to ensure the slide stop, trigger, magazine release and manual safety, if provided, are functioning correctly (Figure 43).

**FIGURE 42**



**Takedown alignment.**

**FIGURE 43**



**Release the slide.**

The pistol is now fully reassembled and is ready to be loaded and fired.

**NOTE:** The following disassembly and reassembly instructions are not necessary for normal maintenance but may be desirable for a more thorough cleaning of the pistol or reconfiguration of the pistol for user preferences.

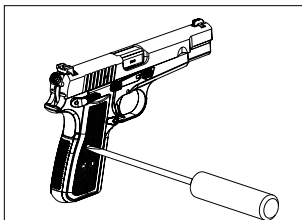
### **11.3 REMOVING AND INSTALLING THE GRIPS**

The FN High Power has grips that can be removed or installed at the user level. A standard (slotted) screwdriver is required to remove the grips. The screwdriver should closely fit the grip screw slot to avoid damaging the grip screw (Figure 44).

The left and right grips are each retained by one (1) screw and are aligned using features in the frame (Figure 45).

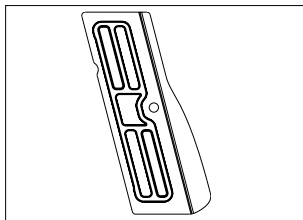


**FIGURE 44**



Standard screwdriver in grip screw.

**FIGURE 45**



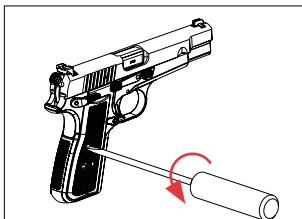
Inside of grip with alignment features

### **11.3.1 REMOVING THE GRIPS.**

Align the screwdriver with the grip screw and rotate the screw counterclockwise until it is free (Figure 46).

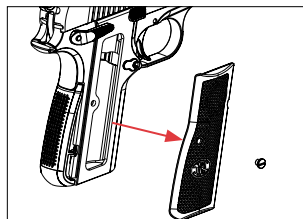
If the grip does not fall away from the frame place a finger inside the magazine well and press outward on the grip to free it from the frame (Figure 47).

**FIGURE 46**



Rotate the screw counterclockwise.

**FIGURE 47**



Grip and grip screw.

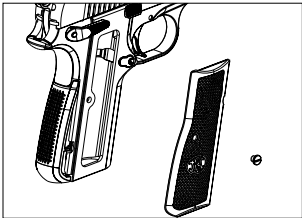
Repeat the procedure to remove the other grip.

### 11.3.2 INSTALLING THE GRIPS.

Place the grip to be installed onto the frame. The grip should sit flat to the frame. If the grip is not sitting flat shift the grip around until it can be pressed into position (Figure 48).

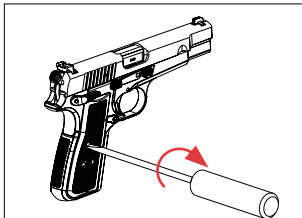
Insert the grip screw through the grip and tighten the grip screw using an appropriate screwdriver using the thumb and index finger. Do not overtighten the grip screw. Overtightening the grip screw may damage the grip and cause the grip to pull away from the frame at the top and bottom.

FIGURE 48



Place the grip to be installed onto the frame.

FIGURE 49



Tighten grip screw clockwise.

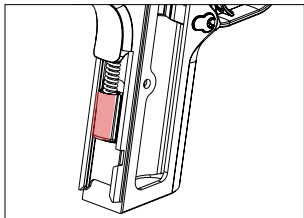
## 11.4 UPPER AND LOWER BACKSTRAP REMOVAL AND INSTOLATION

### 11.4.1 UPPER AND LOWER BACKSTRAP REMOVAL

NOTE: When the back straps are removed, the hammer spring is exposed. The hammer spring is under spring tension and is retained by the orange hammer spring retainer (Figure 50).

**CAUTION: REMOVING THE HAMMER SPRING IS NOT RECOMMENDED WITHOUT**

FIGURE 50

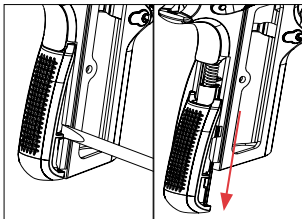


Orange hammer spring retainer.

**TRAINING. IF UNINTENTIONALLY RELEASED THE RETAINER AND HAMMER SPRING CAN BE THROWN FROM THE PISTOL WITH GREAT FORCE RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF PARTS OR SERIOUS INJURY. THE HAMMER SPRING RETAINER IS RELEASED BY PRESSING IT OUT OF THE FRAME FROM INSIDE THE MAGAZINE WELL.**

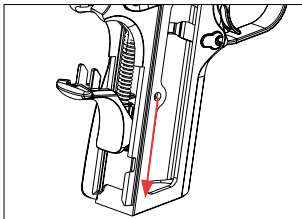
1. Using a punch, small screwdriver or similar tool depress the backstrap latch and slide the lower back strap down and off the frame (Figure 51).
2. Slide the upper back strap down and off the frame (Figure 52).

**FIGURE 51**



Depress the backstrap latch and slide the lower back strap down and off the frame.

**FIGURE 52**

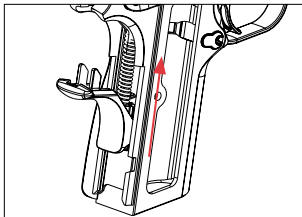


Slide the upper back strap down and off the frame.

#### **11.4.2 UPPER AND LOWER BACKSTRAP INSTALLATION**

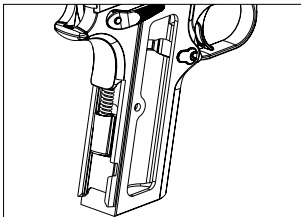
1. Slide the upper backstrap up the slot in the back of the frame located in the channel that runs the height of the rear of the frame (Figure 53).
2. Press the upper backstrap into position closing the gap between the top of the backstrap and frame. (Figure 54).
3. While holding the upper back strap in position, slide the lower back

FIGURE 53



Slide the upper backstrap up the slot in the back of the frame.

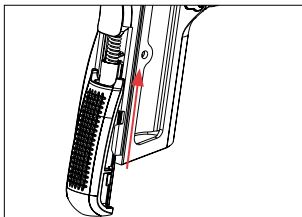
FIGURE 54



Press the upper backstrap into position.

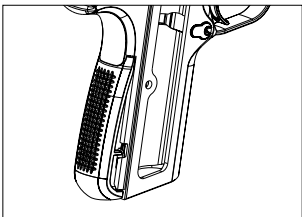
strap into position in the channel on the rear of the frame (Figure 55). The backstrap latch will click into place when the lower back strap is fully inserted and will lock the two backstraps in place (Figure 56).

FIGURE 55



Slide the lower back strap into position.

FIGURE 56



Lower backstrap fully inserted.

## 11.5 MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY

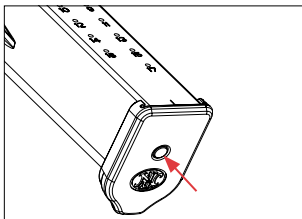
### 11.5.1 MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

**CAUTION: THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS UNDER TENSION. WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND KEEP THE BOTTOM OF THE MAGAZINE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

1. Depress the floor plate catch (round button) through the hole in the bottom of the magazine floor plate. Slide the floor plate forward and

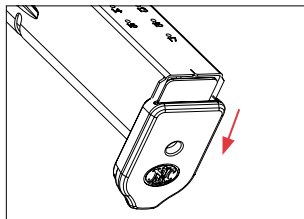
off the magazine body. Capture the magazine spring and floor plate catch with your hand as the base plate is removed (Figure 57-58).

**FIGURE 57**



Depress floor plate catch.

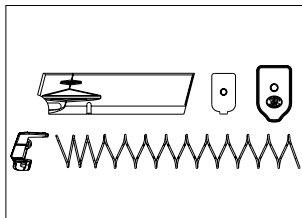
**FIGURE 58**



Slide base plate forward.

2. Remove the floor plate catch, magazine spring, and follower from the magazine body (Figure 59).

**FIGURE 59**



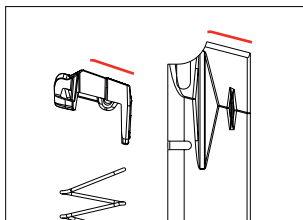
Magazine components.

## 11.5.2 MAGAZINE REASSEMBLY

1. If removed, assemble the follower on to the magazine spring.
2. Insert the magazine spring and follower into the magazine body with

the angle of the follower matched to the angle of the top of the magazine (Figure 60).

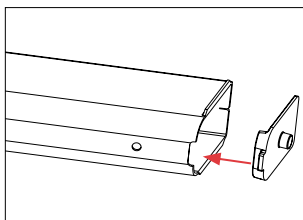
**FIGURE 60**



**Angle of the follower matched to the top angle.**

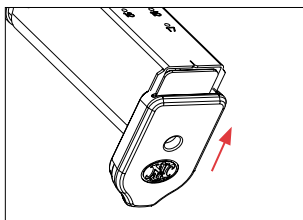
3. Using the floor plate catch with the button protruding down (away from the magazine spring) compress the magazine spring into the magazine body until the spring and floor plate catch are inside of the magazine body. The tab on the front of the floor plate catch should fit into the notch in the lower front edge of the magazine body (Figure 61).
4. Slide the floor plate onto the magazine body until it is seated against the front of the magazine body (Figure 62).

**FIGURE 61**



**Compress the magazine spring into the magazine body.**

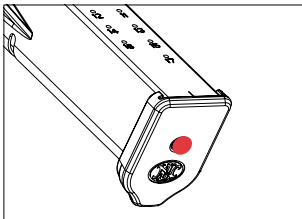
**FIGURE 62**



**Slide the floor plate onto the magazine body.**

5. Ensure that the retaining button of the floor plate catch protrudes into the magazine floor plate and prevents it from sliding off the magazine. If the floor plate catch does not align, tap the magazine against your hand to move the floor plate catch into location (Figure 63).

**FIGURE 63**



Confirm floor plate installation.

## 11.6 REMOVING AND INSTALLING THE MAGAZINE RELEASE

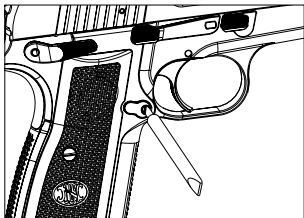
### 11.6.1 REMOVING THE MAGAZINE RELEASE

Note: The magazine release can be assembled for right- or left-hand use

Removal of the magazine release requires the use of a small screwdriver.

1. Insert an appropriately-sized screwdriver into the slot in the magazine release plunger opposite the magazine release button. Provide light counterclockwise pressure on the screw while pushing in on the magazine release plunger (Figure 64).
2. While continuing to depress and rotate the plunger, depress the

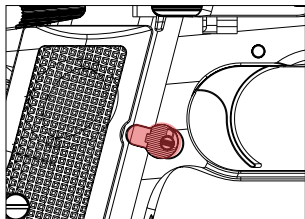
**FIGURE 64**



Insert an appropriately-sized screwdriver into the slot in the magazine release plunger.

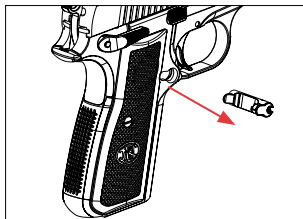
magazine release button. When the magazine release button reaches the correct depth to allow the magazine release plunger to rotate, the screw slot will rotate 90 degrees and the plunger will be disconnected from the frame (Figure 65). The magazine release, plunger and spring can now be removed from the pistol as an assembly from the side of the frame opposite the magazine release button (Figure 66).

**FIGURE 65**



The plunger will be disconnected from the frame.

**FIGURE 66**



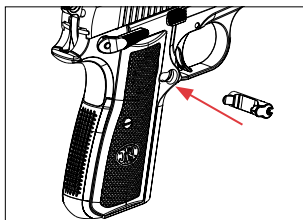
The magazine release, plunger and spring can now be removed from the pistol.

**Note:** Wear eye protection! The magazine release plunger is under spring tension and is retained in the magazine release by a notch in the magazine release. Removing the magazine release plunger from the magazine release is not recommended. The parts can be easily lost or serious injury can occur if removed.

### 11.6.2 INSTALLING THE MAGAZINE RELEASE

1. Insert the magazine release through the frame button-end first so that the magazine release is located on the preferred side (Figure 67).
2. Insert an appropriately sized screwdriver into the screw slot in the magazine release plunger and apply light clockwise pressure with the screwdriver (Figure 68).

**FIGURE 67**

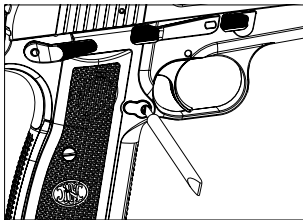


Insert the magazine release through the frame button-end first.



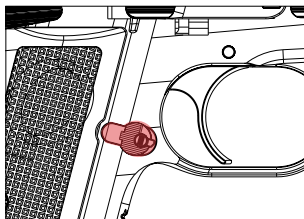
3. Press in on the magazine button when the magazine release plunger aligns with the recess in the frame. It will rotate 90 degrees and lock the magazine release into the frame providing spring tension to the magazine release (Figure 69).

**FIGURE 68**



Insert an appropriately sized screwdriver into the screw slot in the magazine release plunger and apply light clockwise pressure.

**FIGURE 69**



Magazine release plunger reinstalled.

4. Insert an empty magazine into the pistol and pull on the base plate. Then release the magazine using the magazine release to ensure the magazine release is functioning properly.

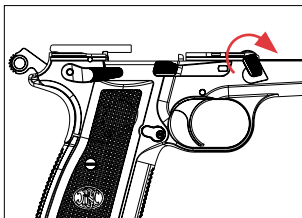
## **11.7 REMOVING AND INSTALLING THE TAKEDOWN LEVER**

The takedown lever can only be removed and installed when the slide is removed from the frame. An O-ring is located on the right side of the takedown lever to keep the lever in location for ease of reassembly. Do not remove the O-ring.

### **11.7.1 REMOVING THE TAKEDOWN LEVER**

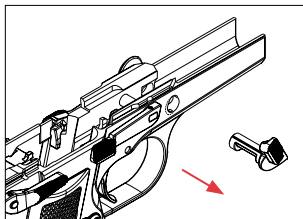
1. With the slide removed, rotate the takedown lever clockwise until it stops (Figure 70).
2. Pull the takedown lever from the right side of the frame (Figure 71).

FIGURE 70



Rotate the takedown lever clockwise until it stops.

FIGURE 71



Pull the takedown lever from the right side of the frame.

## 11.7.2 INSTALLING THE TAKEDOWN LEVER

1. Insert the takedown lever into the frame with the retaining lug aligned with the corresponding cut in the frame and press the lever into the frame. This will compress the O-ring.
2. Rotate the takedown lever counterclockwise (down) locking the lever into the frame.

NOTE: The takedown lever must be in the down position to assemble the slide onto the frame.

NOTE: Takedown beyond the instructions provided is not necessary or recommended. Further takedown should only be performed by FN authorized personnel.

## 12. CLEANING AND LUBRICATION

**▲WARNING**

**BEFORE PERFORMING CLEANING PROCEDURES, MAKE SURE THE PISTOL IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED (SECTION 6.3). ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

**WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN DISASSEMBLING, ASSEMBLING AND CLEANING YOUR PISTOL AND MAGAZINE TO PREVENT SPRING-LOADED PARTS, SOLVENTS OR OTHER AGENTS FROM CONTACTING YOUR EYES, RESULTING IN INJURY.**

**KEEP ALL AMMUNITION AWAY FROM THE CLEANING AREA. NEVER TEST THE MECHANICAL FUNCTION OF YOUR PISTOL WITH LIVE AMMUNITION. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

NOTE: Never soak your firearm in solvents or lubricants. This could cause damage to the pistol or cause the pistol to malfunction.

NOTE: Do not use too much lubricant. Using too much lubricant can interfere with the function of the pistol.

Your pistol will function better and more reliably over a longer period of time if it is properly maintained and cleaned.

The preferred oil for cleaning and lubricating the FN High Power is CLP MIL-PRF-63460F.

The frequency at which the pistol should be cleaned and lubricated depends on external factors. The weather and shooting conditions that expose your pistol to dirt, moisture, salt or sand can affect the function of your firearm. Excessively dirty ammunition or use with a suppressor may also require more frequent cleaning. Clean and lubricate your pistol after every use or if exposed to conditions that could adversely affect the finish or function of your pistol. Application of a light coat of preservative oil to the metal surfaces of the pistol will increase the corrosion resistant properties of the applied finish. In the case of intensive shooting, the pistol should be cleaned every 500 rounds. A minimum cleaning includes disassembly to the field strip level, wiping away accumulated fouling and lubricating key parts. Regular maintenance also includes cleaning the barrel.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

## **12.1 CLEANING AND LUBRICATION BEFORE FIRING**

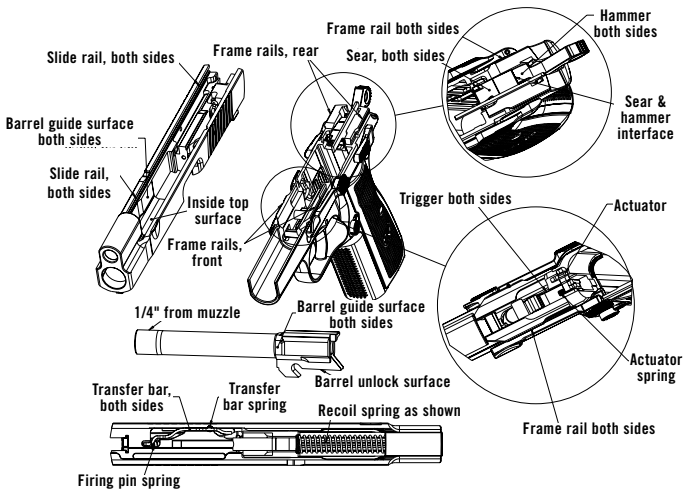
**CAUTION: WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND PRACTICE SAFETY MEASURES APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHEMICALS BEING USED WHEN WORKING WITH SOLVENTS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY. MANY SOLVENTS ARE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.**

1. Completely unload the pistol as described in Section 6.3.
2. Disassemble the pistol as described in Section 11.1.
3. Using a cleaning rod and patches, bore snake or similar cleaning tool, remove any lubricant or debris from the inside of the barrel by inserting the cleaning rod or bore snake from the breach end of the barrel and pushing it through until the barrel appears clean when looked through.

**NOTE:** Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy. It is recommended to only clean the barrel from the chamber end.

4. Before initial use remove the storage preservative from the outside of the barrel, slide, recoil spring assembly and the frame.
5. Lightly lubricate the outside of the barrel with lightweight gun oil.
6. Assemble the slide, barrel and recoil spring assembly as described in Section 11.2.
7. Lightly lubricate all of the sliding surfaces with lightweight gun oil (Figure 72).
8. Reassemble the pistol as described in Section 11.2.

FIGURE 72



Lubrication Points.

## 12.2 CLEANING AND LUBRICATION AFTER FIRING

**CAUTION: WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND PRACTICE SAFETY MEASURES APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHEMICALS BEING USED WHEN WORKING WITH SOLVENTS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY. MANY SOLVENTS ARE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.**

1. Completely unload the pistol as described in Section 6.3.
2. Disassemble the pistol as described in Section 11.1.
3. With a cleaning brush or a spray, apply solvent inside the barrel and allow the product to penetrate for a few minutes.

NOTE: Follow the instructions provided with the cleaning solvent if it differs from these instructions. Keep solvents away from the polymer components of this pistol.

4. With a correctly sized cleaning rod, brush, jag and patches, remove the solvent and fouling from the inside of the barrel until patches come out clean.

NOTE: Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy. It is recommended to only clean the barrel from the chamber end.

5. When the barrel is clean, use a cleaning rod and patch moistened with preservative oil and wipe the inside of the barrel to protect the barrel until the next use.

NOTE: Always remove the oil from the inside of the barrel before shooting as detailed in Section 12.1.

6. Use a brush and solvent or multipurpose gun-cleaning lubricant to remove carbon deposits and other fouling from the slide, barrel, extractor and other areas that accumulate residue from firing.
7. Use a soft cloth or a rag, and multipurpose lubricant if necessary, to remove debris from the magazine well of the frame.

8. Clean all of the parts of the pistol and magazine that are accessible using a soft cloth or rag dampened with a lightweight gun oil or multipurpose lubricant and nylon brush, if needed, to remove the fouling and debris accumulated during firing.
9. Check the disassembled parts of the pistol for signs of wear and/or damage. In case of doubt about the condition of a part, consult an FN authorized individual.
10. Using a soft cloth moistened with lightweight gun oil, lightly apply the lubricant to all the external surfaces of the metal parts to increase corrosion resistance.
11. Apply a drop of lubricant to the locations shown in Figure 61 on page 51.
12. Reassemble the pistol as described in Section 12.
13. Clean the outside of the pistol in order to remove dirt, fingerprints and excess lubricant.

**NOTE:** If the pistol requires additional cleaning due to exposure to adverse conditions, it should be serviced by an FN authorized individual or service center.

## 13. WARRANTY, SERVICE AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

### Returning your firearm for service

When returning your firearm for service, be sure to follow the guidelines below:

**NOTICE: ALL FFL HOLDERS, IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY RETURN SHIPPING DELAYS PLEASE SUBMIT AN FFL WHEN A FIREARM IS SENT IN FOR SERVICE.**

1. Complete the online sign-up form and register to request service via FN's website, [www.fnamerica.com](http://www.fnamerica.com).
2. Be sure your gun is completely unloaded.
3. Package it securely in a double-packed cardboard container.
4. Include a copy of your service request confirmation with your firearm that clearly describes the nature of your repair concerns or service desired. If the service form is NOT included with your firearm your service will be delayed.
5. Include a day time phone number where you can be reached.
6. Never return ammunition with your firearm. It is against postal and most commercial regulations.
7. Remove all accessories. FN America is not responsible for lost or damaged aftermarket accessories.

**IMPORTANT: FN AMERICA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE INCURRED DURING SHIPPING.**

IMPORTANT: Any addition to your FN firearm of aftermarket accessories (such as suppressors, triggers, muzzle devices, stocks, etc.) is considered a modification of your firearm from its original configuration, which may void your warranty. We are unable to adapt each firearm for every variable effect that might occur when you install a third-party manufacturer's accessory on



an FN firearm. Therefore, FN disclaims all responsibility and liability for any damage caused to you and/or your firearm as a result of aftermarket accessory use. If an aftermarket accessory causes damage to you and/or your firearm, please address your concerns with the accessory manufacturer.

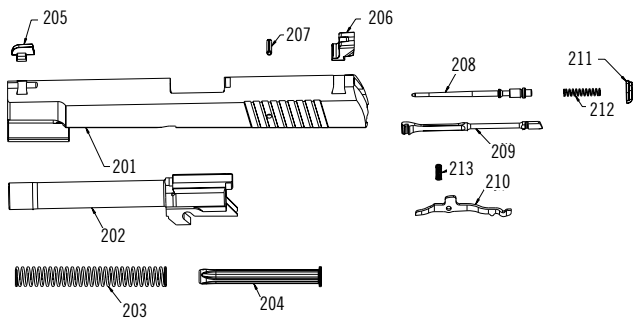
**DO NOT REMOVE ANY PARTS OR COMPONENTS REQUIRED BY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW.**

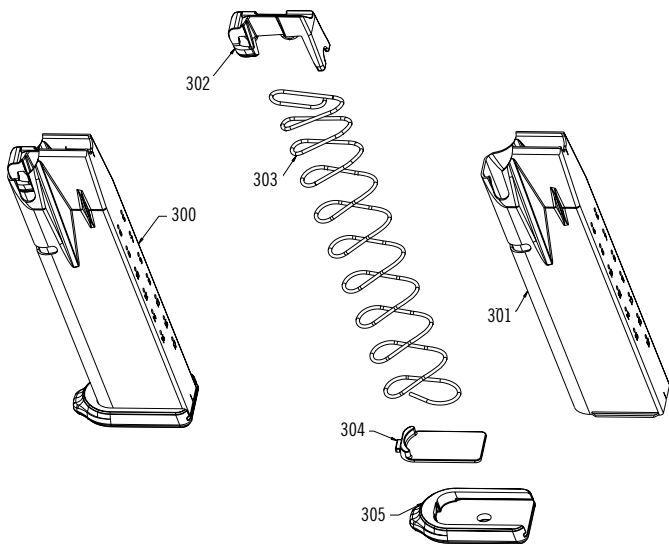
**IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING YOUR FN FIREARM, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT FN CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-635-1321 BEFORE USING THE FIREARM.**

This owner's manual should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon any change of ownership.

If you have any further questions, please call Customer Service at 1-800-635-1321.







## FN HIGH POWER STANDARD MODEL PART LIST

Number	Description	Number	Description
100	Gun Assembly	125	Upper Backstrap
101	Frame	126	Hammer strut
102	Trigger Assembly	127	Hammer spring
103	Take Down Lever Assembly	128	Hammer spring guide
104	Slide stop spring	129	Trigger spring
105	Backstrap assembly	200	Slide assembly
106	Magazine latch assembly	201	Slide
107	Slide stop lever	202	Barrel
108	O-ring	203	Recoil spring
109	Right slide stop lever	204	Recoil spring guide
110	1/16" X 5/16" heavy duty coiled spring pin	205	Front sight
111	Grip screw	206	Rear sight
112	Right grip	207	3/32 X 1/2" slotted spring pin
113	Left grip	208	Firing pin
114	Right selector lever	209	Extractor
115	1/16 X 1/4" slotted spring pin	210	Transfer bar
116	Selector lever assembly	211	Firing pin retainer
117	Sear pin	212	Firing pin spring
118	Hammer Bushing	213	Transfer bar spring
119	Trigger pin	300	Magazine assembly
120	Sear	301	Tube
121	Sear spring	302	Follower
122	Hammer	303	Magazine spring
123	Safety	304	Retaining plate
124	Ejector	305	Floorplate

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