

# CRICKETT

## Single Shot Rifle



### *Safety and Operating Instructions*

#### **Practice Safe Firearms Handling**

Before you operate the rifle, carefully read the important instructions in this booklet. This will insure many hours of enjoyable shooting with your CRICKETT Rifle.

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*Keep this instruction booklet with the rifle.*

## **WARNING:**

**This rifle is not safe for use by minors except under the supervision of a qualified adult.**

Ownership and use of this firearm carries a personal responsibility that should only be undertaken by someone who understands all the consequences of its unsafe use. The user should know and understand all of the instructions in this instruction booklet for the safe and proper handling and operation of this firearm.

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Your rifle is a precision made instrument which is designed to give you many years of shooting enjoyment if cared for properly.

### **Important**

Please read this booklet carefully before operating your rifle. The privilege of ownership and safe use of a firearm carries a personal responsibility that no one should take lightly. Firearm accidents would not occur if the following rules were observed:

- Treat every firearm as though it was loaded, even if you have checked it. Do not take anyone's word or automatically assume it is not loaded. Check a firearm personally each time you handle it. The safe way to carry a firearm when you are with others is to leave the bolt open so that they can easily see that the firearm cannot be fired.

- Whenever you pick up your rifle, point the muzzle upward or toward the ground, open the bolt and inspect the chamber to be sure it is empty. Never run, climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch with a loaded firearm. Never pick up your rifle with your finger on the trigger or in the trigger guard.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Do not aim at **anything** you do not intend to shoot. Never pull a firearm towards you by the muzzle.
- Before you shoot make sure of your backstop. Be sure there is no one in the vicinity of your target. Be absolutely sure of a safe backstop and target. Never fire at a hard flat surface or water. Never shoot at a skyline target or into the air. Remember that the range of a .22 caliber bullet is one mile or more.
- The correct ammunition for your rifle is stamped on the barrel. Do not use another size cartridge. Use only clean and fresh ammunition.
- Keep your rifle clean. Make sure the bore is not obstructed by dirt, water, grease, snow or any other foreign materials. Never fire the rifle with the muzzle in water or against any other material.
- Always use hearing protection and shatterproof eye protection while shooting. All shooters and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the firing line are urged to wear ear plugs, ear muffs, or similar ear protection. Shooters are urged to wear shatter proof shooting glasses or similar eye protection.

- Don't mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.
- Do not cock the rifle until you are sure of your target and are ready to fire. Do not place your finger on the trigger while cocking the rifle or if you are not ready to shoot. Be sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction when cocking the rifle.
- Your firearm should be unloaded as well as uncocked and stored in a locked and secure place. Ammunition should be stored in a separate locked place. Anyone examining your firearm should observe all these safety precautions and be always under the supervision of a qualified adult. Never give your rifle to anyone unfamiliar with the safe handling of firearms.
- Be watchful for any change in the operation of your rifle which might affect its safety. If you suspect a defect or malfunction, stop using it , unload the rifle and have it checked and repaired by a competent gunsmith or send it to the factory or its recommended repair station. Disassembly, other than normal cleaning should only be done by a factory recommended gunsmith.
- Your CRICKETT rifle has been carefully manufactured and inspected by skilled technicians to provide years of trouble free shooting. The rifles useful life depends on owner care and cleaning following the cleaning instructions in this booklet closely.
- Be sure that this instruction booklet is kept with this rifle. It should stay with it if the rifle is ever sold,

