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## Safety & Instruction Manual

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# M&P<sup>®</sup>10

## Semi-Automatic Rifles

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**Read the instructions and  
warnings in this manual  
CAREFULLY BEFORE  
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BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.  
FAILURE TO READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
AND TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS  
MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY  
OR DEATH TO YOU AND OTHERS AND  
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

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# YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

## SAFETY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY!!!!

- At home, in the field, at the range, or anywhere, the first concern of every firearm owner should be safety. Apply the following safety rules in every situation, with any kind of firearm. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 4125 before proceeding with its operation.
- If you are unfamiliar with firearms you should seek formal training before using your rifle.



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

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

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## YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

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

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## YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

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- **APPROPRIATE USE FOR YOUR FIREARM MEANS USING YOUR FIREARM FOR LEGAL PURPOSES.** For example - target shooting, hunting and lawful resistance of deadly criminal force. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the use of your firearm.
- **NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE.** Only your safe firearm-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility.
- **ALWAYS SAFELY STORE AND SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition separately so that they are not accessible to children and/or other unauthorized persons.
- **NEVER KEEP AMMUNITION IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE FIREARM.** Store each in a separate and secure place.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION THAT IS SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you handle your firearm for cleaning and maintenance.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you discharge your firearm. Make sure others in the vicinity of where you will be shooting do so as well.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.** Do not use your firearm if you are on any medication which impairs, even slightly, your mental or physical ability.
- **ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.** Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Review the warnings and labels for all ammunition and cleaning products carefully. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.
- **BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION.** Not all firearms are the same. Familiarize yourself with the mechanical features of any firearm you intend to use. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 4125 before proceeding with its operation.
- **NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS SAFE OPERATION OR HAVE NOT READ THESE FIREARM SAFETY RULES.**

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## YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

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



**WARNING: SAFE USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY DEVICE WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM AND SMITH & WESSON WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM:**

- (1) THE CRIMINAL OR NEGLIGENT USE OF THIS FIREARM;
- (2) A DISREGARD OF THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS;
- (3) IMPROPER OR CARELESS HANDLING OF THIS FIREARM;
- (4) THE USE OF NON-STANDARD, DEFECTIVE, OR IMPROPER AMMUNITION;
- (5) IMPROPER OR NEGLIGENT MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE FIREARM.

# SAFE STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION



**WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE OF THE FIREARM IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**



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

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



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

- **ALWAYS STORE YOUR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY** so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Safe and secure storage of your firearm and ammunition are your responsibility. It is a full-time responsibility.

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## SAFE STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION CONTINUED

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

# AMMUNITION



**WARNING: NEVER USE AMMUNITION NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR USE IN YOUR FIREARM. FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT TYPE OR CALIBER OF AMMUNITION MAY CAUSE THE FIREARM TO JAM, OR FAIL TO FIRE, OR MAY GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS.**

- This firearm model is offered in several caliber options. Locate the cartridge designation marked on the firearm's barrel. This information indicates the correct ammunition that must be used in your firearm (FIGURE 1).

**Example of CARTRIDGE DESIGNATION ON BARREL**

308 WIN 1/10 51

**FIGURE 1**

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

Additional ammunition calibers can be fired in this rifle model, depending on caliber, from the following list of select calibers:

**Caliber Marked  
on Barrel**

308 WIN

**Can Also Fire**

7.62x51mm NATO

NATO ammunition has a  head stamp



**WARNING: IN SOME CASES, A ROUND OF AMMUNITION NOT SPECIFIED ON YOUR FIREARM AND NOT LISTED AS ALTERNATE AMMUNITION IN THIS MANUAL, MAY FIT INTO THE CHAMBER. FIRING THIS AMMUNITION MAY CAUSE A RUPTURE RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM AND PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING UNSAFE CALIBER COMBINATIONS, REFER TO THE FOLLOWING URL: [HTTP://WWW.SAAMI.ORG/SPECIFICATIONS\\_AND\\_INFORMATION/PUBLICATIONS/DOWNLOAD/SAAMI\\_ITEM\\_211-UNSAFE\\_ARMS\\_AND\\_AMMUNITION\\_COMBINATIONS.PDF](http://www.saami.org/specifications_and_information/publications/download/saami_item_211-unsafe_arms_and_ammunition_combinations.pdf)**



**WARNING: ALWAYS INSPECT YOUR AMMUNITION BEFORE USING IT. NEVER USE DIRTY, CORRODED OR DAMAGED AMMUNITION. A BORE OBSTRUCTION OR BURST CARTRIDGE MAY RESULT, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM AND PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS.**

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

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## AMMUNITION CONTINUED

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**WARNING: NEVER USE NON-STANDARD, RELOADED OR "HANDLOADED" AMMUNITION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTERNAL BALLISTIC PRESSURE TESTING. RELOADED OR HANDLOADED AMMUNITION, MAY HAVE MANY MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY VARIABLES (SUCH AS THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF GUN POWDER). CARTRIDGE CASES THAT HAVE BEEN RELOADED AND FIRED MULTIPLE TIMES MAY SUFFER PHYSICAL DAMAGE WHICH COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT OR REDUCE THE INTEGRITY OF THE CARTRIDGE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN BULLET SETBACK OR UNSEATING. CASE FAILURE AND INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM MAY RESULT WHEN SUCH A ROUND IS FIRED. ANY AMMUNITION THAT IS IMPROPERLY MANUFACTURED OR RELOADED, EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE, MAY FAIL TO FIRE OR MAY GENERATE EXCESSIVE INTERNAL PRESSURES WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE THE FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR THOSE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.**

- A firearm and ammunition are a system and must work together. There are different types of ammunition for different types of firearms. Your firearm has been designed for ammunition of a specific type and a specific gauge or caliber. It is important to select the proper ammunition for your firearm.

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

- Check with the ammunition manufacturer or a qualified gunsmith if you are unsure whether the particular ammunition you plan to use in this firearm has been manufactured with corrosive primers. If in doubt, follow all the instructions above to prevent oxidation caused by ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers.
- Ammunition manufactured by SAAMI member companies does not use corrosive primers.

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## AMMUNITION CONTINUED

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- Different combinations of bullet velocity, bullet weight and firearm weight can have major impact on felt recoil; high felt recoil can be uncomfortable to some shooters.



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



**WARNING: NEVER USE CARTRIDGES OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED BY THE MARKING ON THE FIREARM. DOING SO CAN RESULT IN DANGEROUSLY HIGH PRESSURES THAT MAY DAMAGE THE FIREARM AND POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS.**



**WARNING: DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE USE OF INCORRECT AMMUNITION OR BORE OBSTRUCTIONS. NEVER USE RELOADED AMMUNITION THAT HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTERNAL BALLISTIC PRESSURE TESTING. SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS.**



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

# MODEL AND FEATURES IDENTIFICATION

## NOTE:

Ambidextrous controls on this model include:

- Bolt Catch
- Magazine Release
- Safety Selector Lever

These controls perform the same function from either side of the firearm.

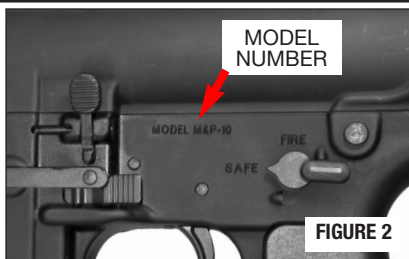


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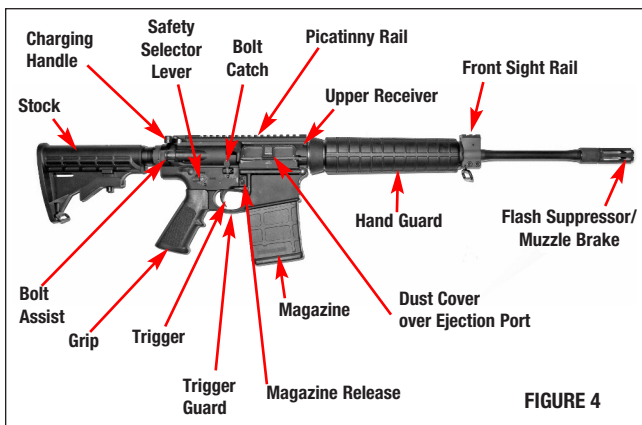


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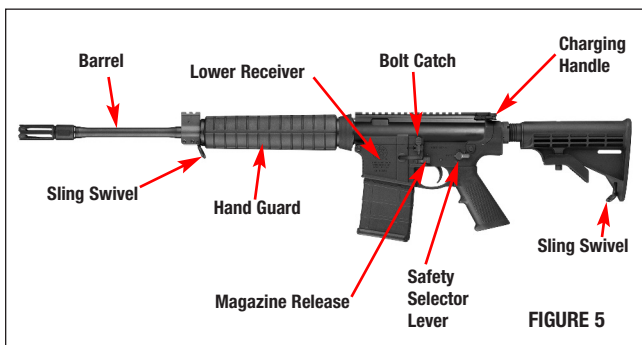


FIGURE 5

# INSPECTING YOUR RIFLE



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

- When you inspect your rifle, you should first check to ensure that it is unloaded. To do this, grasp the rifle with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, point the muzzle in a safe direction, depress the magazine release (from either side of the rifle) and remove the magazine (FIGURE 6).



FIGURE 6

- Place the safety selector lever into the “SAFE” position (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURE 7).



FIGURE 7

**NOTE:** If the safety lever won't rotate to the “SAFE” position - pull the charging handle (uniformly by both sides) all the way back (FIGURE 8), press and hold the lower portion of the bolt catch down (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURE 9) while you release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position.

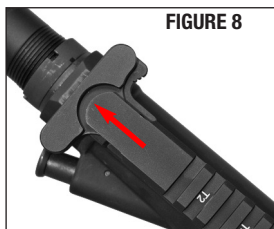


FIGURE 8

- Return the charging handle fully forward until it locks into place and then remove your finger from the bolt catch (FIGURE 10).

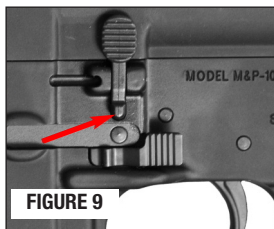


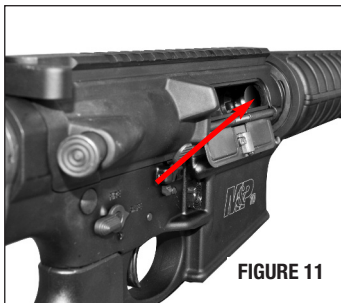
FIGURE 9



FIGURE 10

## INSPECTING YOUR RIFLE CONTINUED

- Look into the ejection port and check the chamber to be sure that no cartridge is present (FIGURE 11).
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.
- Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and others and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine (FIGURE 12).
- Before using your firearm for the first time, it should be cleaned.



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

# PREPARATION FOR FIRING



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

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

# LOADING



**WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

- Do not load the rifle until you have read and fully understand this manual.
- Do not load the rifle until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
- Never load your rifle until you are sure of your target, what is beyond it and are fully prepared to fire.
- Press the magazine release (from either side of the rifle) and remove the magazine from the firearm (FIGURE 13).
- Pull the charging handle all the way back (FIGURE 14) and press the bottom of the bolt catch down (FIGURES 15 or 16) and release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position.
- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch (FIGURE 17).
- Set safety selector lever to “SAFE” (FIGURE 18) (from either side of the rifle).
- Orient the magazine as shown (FIGURE 19). Place a round between the lips of the magazine with the bullet forward. Press the round down and back until it is held by the magazine lips. Slide the next round in on top of the previous round and repeat until the desired number of rounds is loaded (FIGURE 20).



FIGURE 13

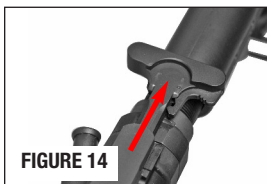


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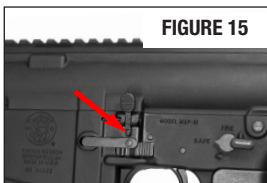


FIGURE 15



FIGURE 16



FIGURE 17

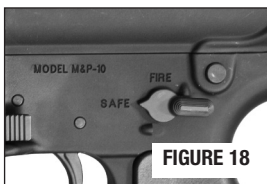


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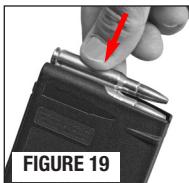


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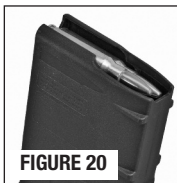


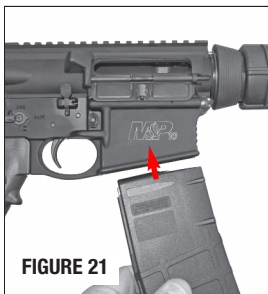
FIGURE 20

## LOADING CONTINUED



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

- Smith & Wesson has provided you with a magazine designed to operate in your specific model of firearm. While your magazine may be able to be inserted into another model firearm, it will only function properly in the specific model for which it was designed. Do not interchange magazines from one model firearm to another model firearm.
- Follow instructions in this manual and any other specific instructions which may be marked onto, or accompany, a magazine. Failure to use the particular type of Smith & Wesson magazine specified for your model and caliber of firearm may result in a malfunction.
- With the bullet end of the cartridge pointing forward, insert the loaded magazine into magazine well until it is securely locked in (FIGURE 21). Check placement by putting downward pressure on magazine.



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



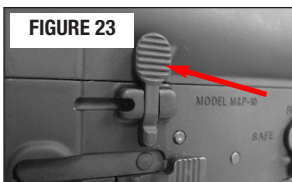
**WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN YOU RELEASE THE BOLT.**



**WARNING: THE BOLT MOVES FORWARD AT CONSIDERABLE SPEED AND WITH CONSIDERABLE FORCE WHEN RELEASED BY PRESSING THE BOLT RELEASE (FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE RIFLE). KEEP FINGERS AND BODY PARTS AWAY FROM THE EJECTION PORT AT ALL TIMES AS INJURY MAY RESULT.**

## LOADING CONTINUED

- Keep fingers away from ejection port (FIGURE 22) and keep the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Press in on the top of the thumb piece of the bolt catch (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURE 23) to release the bolt and carrier, which will move forward and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber. The firearm is now loaded and will fire if the safety selector lever is set on "FIRE" and the trigger is pulled.



- If the bolt does not completely close, press the bolt assist (FIGURE 24). This should move the bolt completely forward. If your rifle is not equipped with a bolt assist or the bolt assist does not chamber a round, see the Clearing Misfires section of this manual.



- You may now manually close the ejection port dust cover by raising it and "clicking" it into the closed position - covering the bolt (FIGURE 25).



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

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

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

**WARNING: SMITH & WESSON M&P®10 RIFLES WILL FIRE WITH THE MAGAZINE REMOVED. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUTSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO FIRE.**

# FIRING



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

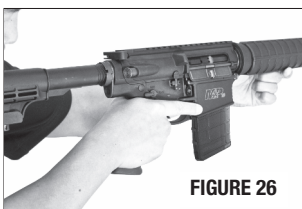


**WARNING: WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE EVERY TIME YOU DISCHARGE YOUR FIREARM. MAKE SURE OTHERS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE YOU WILL BE SHOOTING DO SO AS WELL.**



**WARNING: AN EXTENDED SESSION OF RAPID FIRING WILL CAUSE THE BARREL TO BECOME VERY HOT AND CAN CAUSE A CARTRIDGE LEFT IN THE CHAMBER TO "COOK OFF", FIRING THE CARTRIDGE WITHOUT THE SHOOTER PULLING THE TRIGGER AND REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE SAFETY LEVER. AFTER YOU FINISH RAPID FIRING - ALWAYS REMOVE THE MAGAZINE FROM THE RIFLE AND THE CARTRIDGE FROM THE CHAMBER IMMEDIATELY! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE THAT MAY RESULT IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

- Grasp firearm with one hand on handguard and other hand on the pistol grip with index finger resting along outside of trigger guard. Raise firearm and pull buttstock firmly into shoulder (FIGURE 26).



**FIGURE 26**

- Move safety selector to the "FIRE" position (from either side) (FIGURE 27).
- Keeping steady aim, place index finger on trigger and pull gently until the rifle fires. Your firearm chambers the next round immediately after firing.
- You may continue to fire by pulling and fully releasing the trigger until the magazine is empty.
- If you wish to stop firing, release trigger, remove finger from trigger guard, and set safety selector to "SAFE" (FIGURE 28). If you have fired the last round from the magazine, the bolt will be held to the rear so that the firearm can quickly be reloaded by replacing the magazine, or the chamber can be inspected to ensure that it is empty.



**FIGURE 27**



**FIGURE 28**

# CLEARING MISFIRES AND JAMS



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



**WARNING: WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS WHEN FIRING AND CLEARING MISFIRES OR MISFEEDS.**



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

## TO CLEAR A MISFIRE

- If a cartridge fails to fire, wait 30 seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard (FIG. 29).
- Press the magazine release button (from either side of the rifle) and remove the magazine (FIGURE 30 or 31) while keeping the ejection port and magazine well pointed away from you or any bystanders.
- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the lower portion of the bolt catch in (FIGURES 32 and 33). This will lock the bolt in the open position.



FIGURE 29



FIGURE 30

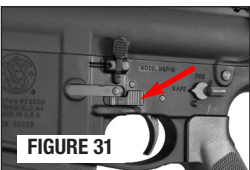


FIGURE 31



FIG. 32

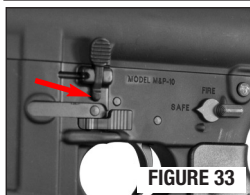
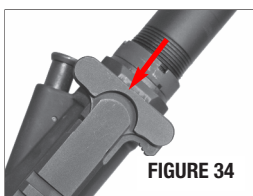


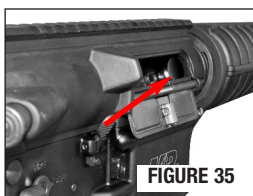
FIGURE 33

## CLEARING MISFIRES AND JAMS CONTINUED

- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks (FIGURE 34) and then remove finger from bolt catch.



- Check the chamber to be sure that no cartridge is present (FIGURE 35).

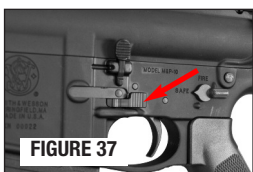


### TO CLEAR A "JAM"

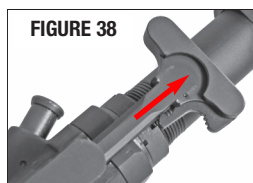
**NOTE:** Any autoloading firearm may, on occasion, fail to feed a cartridge properly from the magazine. If this should occur:



- Be certain the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.



- Press the magazine release (from either side of the rifle) and remove the magazine (FIGURES 36 or 37).

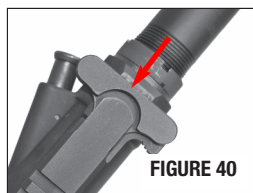


- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the lower portion of the bolt catch in (FIGURES 38 & 39). This will lock the bolt in the open position.



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

- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks (FIGURE 40).



## CLEARING MISFIRES AND JAMS CONTINUED

- Put the safety in "SAFE" (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURE 41).



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

- It may be necessary to manually remove a jammed cartridge. When attempting to clear a jam manually, use only wood tools, such as a pointed dowel or a pencil, and use extreme care to avoid striking the primer of the cartridge.
- Visually check to make sure all cartridges have been removed from the rifle. Safely dispose of any cartridges involved in a misfeed incident. Do not use damaged ammunition in any firearm.
- Once the misfed cartridge is cleared, proceed to load the firearm as instructed in the Loading Section.
- Dispose of defective cartridge(s) in a method specifically approved for live round disposal.

## UNLOADING

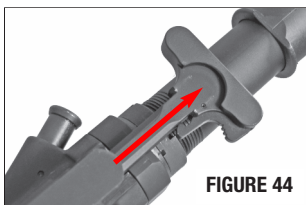
**WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

- Press magazine release (from either side of the rifle) and remove magazine (FIGURE 42 or 43).

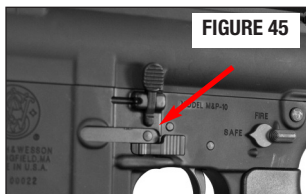


## UNLOADING CONTINUED

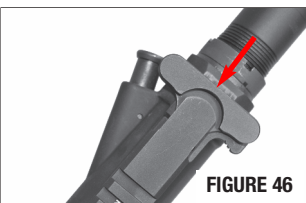
- Pull charging handle to rear and push in lower portion of bolt catch to hold bolt open (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURES 44 and 45).



- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks (FIGURE 46).



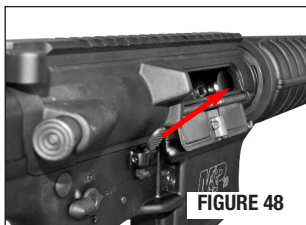
- Set safety selector lever to "SAFE" (from either side of the rifle) (FIGURE 47).



- Look into the chamber through ejection port to ensure that the chamber is empty (FIGURE 48).



- Remove remaining live rounds from the magazine by sliding them forward and out of the magazine (FIGURE 49).



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



# DISASSEMBLY / FIELD STRIPPING



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



**WARNING: UNLOAD THE FIREARM BY FOLLOWING THE UNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS.**



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



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



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

- Press the magazine release (from either side of the rifle) and remove the magazine from the firearm and ensure that the rifle is not loaded (FIGURE 50).
- Place the safety in the “SAFE” position (from either side) (FIGURE 51).



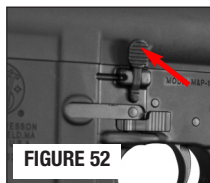
**FIGURE 50**

**NOTE:** When handling a M&P®10 rifle; If the safety selector does not easily rotate to the “SAFE” position, DO NOT attempt to force it into “SAFE”. While keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, remove the magazine and lock your bolt open and then rotate the safety selector to “SAFE” before proceeding.



**FIGURE 51**

- Push the top of the bolt release (from either side) to ensure that the bolt is in the forward position (FIGURE 52).



**FIGURE 52**



**WARNING: (FIGURE 53) THE BOLT MOVES FORWARD AT CONSIDERABLE SPEED AND WITH CONSIDERABLE FORCE WHEN RELEASED BY PRESSING THE BOLT RELEASE (FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE RIFLE). KEEP FINGERS AND BODY PARTS AWAY FROM THE EJECTION PORT AT ALL TIMES AS INJURY MAY RESULT.**



**FIGURE 53**

## DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING CONTINUED

- Push in take down pin (above and behind the trigger (FIGURE 54) from left side and pull the pin out on the right side of the receiver until it comes to a positive stop (FIGURE 55).

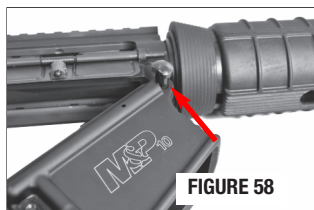
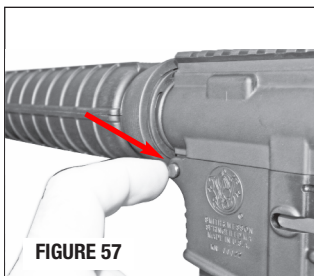


- Pivot lower receiver down and away from upper receiver. (FIGURE 56).

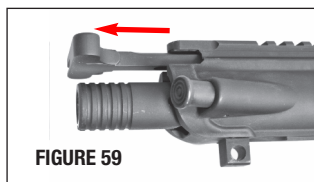


**NOTE:** Never dry-fire with the rifle while it is disassembled. Damage to the rifle will result.

- If required, remove pivot pin from the front of receiver (FIGURES 57 and 58) in a similar manner to the rear pin and separate the upper receiver from the lower receiver completely.



- Pull the charging handle to rear and remove bolt carrier assembly (FIGURE 59).



## DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING CONTINUED

- Remove charging handle by pulling it backwards to the take-down notch and down out of the upper receiver (FIGURE 60) - this image shows the charging handle takedown notch (as seen from the bottom of the upper receiver).

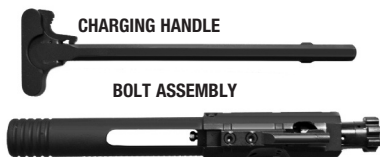
**FIGURE 60**

**WIDE SPOT  
THAT ALLOWS  
CHARGING  
HANDLE  
TO BE  
REMOVED**



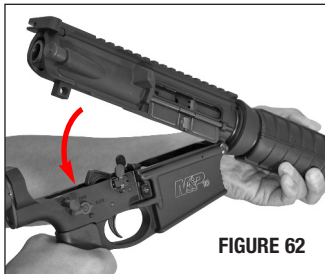
- FIGURE 61 shows the bolt assembly (Bolt Carrier and Bolt unit) and the charging handle removed from rifle.

**FIGURE 61**

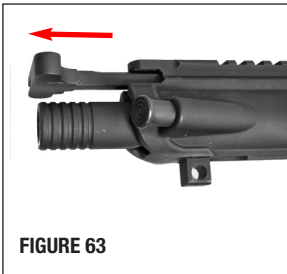


### **BOLT FIELD STRIPPING - For cleaning**

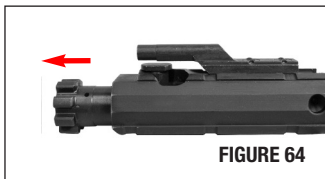
- Tip upper receiver open as instructed previously in the Disassembly Section (FIGURE 62).
- Pull back on the charging handle and bolt assembly (FIGURE 63).



**FIGURE 62**



**FIGURE 63**



**FIGURE 64**



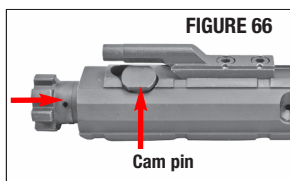
**FIGURE 65**

- Remove the bolt carrier assembly from the upper receiver.
- Pull the charging handle back and down to remove it from the upper receiver.
- Once the bolt carrier is clear of the firearm, move the bolt forward in the carrier to the unlocked position (FIGURE 64) and remove the firing pin retaining pin (FIGURE 65).

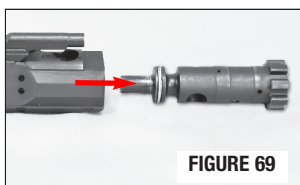
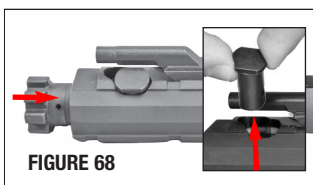
## DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING CONTINUED

- Push the bolt into the bolt carrier to put it in the locked position (FIGURE 66).

**NOTE:** Do not alter the split end of the firing pin retaining pin (FIG. 67).



- Remove the firing pin out of the rear of the bolt carrier (FIG. 67).
- Lift the bolt cam pin out of the bolt carrier (FIGURE 68).
- Remove the bolt from the bolt carrier (FIGURE 69).

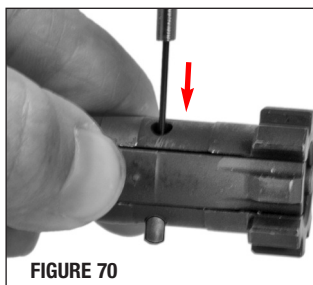


- Press in on the extractor while pushing the extractor retaining pin out with a small punch or drift (FIGURE 70).
- Remove the extractor from the bolt. Do not remove the rubber grommet from the spring. (FIGURE 71).



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

- Clean the bolt and extractor and reassemble.



## DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING CONTINUED

### BUFFER AND SPRING / FIELD STRIPPING - For cleaning

- Push in buffer (at the rear of the receiver / front of the stock) slightly and depress buffer retainer to release the buffer (FIG. 72).
- Remove buffer and spring from the buffer tube (FIGURE 73).



FIGURE 72



FIGURE 73

- Clean the buffer and spring and reassemble.

## REASSEMBLY



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

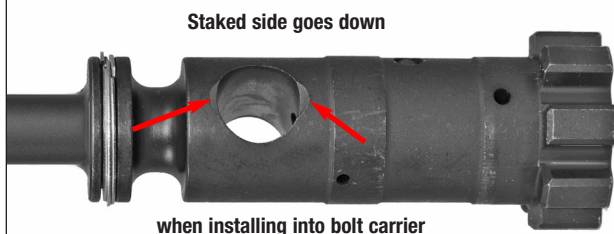


**WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.**

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

**NOTE:** The bolt cam pin only goes in when the bolt is rotated correctly in the carrier with the staked side down (FIGURE 74).

FIGURE 74



## REASSEMBLY CONTINUED

- Stagger the gaps on the gas rings so they are NOT aligned with one another when reassembling (FIGURES 75 and 76). This should contribute to reliable functioning of the rifle.
- Lubricate all metal parts by wiping them with a cloth dampened with a high quality firearm oil. Remove excess oil. Leave a light film of oil on all metal parts of your rifle - inside and out.

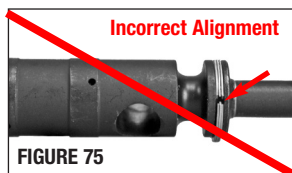


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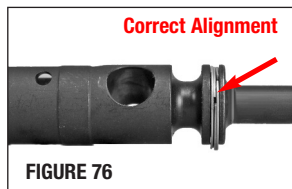


FIGURE 76

## SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY



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



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

### HANDGUARD REMOVAL - M&P®10 - Using the two-person "Buddy System"

- Stand the rifle on its buttstock with one hand gripping the stock and other gripping the lower end of the handguard.
- While your buddy pulls down on the slip ring, which is a two-handed procedure, pull one side of the handguard free (FIGURES 77 and 78).
- Repeat this procedure to remove the other side of the handguard.

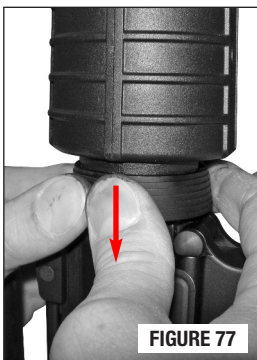


FIGURE 77



FIGURE 78

### THE AMBIDEXTROUS SAFETY LEVER - M&P®10.

- The safety lever is not reversible.

## SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY CONTINUED



**WARNING: NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO DO SO IN THIS MANUAL. IMPROPER MANIPULATION OF ANY INTERNAL COMPONENT MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RETURN THE SAFETY TO A PROPERLY FUNCTIONING CONDITION, DO NOT USE THE RIFLE. CALL THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-331-0852.**



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



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

## CARRY HANDLE – When Equipped



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

- Loosen both screws on the side of the carry handle by turning them counter-clockwise (FIGURE 78).
- Lift the carry handle up and off of the upper receiver.

FIGURE 78



## COLLAPSIBLE STOCK – When Equipped

- To extend the collapsible stock, depress lever (FIGURE 79) and pull the stock out until it locks into position.
- To collapse the buttstock, depress the lever again and push forward until it locks into position.

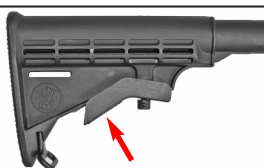


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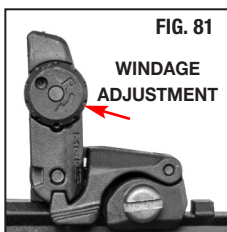
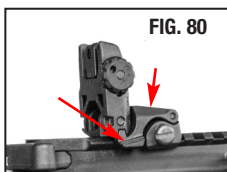
# SIGHT ADJUSTMENT – When Equipped



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

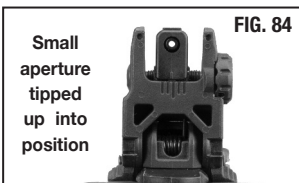
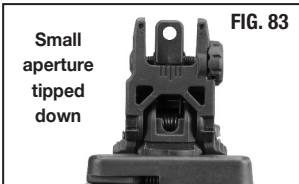
## MAGPUL® MBUS® FOLDING REAR SIGHT - (If so-equipped)

- The Magpul® MBUS® spring-loaded, folding rear sight (FIGURE 80) is a dual aperture rear sight that is adjustable for windage (FIGURE 81). Turn the knob right to change the bullet impact to the right. The sight flips up by pressing the tab from either side or by pressing the central area on top (FIGURE 80). The sight can be folded with either large or small aperture in position.



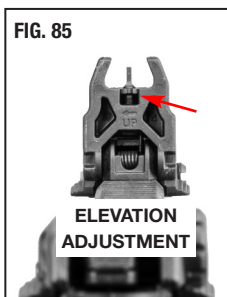
## DUAL APERTURE REAR SIGHT - (If so-equipped)

- The Magpul® MBUS® rear sight has a dual aperture that is deployed by flipping the smaller opening aperture up into position (FIGURE 82) - or forward (down) to use the large opening. Use the larger aperture for normal range firing. Use the small aperture for longer range precision firing (FIGURES 83 and 84).



## MAGPUL® MBUS® FOLDING FRONT SIGHT - (If so-equipped)

- The Magpul® MBUS® spring-loaded, folding front sight (FIGURE 85) is adjustable for elevation. It flips up by pressing the tab from either side or by pressing the central area on top. An elevation adjustment tool is included. Use the tool to turn the sight post (clockwise as viewed from top) down to raise the impact of the bullets on target and counter-clockwise (up) to lower the bullets impact on target (FIGURE 85).



# INSTALLATION OF OPTICS



**WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE INSTALLING A SCOPE OR ANY OTHER ACCESSORIES. FAILURE TO DO THIS CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

- We recommend that you have a competent gunsmith install your scope and mount.
- Different scopes have varying lengths of recommended eye relief. You need to choose a combination that allows for adequate clearance between the scope and your eye brow. Follow the instructions supplied with the scope and rings for proper installation.



**WARNING: FIRING A SCOPED FIREARM WITH YOUR EYE TOO CLOSE TO THE SCOPE EYE PIECE, OR FAILING TO HOLD THE FIREARM SECURELY AGAINST RECOIL, MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BLINDNESS.**

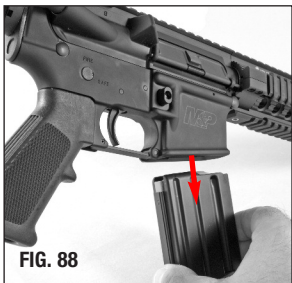


**WARNING: A SCOPE WHICH IS NOT SECURELY MOUNTED MAY BECOME DETACHED UPON RECOIL OF THE FIREARM. IF IT BECOMES DETACHED IT MAY FLY BACK AND STRIKE THE SHOOTER OR A BYSTANDER AND CAUSE INJURY. OBSERVE THE CONDITION OF ALL THE SCOPE MOUNT SCREWS AFTER FIRING. IF THE MOUNTING SCREWS SHOW SIGNS OF LOOSENING DO NOT FIRE THE GUN AGAIN; CALL THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPT. FOR ASSISTANCE AT 1-800-331-0852 EXT 4125.**

# BULLET BUTTON® MAGAZINE

## IF THE RIFLE IS SO-EQUIPPED

- This section details important information regarding the operation of the Bullet-Button® variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P®10 rifle. Read and understand all previous sections of this manual regarding safety and operation of the rifle.
- You can identify this variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P®10 rifle by the presence of a Bullet-Button® where the magazine release is normally located on non-Bullet-Button® variants of this rifle (FIGURE 86).
- On the Bullet-Button® variation of the Smith & Wesson M&P®10 rifle, the magazine cannot be readily detached from the firearm without the use of a tool. In order to detach the magazine for loading, unloading, cleaning and maintenance, use a suitable tool such as a punch or the pointed tip of a bullet or ammunition cartridge to press into the center of the Bullet-Button® (FIGURE 87). This will cause the magazine to detach from the rifle (FIGURE 88).



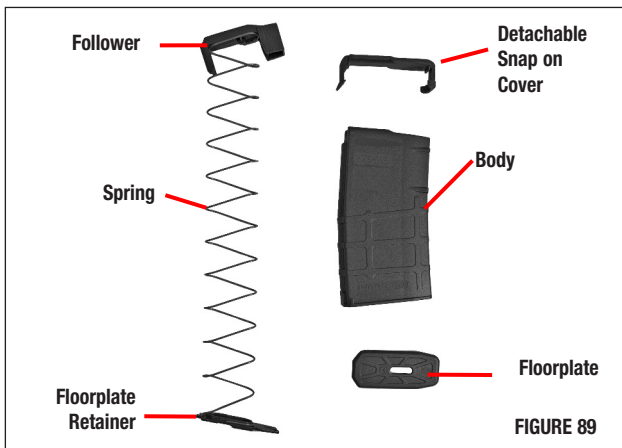
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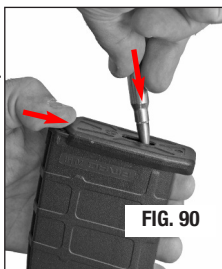
**WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR MAGAZINE.**

- FIGURE 89 shows the parts that make up the magazine.

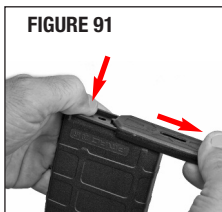


## MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

- Using a pointed object (such as a 308 Cartridge), press the floorplate retainer down by passing the bullet tip through the hole in the floorplate (FIG. 90).
- While keeping the magazine body pointed away from you or anyone else and with your thumb over the exposed body to prevent the spring from flying out (FIGURE 91) slide the floorplate off the magazine body.



**FIGURE 91**



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

- Remove the spring/follower/floorplate retainer assembly out through bottom of the magazine body.

## MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

- Install the follower/spring/floorplate retainer into the magazine body.
- While holding the floorplate retainer down (under spring pressure) in the body, slide the floorplate onto the magazine body (over the tabs) until the floorplate retainer locks it into place.

# CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE



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



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

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

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

- Purchase cleaning supplies from your firearms dealer that are specifically designated for your type and caliber of firearm. Many suppliers offer these in kit form for your convenience.
- Follow the instructions provided with your cleaning supplies.

**NOTE:** A basic firearm cleaning kit should include: a brass bore brush and a cleaning jag of appropriate size for the bore being cleaned, high-quality gun cleaning solvent and gun oil/lubricant, cotton cleaning patches and a cleaning rod that is long enough to push the brush and jag completely through the barrel.

- Remove excessive firing residue from the bore and chamber using a properly fitted brass brush dipped in gun cleaning solvent. Finish the bore cleaning process by running a dry cotton cloth patch through the bore and chamber to remove residue and solvent.
- Clean the exterior of the firearm using a non-abrasive cleaning cloth.
- After cleaning, lightly coat the metal parts, internal and external with a high quality firearm oil.
- Whenever your firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity, water or other adverse conditions, it must be cleaned and lubricated.

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## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

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

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

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

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

- Cleaning is essential to ensure the proper functioning of your firearm.
- Your firearm is a precision instrument. To ensure reliable function it is necessary to follow a routine maintenance procedure. After firing your firearm, be sure to unload it following the procedure outlined in the section entitled "Inspecting Your Firearm" before performing any cleaning or maintenance procedure.
- Remove any firearm cleaning solution, oil and fingerprints from the outside surfaces of the firearm. (Finger moisture, if left, could start a corrosion process).
- Remove excess oil, cleaning solution and cleaning materials from the bore.



**WARNING: BE CERTAIN THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING. A SMALL OBSTRUCTION CAN CAUSE A DANGEROUS INCREASE IN PRESSURE AND MAY DAMAGE YOUR FIREARM AND CAUSE INJURY TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS.**



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

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## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

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

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

### MAINTENANCE BEFORE STORAGE

- When storing, do not encase your firearm in anything that will attract or hold moisture, for example, leather or heavy cloth. Also, do not store firearms with a plug inserted in the barrel for this can be a contributing factor to moisture accumulation. If your firearm is to be stored for an extended period, the bore, chamber and internal surfaces should be oiled with a high-quality lubricating oil or preservative intended for firearms.
- The external parts; receiver, bolt and barrel should be coated with an anti-rust oil. Before using your firearm again, be sure to clean it. Every time you clean your firearm, check it for signs of wear. If wear is noted, do not use the firearm. Return it to Smith & Wesson for service or have it checked by a qualified gunsmith.

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

- Check with the ammunition manufacturer or a qualified gunsmith if you are unsure whether the particular ammunition you plan to use in this firearm has been manufactured with corrosive primers. If in doubt, follow all the instructions above to prevent oxidation caused by ammunition manufactured with corrosive primers.
- Ammunition manufactured by SAAMI member companies do not use corrosive primers.

# LIMITED WARRANTY

For Owners Within The United States.

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

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

In the event of an emergency (repairs needed by law enforcement, an upcoming match or hunting trip), call 1-800-331-0852, ext. 4125 and ask for 911 Priority Repair Service. This allows you to speak with a Smith & Wesson representative. Immediately upon receipt, your firearm will be assigned to a gunsmith. After the work is completed, we will return your Smith & Wesson firearm via overnight delivery.

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

**NOTE: See the Contact & Shipping section of this manual for further details regarding returns.**

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

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

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

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## LIMITED WARRANTY CONTINUED

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Smith & Wesson will not be responsible for:

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

Smith & Wesson's Lifetime Service Policy begins after the warranty period has expired. Smith & Wesson will repair, without charge, for the lifetime of the original owner, any Smith & Wesson handgun purchased on or after February 1, 1989, and any M&P® series rifle, that is found to have a defect in material or workmanship.

Eligibility for this Lifetime Service Policy requires returning the Product Registration Card within 30 days of purchase. The Lifetime Service Policy covers functional defects; it does not include the firearm's finish, grips, magazines or sights. The Lifetime Service Policy is in addition to and not an extension of the Smith & Wesson Warranty.

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

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

# CONTACT AND SHIPPING FOR SERVICE

For Owners Within The United States

**NOTE:** A Return Merchandise Authorization (**RMA**) is the first step in the process of returning a product in order to receive a repair, replacement or refund. Please contact Smith & Wesson's Customer Service Dept. (via e-mail: [qa@smith-wesson.com](mailto:qa@smith-wesson.com) or by phone at 800-331-0852 ext. 4125) to obtain authorization to return your firearm so we can process it quickly and efficiently. The RMA number that is supplied by Smith & Wesson must be displayed on the outside of the returned product's packaging; returns without an RMA number will be routed differently which will result in delayed processing.

The issuance of an Return Merchandise Authorization (**RMA**) allows Smith & Wesson an opportunity to try to diagnose and correct a customer's concerns with the product (such as ammunition problems) before it is returned. Accordingly, please contact us before returning your Smith & Wesson firearm.

## **CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Tel: 800-331-0852 • 413-781-8300 ext. 4125

E-mail: [qa@smith-wesson.com](mailto:qa@smith-wesson.com)

## **RETURNS - FOR SERVICE**

### **ALL SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS**

Smith & Wesson  
2100 Roosevelt Avenue  
Springfield, MA 01104

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

- Call or e-mail the Customer Service Dept. for authorization and shipping instructions.
- Ensure that the firearm is unloaded.
- **Do not attempt to ship a firearm via US Postal Service; only federally licensed dealers may ship a firearm by US Postal Service.**
- **DO NOT SHIP ANY AMMUNITION.**

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## CONTACT AND SHIPPING CONTINUED

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- Enclose a letter which includes your full name and address (no P.O. Boxes, please), daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the serial number of the firearm, and details of the problem experienced (stating the brand and type of ammunition used when the problem occurred) or work desired.
- Record the serial number before shipping, in case you wish to check on the repair status of your firearm.
- Please remove all custom parts and accessories, such as stocks, special sights and scopes, or slings from your firearm before returning.
- Place the firearm in its original case or in a similarly secure container and pack it securely.
- The package must **NOT** bear any markings which indicate the identity of the contents.
- It is most important that you comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The following guidelines are meant to help, but you must seek assistance from the appropriate authorities if necessary.
- If your firearm must be replaced, it may be necessary to ship the replacement to a dealer rather than directly to you. You will be requested to furnish a signed FFL (Federal Firearms License) from your dealer in such an instance.
- Warranty repair work will begin upon receipt and examination of the firearm. In the case of repairs or work not covered by the warranty, a quotation covering the cost of the work plus round trip transportation charges will be sent to you. Repairs or modification will be scheduled upon receipt of payment.
- A parts list can be obtained by contacting Smith & Wesson Customer Service.



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

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# APPENDIX “A”

## Performance Center®

### 6.5 Creedmoor

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**NOTE:** For those M&P®10 Performance Center® rifles chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor:

- Some commercial ammunition loadings are optimized for use in manually operated firearm actions and may not provide satisfactory (reliable) function in gas-operated semi-automatic firearms like the M&P®10. If you experience less than ideal function from your rifle, try a different brand or variety of commercial ammunition that is manufactured to SAAMI Specs to determine if the original ammunition was the cause of the problem.
- There is no specific magazine offered for the 6.5 Creedmoor cartridge. 6.5 Creedmoor will feed from most 7.62x51mm / 308 WIN magazines without issue.

# BATTERY WARNINGS



**WARNING: IF A BATTERY OPERATED ACCESSORY OR ATTACHMENT (I.E. LASER, OPTICAL SIGHT OR FLASH-LIGHT, ETC.) IS SUPPLIED OR USED WITH THIS FIREARM, THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO.**



**WARNING: KEEP BATTERIES AWAY FROM CHILDREN. THERE IS A CHEMICAL BURN HAZARD ASSOCIATED WITH BATTERIES.**



**WARNING: IF A NEW OR USED LITHIUM BUTTON/COIN CELL BATTERY IS SWALLOWED OR ENTERS THE BODY, IT CAN CAUSE SEVERE INTERNAL BURNS AND CAN LEAD TO DEATH IN AS LITTLE AS 2 HOURS. ALWAYS COMPLETELY SECURE THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT. IF THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT DOES NOT CLOSE SECURELY, STOP USING THE PRODUCT, REMOVE THE BATTERIES, AND KEEP IT AWAY FROM CHILDREN. IF YOU THINK BATTERIES MIGHT HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED OR PLACED INSIDE ANY PART OF THE BODY, SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.**

- When used correctly, batteries provide a safe and dependable source of portable power. However, misuse or abuse may result in leakage, fire, or explosion.
- Batteries can explode or leak and cause burns if installed backwards, disassembled, charged, or exposed to water, fire or high temperature.
- Always take care to install your batteries correctly observing the “+” and “-” marks on the battery and the device.
- Always replace the whole set of batteries at one time, taking care not to mix old and new batteries, or batteries of different types.
- Store unused batteries in their original packaging and away from metal objects that may short-circuit them.
- Remove discharged batteries from equipment promptly to avoid possible damage from leakage.
- Never dispose of batteries in fire. (Failure to observe this precaution may result in an explosion.)
- The batteries are supplied in a charged state and are not designed for recharging. Recharging may cause leakage, fire, or explosion.
- The batteries should be disposed of properly, including keeping them away from children.
- Dispose of used batteries immediately. Even used batteries may cause injury.

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# PATENT INFORMATION

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- This product may be covered by one or more patents.  
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