A WORD TO THE WISE

MOST FIREARMS ACCIDENTS HAPPEN BECAUSE THE SHOOTER CARELESSLY VIOLATES THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT RULE OF SAFE FIREARM HANDLING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION!

IMPORTANT: DO NOT DISCARD KEEP THIS MANUAL WITH YOUR FIREARM. UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER THIS MANUAL WITH THE FIREARM.

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General Safety, Operating Instructions and Limited Warranty

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM

Important: Keep this manual with your firearm.
The information contained in this manual is useful, both for beginners and experienced shooters. In addition to important information about functioning, cleaning and care of the gun, the manual contains instructions that may be very helpful in shooting properly.
The most important rule of safe gun handling is always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction!
Warning

Never allow a minor to shoot without adult supervision. Never leave a firearm in the possession of a minor. When shooting with a child, make sure to remain close and safely supervise all activities. If you need to leave the area, take the firearm and the child with you. Always make sure to store firearms and ammunition separately.

Notice:

It is recommended that you record the model number, serial number and date of purchase of your Taurus firearm for future reference. Be sure to retain your store receipt and any other documentation that came with your Taurus.

Model Number _______________________________________
Serial Number _______________________________________
Date of Purchase _____________________________________

This trademark, forged for over 60 years of hard and dedicated work, became a symbol of quality in handguns for civilian, police and military use. This outstanding quality is the result of constant technological evolution and from the devoted work of expert gunsmiths and highly specialized professionals, which makes Taurus a respected name in more than 75 countries.
Securing your firearm may inhibit access to it in a defense situation and result in injury or death.

Failure to properly secure a firearm may result in injury or death.

**Warning**

This Booklet

The safety warnings in this booklet are important. By understanding the dangers inherent in the use of any firearm, and by taking the precautions described herein, you can enjoy complete safety in the use of your Taurus firearm. Failure to heed any of these warnings may result in serious injury to you or others, as well as severe damage to the firearm or other property.

**Dangerous Weapons**

SHOTGUNS, RIFLES and PISTOLS are classified as FIREARMS or DANGEROUS WEAPONS and are sold by us with the specific understanding that we are not responsible in any manner whatsoever for their improper or negligent handling or resale under local laws and regulations.

Taurus shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for malfunctioning of the firearm, or for physical injury or property damage, resulting in whole or in part from (1) criminal or negligent discharge, (2) improper or careless handling, (3) unauthorized modifications, (4) defective, improper hand-loaded, or reloaded ammunition, (5) neglect, or (6) other influences beyond our direct and immediate control. This limitation applies regardless of whether liability is asserted on the basis of contract, negligence or strict liability (including any failure to warn). Under no circumstance shall Taurus be liable for incidental or consequential damages, such as loss of use of property, commercial loss and loss of earnings or profits.

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B= Blue    SS= Stainless Steel    CH= Case Hardened
Safety Warnings
Not Just For Beginners

Regardless of your familiarity or experience with firearms, you need to study this manual.

The safe handling of firearms requires specialized training, discipline and caution. Firearms, by their nature and intended function, are deadly instruments. Accidental death or serious injury can result if they are handled improperly or carelessly.

Firearms rarely cause accidents. Firearms accidents almost always are caused by a failure to obey the basic rules of gun safety. Unfortunately, experienced shooters seem to violate these rules as frequently as beginners. Thus the basics of safe firearms handling cannot be repeated too often. Read, re-read and practice the basic principles of firearms safety until they become second nature: habits that you don’t forget.

If you have any question about your knowledge or ability to use this or any other firearm with complete safety you should seek supervised instruction. Personalized instruction is often available from firearms dealers, gun clubs, state hunter safety programs or police departments in the United States. If none of these sources is accessible, write to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 or at www.nra.org. THEY WILL ASSIST YOU.

A person with a firearm in his possession has a full-time responsibility. He must KNOW how to keep and use his firearm safely, and then must always TAKE the precautions necessary -all of them. He cannot guess; he cannot forget. This responsibility is his alone. It cannot be passed off to someone else.

Remember: no firearm can be made accident-proof. A firearm is just a machine, with no judgement of its own. It responds to your actions, whether wise or foolish. The only truly effective safety device is the mind of a cautious shooter who never forgets that a moment’s carelessness can produce permanent tragedy.

Taurus Limited Warranty

What Does This Warranty Cover?
This warranty covers any service and repair needed by any product manufactured by Forjas Taurus S.A., and imported by Taurus International Manufacturing, Inc. or manufactured in the United States by Taurus International Manufacturing, Inc.

How Long Does Coverage Last?
This warranty is of unlimited duration.

What Will We Do?
Taurus will service and/or repair all covered products free of charge.

What Does This Warranty Not Cover?
This warranty does not cover stocks, forends, sights, accessories, cosmetic defects after one year, or damage caused by customer abuse at any time. This express limited warranty is the only warranty on this product. This product is sold “as is” and has no implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. There are no warranties which extend beyond the description on the face hereof.

How Do I Get Service?
To simplify repair and service Forjas Taurus and Taurus International products are serviced and repaired by Taurus International. Questions regarding the products of either company can be directed to Taurus International in Miami, Florida at 1-305-624-1115 or in writing to:

16175 NW. 49th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33014
in care of the Consumer Affairs Department.
**WARNING**

Taurus rifles are manufactured to perform properly with the original parts as designed. It is your duty to make sure any parts you buy are installed correctly and that neither replacements nor originals are altered or changed. Your firearm is a complex tool with many parts that must relate correctly to other parts. Putting a firearm together wrong or with modified parts can result in a damaged firearm, danger and injury or death to you and others through malfunction. Always have a qualified gunsmith work on your firearm.

**WARNING:**

To prevent injury or death, it is imperative that you must keep your gun unloaded, uncocked and securely locked, with ammunition in a separate location. In addition, take any other reasonable steps to limit the possibility of theft, crime, accident or suicide.

**DANGER:**

Protect Your Eyes and Ears

Always wear adequate shooting glasses and ear plugs or “ear muff” type protectors whenever you are shooting.

Always make certain that persons close to you are similarly protected.

Unprotected eyes may be injured by powder, gas, carbon residue, lubricant, metallic particles or similar debris which may emanate occasionally from any firearm in normal use.

Without ear protection, repeated exposure to shooting noise may lead to cumulative, permanent hearing loss.
Firearms Are Not all Alike

Many makes and models of firearms might LOOK nearly the same. However, they differ widely in design and operation, and in the location and function of various controls.

Study this manual thoroughly. Educate yourself on the characteristics and operation of your particular firearm before attempting to handle it. Do not permit others to handle it - unless they also have done so.

You should have an instruction manual for every firearm you own. If you do not, write the manufacturer and obtain one. Most manufacturers will gladly send you one free. If for any reason a manual is not available, visit your public library. Many books have been published which contain detailed information on obsolete or discontinued firearms.

Your knowledge can prevent injuries.

Taurus firearms are designed and made to offer maximum safety when correctly used. However, as with any other weapon, it is not foolproof, and may become very dangerous if the following basic recommendations are not RIGIDLY observed:

Attention

NOTICE: Get instruction from a competent firearms instructor before using any firearm.

NOTICE: Never cock the firearm until you are ready to shoot.

DANGER: Never, never-ever point any firearm, loaded or unloaded, at anything you do not intend to shoot.

DANGER: Load and unload with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

DANGER: When receiving a firearm always check that it is unloaded (open breech and inspect the chamber), even if you saw it done previously.

DANGER: Never put your hand over the muzzle of a firearm.

DANGER: Check ammunition to be sure it is the right size and caliber, and that it is not dented.

DANGER: WHILE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, NEVER ALLOW IT TO POINT AT ANY PART OF YOUR BODY OR AT ANOTHER PERSON. NO HARM SHOULD RESULT IF YOU OBEY THIS RULE, EVEN IF AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OCCURS.

DANGER: Don’t try to change your firearm’s trigger pull, because alteration of trigger pull usually affects sear engagement and may cause accidental discharge.

DANGER: Never engage a gun lock on a loaded firearm.

Exploded Diagram
3. Be sure to enclose a letter stating your name, address and telephone number, serial number, caliber and barrel length of your firearm. Also state nature of trouble experienced or work required. Merely stating “defective” or “repair as necessary” is inadequate information. Be specific and enclose copies of any previous correspondence. Work (other than warranty repair) will bear minimum labor charge of $10.00.

4. FIREARMS MUST BE SHIPPED UNLOADED. Double check the chamber of your firearm before shipping. If firearms are sent to Taurus in a loaded condition, we are required by law to notify the Federal authorities.

5. DO NOT include telescopic sights; custom grips, holsters, or other accessories with any firearm shipped to us.

SAFETY FIRST:

Parts

All firearms require periodic maintenance and inspection which may reveal a need for adjustment or repair. Have your firearm checked by a competent gunsmith annually, even if it seems to be working well, since breakage, improper functioning, undue wear, or corrosion of some components may not be apparent from external examination. If you notice ANY mechanical malfunction, do NOT continue to use the firearm. UNLOAD the firearm and take it to a competent gunsmith immediately.

Our Service Department maintains a full complement of replacement parts for our firearms of current manufacture. Even though most gunsmiths have the knowledge, training and ability to make the necessary repairs to your firearm, the skill and workmanship of any particular gunsmith is totally beyond our control. Should your firearm ever require service, we strongly recommend that you return it to Taurus. Follow the instructions outlined below. Remember, unauthorized adjustments or parts replacement can void your warranty. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from Taurus are of the correct type and are properly fitted and installed by a competent person. THIS FIREARM IS A PRECISION MECHANISM AND THE IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS OR IMPROPER MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENT MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR TO OTHERS.

Therefore, the purchaser and/or installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment of and function of the firearm after such installation has been made or attempted.
WARNING: Ammunition

1. Use only high quality, original, factory-manufactured ammunition, of the caliber appropriate to your firearm as indicated on the barrel. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, bent or damaged. Do not oil cartridges. Do not spray aerosol type lubricants, preservatives, or cleaners directly onto cartridges or where excess spray may flow into contact with cartridges. Lubricant or other foreign matter on cartridges can cause potentially dangerous ammunition malfunctions. Use only ammunition of the caliber for which your firearm is chambered. The proper caliber is permanently engraved on your firearm; never attempt to use ammunition of any other caliber.

2. The use of reloaded, “remanufactured”, hand-loaded, or other non-standard ammunition voids all warranties. Improperly loaded ammunition voids all warranties. Improperly loaded ammunition can be extremely dangerous. Severe damage to the firearm and serious injury to the shooter or to others may result. Always use ammunition that complies with the industry performance standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, Inc., of the United States, (SAAMI) or the equivalent from other countries.

3. Firearms may be severely damaged and serious injury to the shooter or to others may result from any condition causing excessive pressure inside the chamber or barrel during firing. Excessive pressure can be caused by obstructions in the barrel, propellant powder overloads, or by the use of incorrect cartridges or defectively assembled cartridges. In addition, the use of a dirty, corroded, or damaged cartridge can lead to a burst cartridge case and consequent damage to the firearm and personal injury from the sudden escape of high-pressure propellant gas within the firearm’s mechanism.

4. Immediately stop shooting and check the barrel for a possible obstruction whenever:
   - You have difficulty in, or feel unusual resistance in, chambering a cartridge, or
   - A cartridge misfires (does not go off), or
   - The mechanism fails to extract a fired cartridge case, or
   - Unburned grains of propellant powder are discovered spilled in mechanism, or
   - A shot sounds weak or abnormal. In such cases it is possible that a bullet is lodged part way down the barrel. Firing a subsequent bullet into the obstructed barrel can wreck the firearm and cause serious injury to the hooter or to bystanders.

Safety First

Always keep the action locked open and the ammunition magazine empty until ready to shoot in a safe situation. Do not transport or store the rifle in a loaded condition. Store ammunition separately.

Repair Instructions

Your firearm has been designed, engineered and manufactured in accordance with Taurus’ rigid quality control standards. However, any mechanical device may occasionally require adjustment or repair.

Taurus Service Policy

Before shipment, your firearm was carefully inspected and test fired in order to ensure that it conformed to our specifications and standards. Should your firearm require adjustment or repair, we strongly recommend that you return it to Taurus for factory service.

If there is any question regarding the performance of your firearm, please write to our Service Department fully describing all circumstances and conditions involved. If our Service Department makes the determination that your firearm requires factory service, you will be so advised and will be given instructions for the most expedient handling of your shipment.

Our Service Department will give your firearm a complete inspection, and evaluate the problem(s) specified in your letter. If the work required is not covered under the terms of our “Warranty” (when applicable) you will receive an actual cost quotation, not an estimate. Any charge for repair work must be authorized by you, and no work will be done without your expressed approval.

Please follow these suggestions to expedite service in the United States of America to return any firearm to us for adjustment or repair.

1. Federal law permits you to return your firearm to the manufacturer for service via common carriers. However, state and local firearms laws vary greatly; you should consult your local prosecuting attorney regarding any restrictive laws in your jurisdiction regarding your shipment or receipt of firearms. With the above in mind, it is strongly recommended that any firearm sent to us for repair be sent through a Federally licensed dealer.

2. All firearms must be shipped to us prepaid. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT COLLECT SHIPMENTS.

Ship to: Taurus Customer Service, 16175 N.W. 49 Ave., Miami, FL 33014.
Sighting

Your rifle was pre-sighted at the factory. However, due to individual sighting characteristics, minor adjustments may be necessary. Always ensure the rifle is pointed in a safe direction. Open the bolt before making any sight changes.

1. VERTICAL CORRECTION (Elevation): To raise the point of impact, raise the rear sight. To lower the point of impact, lower the rear sight. The sight can be raised and lowered by moving the stepped elevator forward and back with your thumb.

2. HORIZONTAL CORRECTION (Windage): To move the point of impact to the left, move the rear sight base to the left. To move the point of impact to the right, move the rear sight base to the right.

Windage adjustments to the rear sight can be made by gently tapping the dovetail portion of the rear sight in the desired direction.

Warning

Before cleaning your rifle, be certain it is completely unloaded, and the bolt has been opened. Never attempt to wipe down or clean a loaded firearm. Follow instructions under “How to Unload” before cleaning.

Cleaning as described below is recommended. Being sure your rifle is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction, cycle the bolt to the rear. Clean the bore and barrel by using any standard commercial cleaning rod and cleaning patches. Clean the barrel with powder solvent, then use clean dry patches until bore is clean, then use a lightly oiled patch. To clean action, use aerosol gun cleaning product, let dry then lightly oil with spray. Wipe down firearm lightly with oil.

Warning

Further disassembly of the action is not recommended and should only be attempted by a qualified gunsmith.

How To Clean Your Pump Action Rifle

5. Bullets can become lodged in the barrel.
   • If the cartridge has been improperly loaded without propellant powder, or if the powder fails to ignite (Ignition of the cartridge primer alone will push the bullet out the cartridge case, but usually does not generate sufficient energy to expel the bullet completely from the barrel).
   • If the bullet is not properly seated tightly in the cartridge case. When such a cartridge is extracted from the chamber without being fired, the bullet may be left behind in the bore at the point where the rifling begins. Subsequent chambering of another cartridge may push the first bullet further into the bore.

6. If there is any reason to suspect that a bullet is obstructing the barrel, immediately unload the firearm and look through the bore. It is not sufficient to merely look in the chamber. A bullet may be lodged some distance down the barrel where it can not easily be seen.

    IF A BULLET IS IN THE BORE, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOOT IT OUT BY USING ANOTHER CARTRIDGE, OR BY BLOWING IT OUT WITH A BLANK OR ONE FROM WHICH THE BULLET HAS BEEN REMOVED. SUCH TECHNIQUES CAN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE, WRECK THE FIREARM AND CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.

    If the bullet can be removed with a cleaning rod, clean any unburned powder grains from the bore, chamber, and mechanism before resuming shooting. If the bullet cannot be dislodged by tapping it with a cleaning rod, take the firearm to a gunsmith.

7. Dirt, corrosion, or other foreign matter on a cartridge can impede complete chambering and may cause the cartridge case to burst upon firing. The same is true of cartridges which are damaged or deformed.

8. Do not oil cartridges, and be sure to wipe the chamber clean of any oil or preservative before commencing to shoot. Oil interferes with the friction between cartridge case and chamber wall that is necessary for safe functioning, and subjects the firearm to stress similar to that imposed by excessive pressure.

9. Use lubricants sparingly on the moving parts of your firearm. Avoid excessive spraying of any aerosol firearm care product, especially where it may get on ammunition. All lubricants and aerosol spray lubricants in particular, can penetrate cartridge primers and cause misfires. Some highly penetrative lubricants can also mi-grate inside cartridge cases and cause deterioration of the propellant powder; on firing, the powder may not ignite. If only the primer ignites, there is danger that the bullet may become lodged in the barrel.
Taurus Security System

This rifle is equipped with the exclusive “TAURUS SECURITY SYSTEM”. The system is designed to preclude use of the rifle when the mechanism is engaged. It consists of an integral mechanism located on the back portion of the hammer. When properly engaged, by use of the key, it prevents the functioning of the rifle. The engagement of the mechanism can only be done utilizing a key with a shape that fits the security mechanism.

1. Engagement (Secure)
To engage the deactivation mechanism, it is necessary to insert the key into the deactivation pin and turn it clockwise until a “click” is felt or heard (Fig. 1a). In this position, the rifle’s mechanism is locked and the pin protrudes above the surface of the back of the hammer (Fig. 1b).

2. Disengagement (Ready-to-Fire)
To place the rifle in a firing condition, one must insert the key in the security mechanism and turn the key counter clockwise (Fig. 2a). In this position, the top of the pin is on the same plane with the rest of the back portion of the hammer (Fig. 2b). The rifle is now ready to fire.

Warning
Never tamper with the security system or attempt to use anything other than the provided special key to operate the security system. Attempting to defeat the Taurus Security System may damage your firearm. Never use a firearm on which the Taurus Security System appears to have been tampered with. Doing so will create a hazardous situation and may damage the firearm and result in accidental death or serious injury.

What To Do If Rifle Fails To Fire

1. Misfires: If you squeeze the trigger and the cartridge does not fire, remain in the shooting position and count to 30. Then operate the bolt to eject the misfired cartridge from the firearm.

2. Underpowered Shot: An underpowered cartridge is unusual if the ammunition is fresh, clean, and factory loaded. However, if you hear an unusual sound or low report, you should stop immediately and proceed as follows:

Warning
Because the bullet may actually still be in the barrel, you must unload completely and then with the bolt open, look through the barrel from the muzzle end to see if there is any obstruction. If there is, it should be removed by a qualified gunsmith.
How To Unload Pump Action

Fully unloading your rifle when storing or in other appropriate situations is essential to safe gun handling.

**WARNING:** Before unloading check to assure that your rifle muzzle is pointed down range or in a safe direction and you are confident of your backstop.

Slide the forearm toward the rear and eject the first cartridge. You’ll close the action and the hammer will be cocked. Carefully and slowly, lower the hammer onto the bolt under full control of your thumb while gently pulling the trigger. Slide the forearm back again and unload the next cartridge. Do this until your rifle is totally unloaded.

When cartridges no longer eject, open the action of your rifle and visually check the chamber and feed ramp as well as the magazine mechanism for cartridges.

**WARNING:**

ALWAYS INSPECT INTERIOR OF RECEIVER VISUALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MAGAZINE IS EMPTY AND THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY.
NEVER HOLD THE TRIGGER BACK IN ITS REARMOST POSITION WHILE VIGOROUSLY OPERATING THE PUMP ACTION AS THE FIREARM WILL FIRE WHEN THE ACTION IS CLOSING - CLOSED.

Operating Instructions

**Warning**

The safest way to carry this rifle is with NO round in the chamber. If you feel that you must carry the rifle with a round in the chamber, then place the hammer in the intercept notch. Then, to fire, the hammer should be placed in the full-cocked position.
How To Operate Decocking Mechanism

For your safety, you can decock the gun using the safety decocking device located on top of the hammer, utilizing the following procedure:

- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard;
- Pull hammer a little to the rear;
- Press the safety decocking device button down;
- Keep the button pressed down, ease the hammer forward under control of your thumb;
- The hammer will stop before touching the firing pin, avoiding an accidental discharge.
- The hammer is now resting in the intercept notch.

How To Load Your Rifle

Warning

Never attempt to load your rifle with ammunition that does not meet the cartridge designation stamped on the barrel. Use only clean, dry, factory-loaded ammunition in the caliber appropriate to your firearm. The proper caliber is stamped on the barrel.

Warning

Before loading this firearm, always check the bore to be sure it is free of grease, oil or any other obstruction. Be sure the chamber is empty and the bolt is open.

Pump Action Magazine Loading

WARNING: Before loading, make sure that your rifle muzzle is pointed down range or in a safe direction and you are confident of your backstop.

The magazine is loaded through the port on the right of the receiver.

1) With the action open and the chamber clear, press the loading gate inward with the tip of the first cartridge until all but the rim has entered the loading port.

2) Insert the next cartridge in the same manner, pushing the preceding cartridge into the tubular magazine.

3) Repeat this procedure with each cartridge, but push the last cartridge past the end of the loading gate, allowing the cover gate to snap closed. Don’t exceed the recommended capacity of the magazine.

When you’re ready to shoot, you’ll close the slide and your chamber will NOT be loaded. You’ll have to safely and slowly lower the hammer to the “rest” position and then cycle the action to chamber the first loaded round. The firearm is now cocked and ready to fire.

To Fire

With the firearm pointed at the target, squeeze the trigger. Open and close the bolt completely for each shot. If you have not fired all cartridges at the target, be sure to put the hammer in the intercept position until you are ready to shoot again or leave bolt open.