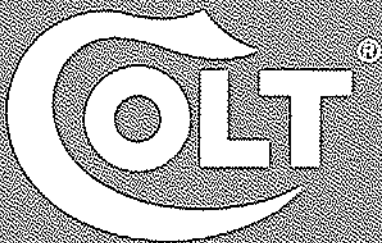


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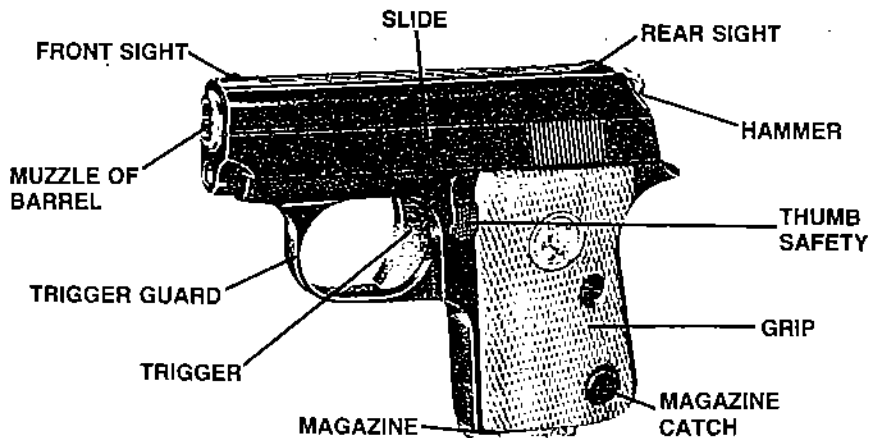


**SAFETY AND  
INSTRUCTION  
MANUAL FOR**

# **COLT® AUTOMATIC JUNIOR COLT CALIBER .25 PISTOLS**

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**CAUTION:** ALWAYS KEEP AND CARRY YOUR PISTOL EMPTY; WITH THE HAMMER FORWARD EXCEPT WHEN YOU INTEND TO SHOOT, SO THAT YOUR PISTOL CANNOT BE FIRED WHEN YOU DO NOT MEAN TO FIRE IT.

**CAUTION:** USE ONLY ORIGINAL HIGH QUALITY COMMERCIALLY MANUFACTURED AMMUNITION IN GOOD CONDITION WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CALIBER OF YOUR PISTOL—(SEE TABLE BELOW AND SECTION 3 CAUTION 14) AND NEVER CARRY THE PISTOL WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.

CALIBER OF PISTOL

25 ACP

SUITABLE AMMUNITION

25 ACP ONLY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **COLT MODIFIED "25 AUTO" JUNIOR COLT AND COLT AUTOMATIC PISTOLS**

These .25 caliber small pocket automatic pistols were marketed by Colt between 1957 and 1973. Beginning in 1984, Colt offered to modify the firing mechanism of these pistols as described below. You must make sure that you know whether you have a modified or unmodified pistol and act accordingly. Please read the descriptions and warnings below carefully.

#### **Colt Modified Pistols**

You can tell your pistol has been modified by Colt if, when you pull the slide back you see "M" stamped inside the ejection port. When you see the "M", it tells you that Colt has converted your pistol to an inertia firing system by installing a new firing pin spring and a new shorter firing pin. While the direct firing pin previously installed in your pistol was reliable for consistent ignition, Colt believes the new inertia firing pin will continue to give you consistent ignition while at the same time reducing the risk of accidental discharge if the pistol is dropped or receives a blow. Nevertheless, Colt also takes this opportunity to pass on a number of safety precautions you must follow to minimize the risk of unintentional discharge resulting in injury, death or damage to property. Please read all of the following cautions and instructions carefully until you understand all of them, then follow them to enjoy the use of your pistol, knowing its limitations and your own.

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**CAUTION: CAREFULLY READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL WHICH GIVES BASIC ADVICE ON THE PROPER HANDLING AND FUNCTIONING OF THIS FIREARM PRIOR TO LOADING AND FIRING. HOWEVER, YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS (INCLUDING YOUR FAMILY) DEPENDS ON YOUR MATURE COMPLIANCE WITH THAT ADVICE, AND YOUR ADOPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTANT EMPLOYMENT OF SAFE PRACTICES. IF UNFAMILIAR WITH FIREARMS, SEEK FURTHER ADVICE THROUGH SAFE HANDLING COURSES RUN BY YOUR LOCAL GUN CLUBS, NRA APPROVED INSTRUCTOR OR SIMILAR QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS.**

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6. ALWAYS BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE RISK FROM DROPPING YOUR PISTOL. SOME PARTS OF THE MECHANISM COULD BE DAMAGED. YOU MAY NOT SEE THE DAMAGE, BUT IF IT IS SEVERE THE PISTOL MAY DISCHARGE AND CAUSE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. IF YOUR PISTOL HAS BEEN DROPPED, HAVE IT EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT GUNSMITH BEFORE USING IT AGAIN.

7. NEVER LEAVE PISTOL COCKED READY TO FIRE AS THIS CONDITION IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND PISTOL COULD EASILY BE ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED, CAUSING INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

8. NEVER LEAVE A LOADED PISTOL UNATTENDED. SOMEONE, ESPECIALLY A CHILD, MAY FIRE IT AND CAUSE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

9. ALWAYS INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO RESPECT FIREARMS. IF YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO SHOOT, TEACH THEM OR GET THEM TRAINED BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR TO TREAT AND USE THE PISTOL PROPERLY, AND ALWAYS SUPERVISE THEM CLOSELY. ALWAYS STRESS SAFETY SO THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL NOT FIRE THE PISTOL WHEN IT IS UNSAFE TO DO SO.

#### **RANGE CAUTIONS:**

10. ALWAYS BE SURE YOUR BACKSTOP IS ADEQUATE TO STOP AND CONTAIN BULLETS BEFORE BEGINNING TARGET PRACTICE SO THAT YOU DO NOT HIT ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE RANGE SHOOTING AREA.

**11. ALWAYS PUT A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN CHARGE TO MAINTAIN SAFETY CONTROL WHEN A GROUP IS FIRING ON A RANGE. OBEY HIS COMMANDS SO THAT DISCIPLINE IS MAINTAINED TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACCIDENTS.**

**12. ALWAYS CARRY YOUR PISTOL EMPTY WITH SLIDE LATCHED OPEN WHILE ON A RANGE UNTIL PREPARING TO FIRE, KEEP IT POINTING TOWARDS THE BACKSTOP WHEN LOADING, FIRING AND UNLOADING, TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

**LOADING CAUTIONS:**

**13. ALWAYS BE SURE BARREL BORE, CHAMBER AND ACTION ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS. CLEAN A FOULED PISTOL IMMEDIATELY SO THAT IT WILL FUNCTION CORRECTLY AND SAFELY.**

**14. ALWAYS USE ONLY CLEAN, DRY, ORIGINAL HIGH QUALITY COMMERCIALLY MANUFACTURED AMMUNITION IN GOOD CONDITION WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CALIBER OF YOUR PISTOL. (SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER.) GUN AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS DESIGN THEIR PRODUCTS WITHIN EXACTING ENGINEERING SAFETY LIMITS. HANDLOADS AND REMANUFACTURED AMMUNITION ARE SOMETIMES OUTSIDE THOSE LIMITS AND CAN BE SO UNSAFE AS TO BLOW UP THE CHAMBER, SLIDE AND RECEIVER AND CAUSE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

**SHOOTING CAUTIONS:**

15. NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TAKE DRUGS BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING, AS YOUR VISION AND JUDGMENT COULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED MAKING YOUR GUN HANDLING UNSAFE.

16. ALWAYS SEEK A DOCTOR'S ADVICE IF YOU ARE TAKING MEDICATION, TO BE SURE YOU ARE FIT TO SHOOT AND HANDLE YOUR PISTOL SAFELY.

17. ALWAYS WEAR AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS NEAR YOU TO WEAR EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING, ESPECIALLY ON A RANGE. WITHOUT EAR PROTECTION, THE NOISE FROM YOUR PISTOL, AND OTHER GUNS CLOSE TO YOU, COULD LEAVE A "RINGING" IN THE EARS FOR SOME TIME AFTER FIRING, WHILE THE CUMULATIVE LONG TERM EFFECT COULD BE PERMANENT HEARING LOSS.

18. ALWAYS WEAR AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WEAR PROTECTIVE SHOOTING GLASSES. FLYING PARTICLES COULD DAMAGE EYES AND CAUSE BLINDNESS; BUT PROTECTIVE SHOOTING GLASSES SHOULD PREVENT SUCH INJURY.

19. ALWAYS KEEP THE SAFETY ON WHEN PISTOL IS LOADED AND COCKED UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE. THIS WILL MINIMIZE RISK OF AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE.

20. ALWAYS KEEP CLEAR AND KEEP OTHERS CLEAR OF THE EJECTION PORT. SPENT CARTRIDGES ARE EJECTED WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO CAUSE INJURY AND THE EJECTOR

**TION PORT MUST BE UNOBSTRUCTED BY YOUR HAND TO INSURE SAFE EJECTION OF LIVE ROUNDS. NEVER PLACE FINGERS IN EJECTION PORT; THEY COULD BE BURNED BY HOT METAL OR INJURED BY THE SLIDE MOVING FORWARD.**

**21. NEVER SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER OR PUT YOUR FINGER IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE AIMING AT A TARGET AND READY TO SHOOT. THIS WILL PREVENT YOU FIRING THE PISTOL WHEN IT IS POINTING IN AN UNSAFE DIRECTION.**

**22. ALWAYS BE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND THE AREA BEHIND IT BEFORE YOU SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER. A BULLET COULD TRAVEL THROUGH OR PAST YOUR TARGET UP TO 1 MILE . . . IF IN DOUBT, DON'T SHOOT.**

**23. NEVER SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE SUCH AS ROCK, OR A LIQUID SURFACE SUCH AS WATER. A BULLET MAY RICOCHET AND TRAVEL IN ANY DIRECTION TO STRIKE YOU OR AN OBJECT YOU CANNOT SEE, CAUSING INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

**24. NEVER FIRE YOUR PISTOL NEAR AN ANIMAL UNLESS IT IS TRAINED TO ACCEPT THE NOISE; AN ANIMAL'S STARTLED REACTION COULD INJURE IT OR CAUSE AN ACCIDENT.**

**25. NEVER INDULGE IN "HORSEPLAY" WHILE HOLDING YOUR PISTOL AS IT MAY BE ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED.**

**26. NEVER WALK, CLIMB OR FOLLOW A COMPANION WITH YOUR PISTOL COCKED READY TO FIRE, OUT OF ITS HOL-**

STER OR WITH THE HAMMER IN ANY POSITION OTHER THAN FORWARD ON AN EMPTY CHAMBER, TO ELIMINATE RISK OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. WHEN HUNTING, HOLD YOUR PISTOL SO THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTROL THE DIRECTION OF THE MUZZLE.

**MALFUNCTION CAUTIONS:**

27. FAILURE TO FIRE: ALWAYS HOLD PISTOL, KEEPING IT POINTED TOWARDS THE TARGET OR A SAFE OPEN AREA AND WAIT 30 SECONDS WHEN PISTOL FAILS TO FIRE. IF A HANGFIRE (slow ignition) HAS OCCURRED, ROUND WILL FIRE WITHIN 30 SECONDS. IF ROUND DOES NOT FIRE, REMOVE MAGAZINE, EJECT ROUND AND EXAMINE PRIMER; IF FIRING PIN INDENT ON PRIMER IS LIGHT, OFF CENTER OR NON-EXISTENT, HAVE PISTOL EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT GUNSMITH. IF FIRING PIN INDENT ON PRIMER APPEARS NORMAL (in comparison with similar previously fired rounds) ASSUME FAULTY AMMUNITION; SEGREGATE MISFIRED ROUND FROM OTHER LIVE AMMUNITION AND EMPTY CASES, RELOAD AND CARRY ON FIRING.

**Note:** Dispose of misfired rounds in accordance with ammunition manufacturer's instructions.

28. NEVER USE YOUR PISTOL IF IT FAILS TO FUNCTION PROPERLY, AND NEVER FORCE A JAMMED ACTION, AS A ROUND MAY EXPLODE CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY, POSSIBLE DEATH OR SEVERE DAMAGE TO YOUR PISTOL.

**CLEANING AND STORAGE CAUTIONS:**

29. ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR PISTOL IS NOT LOADED BEFORE CLEANING AND STORING SO THAT IT CANNOT BE FIRED WHEN IT IS UNSAFE TO DO SO.

30. ALWAYS KEEP AND STORE YOUR PISTOL AND AMMUNITION IN SEPARATE LOCKED RECEPTACLES OUT OF REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN AND UNTRAINED PEOPLE, TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF PISTOL AND AMMUNITION BEING EASILY AVAILABLE FOR LOADING AND FIRING.

**GUN ABUSE CAUTIONS:**

31. NEVER ABUSE YOUR PISTOL BY USING IT FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN SHOOTING.

32. NEVER DRY FIRE THE PISTOL WHEN THE SLIDE IS REMOVED FROM THE RECEIVER, AND DO NOT ALTER PARTS AS THE LEVEL OF SAFETY COULD BE REDUCED.

**Note:** Please note that we have chosen to use the word "SQUEEZE" in this instruction manual instead of "PULL" or "PRESS" when trigger movement is described; this is simply to remind you of the need for a gentle squeezing action to achieve accuracy.

**SAFETY FEATURES**

Your semi-automatic pistol incorporates several safety devices which, if properly employed, can minimize the danger of accidental firing. These safety devices are described below:

## **Thumb Safety**

The thumb safety is located on the left hand side of the pistol just above and behind the trigger. When pushed forward and up so that it points forward, it is in the safe position locking the trigger and also serving to lock the slide open if the slide is pulled back. When the safety is pushed back and down the pistol is ready to fire.

## **MAGAZINE SAFETY**

The magazine safety operates when the magazine is removed to prevent the pistol from being fired if a round is in the chamber. As soon as the magazine is replaced, the magazine safety is deactivated and the pistol can be fired.

## **VISIBLE HAMMER**

The exposed hammer is visible so that you can see when it is cocked ready to fire.

**IMPORTANT:** These safety devices are installed in this pistol to minimize accidental discharge. Of course, this pistol is intended primarily to discharge bullets, and it will do this when it is loaded and you squeeze the trigger. Always expect the gun to fire when you squeeze the trigger.

## **SECTION 4**

## **FUNCTION**

### **LOADING AND FIRING**

The magazine may be loaded with any number of rounds from one to six. With the loaded magazine inserted, and with the thumb

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safety in “fire” position, pull the slide fully to the rear, then release it. This will cock the pistol and chamber the first round. The pistol will fire a round of ammunition every time the trigger is pulled until the magazine is empty.

**CAUTION: TO MINIMIZE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, LOAD LIVE AMMUNITION INTO PISTOL ONLY WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO SHOOT.**

**CAUTION: NEVER LEAVE PISTOL COCKED AND READY TO FIRE AS THIS CONDITION IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS; THE PISTOL COULD EASILY BE ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED, CAUSING INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

**Note:** This pistol may be carried in either of the following modes according to your needs:

Mode 1:—MAGAZINE EMPTY, CHAMBER EMPTY.

—Pistol cannot be discharged.

—Use Mode 1 for storage, transporting, cleaning, repair, demonstrating and dry practice.

Mode 2:—MAGAZINE LOADED, CHAMBER EMPTY, HAMMER DOWN, SAFETY ON.

—Pistol cannot be fired until safety is off, slide is cycled and trigger is squeezed.

—Use Mode 2 when CARRYING THE PISTOL READY FOR USE.



**SECTION 5****MAINTENANCE**

Your pistol, like any other precision mechanism, will perform better, last longer and remain safer when it is properly maintained. Follow the instructions in this Section to keep your pistol in peak condition. KEEP your pistol clean and well lubricated to prolong its reliable life.

**CAUTIONS:**

- 1. ENSURE THAT MAGAZINE IS REMOVED AND THE PISTOL IS NOT LOADED BEFORE STRIPPING AND CLEANING, SO THAT IT WILL NOT FIRE.**
- 2. NEVER DRY FIRE THIS PISTOL WHEN SLIDE IS REMOVED FROM RECEIVER, AND DO NOT ALTER PARTS AS THE LEVEL OF SAFETY COULD BE REDUCED.**

**Note:** Force is unnecessary and should never be used to strip or assemble your pistol.

**TO DISASSEMBLE**

Field disassembly of your pistol is not difficult. It is important to remember that *no force* should ever be used. By laying the parts out in front of you from left to right as you remove them, assembly of the weapon may be easily effected simply by reversing the procedure outlined here.

1. Remove the magazine and inspect the pistol to make sure that there isn't a round in the chamber.
2. With the thumb safety in "safe" position draw the slide to the

rear. The hook on the thumb safety will engage a notch on the side of the slide and hold it in the rearward position.

3. Holding the pistol in the left hand, turn the barrel one quarter turn to the right. This will loosen the barrel from the frame and allow it to be drawn forward. Give the barrel a quarter turn to the left and remove it entirely from the slide.

4. Release the thumb safety, move the slide forward and remove it from the frame.

This is all the disassembly necessary to properly clean and oil your pistol.

### **WHEN TO CLEAN**

You should clean your pistol as soon after firing as possible so that the job will be easier and there will be less opportunity for corrosion to start. When your pistol has not been fired, clean it periodically; we suggest once or twice a year in a temperate climate, or as often as once a month in a tropical climate. If you carry a loaded pistol, UNLOAD it and clean it at least once a month. If you get your pistol wet, clean it as soon as possible.

### **HOW TO CLEAN**

The following cleaning procedure may be used both periodically and after firing; however, those items marked "\*" are unnecessary for periodic cleaning.

**Materials:** Cleaning rod, cotton flannel patches (cut to fit snugly into the bore), a small toothbrush, good quality light gun oil, \*gun cleaning solution and \*a brass wire bristle bore cleaning brush.

**Note:** In freezing conditions (below 32°F or 0°C), avoid the use of oil for lubrication; instead, apply a dry lubricant sparingly.

**Procedure:**

1. **CAUTION: ENSURE THAT THE PISTOL IS NOT LOADED**

2. Disassemble the pistol as previously described.

**Note:** Avoid contact between cleaning rod and muzzle as resultant wear will reduce accuracy.

3. Attach cotton flannel patch to end of cleaning rod, insert it in breech and pass rod and patch down through barrel. Repeat, changing patches until last patch comes out clean.

4. Visually inspect barrel; if it is clean, proceed directly to step 7, but if it remains dirty, continue with step 5.

5. **\*(NOTE: This item should be applicable only after firing.)\*** Attach brass wire bristle brush to cleaning rod and dip brush in gun cleaning solution. Thoroughly scrub out barrel, passing the brush all the way through before reversing the movement. If you try to change direction with brush in barrel, the brush will stick.

6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 above.

7. Clean rear face of barrel and face of slide, using a small toothbrush.

8. Lightly moisten a flannel patch with gun oil and pass it once through barrel, leaving a thin film of oil on the inside surface. Leave this film of oil on the inside surface if pistol is to be stored. If it is not to be stored, or if it is being removed from storage for

use, pass a dry patch through barrel to remove as much oil as possible especially from the chamber in rear of barrel.

9. Check that flannel or brush bristles have not become lodged in any part of pistol, then wipe all accessible metal surfaces with a flannel patch lightly moistened with gun oil. (See note on cold weather lubrication.)

10. Reassemble pistol as previously described.

11. Again wipe external surfaces with oil moistened patch to remove any finger prints. (Finger moisture, if left, could start a corrosion process.) (See note on cold weather lubrication.)

12. Remove any gun cleaning solution and oil from the stock.

## STORAGE

### **CAUTION: ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR PISTOL FOR STORAGE AND STORE AMMUNITION SEPARATELY.**

Store your pistol and ammunition securely locked and in separate locations out of reach and sight of children. (Children are naturally curious and do not always believe the real danger of guns.)

**Note:** Do not store your pistol in an air-tight container, and do not seal or attempt to seal the barrel to exclude dust, as the internal steel surface is more likely to corrode.

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If your instruction manual becomes lost or is destroyed, obtain a replacement by writing to COLT FIREARMS, P.O. BOX 1868, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06102. Make a note of the address. When requesting a manual, include the information which is on the left side of your firearm together with its serial number, or quote the Part No. as shown on the back cover of this manual.

