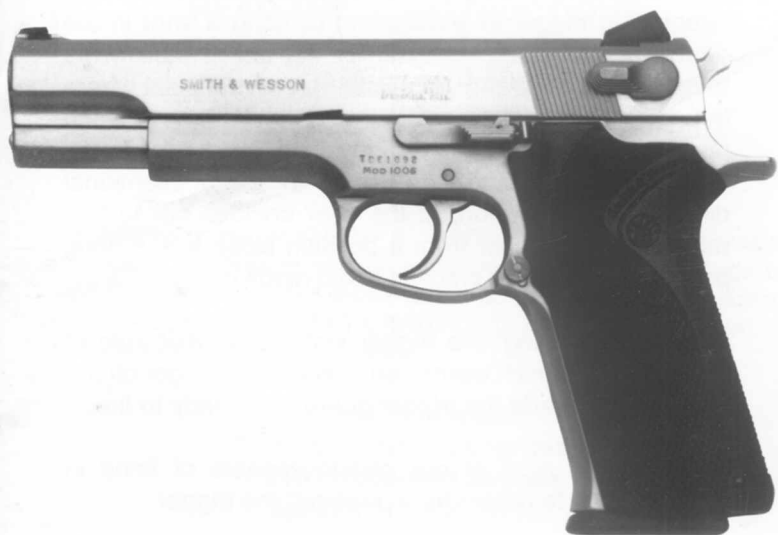




Smith & Wesson

CENTERFIRE PISTOLS



SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL

PRODUCT WARNING

All Smith & Wesson Pistols Capable of Double-Action Firing

It has come to our attention that some users of Smith & Wesson pistols capable of firing in double-action, may "stage" the trigger in anticipation of firing a shot in the double-action mode. "Staging" is the act of pulling the trigger rearward toward—but just short of—the point where the hammer falls and the pistol fires. Such manipulation of the trigger can reduce the user's control of the handgun and can result in an unintentional discharge. Furthermore, if the user decides not to fire, release of the trigger from a position close to the firing point in the "staging" process could result in a discharge.

Obviously, "staging" the trigger violates a basic rule of firearm safety which warns you to keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.

We warn all users of our pistols capable of firing in double-action to refrain from "staging" the trigger.

SMITH & WESSON CENTERFIRE PISTOLS SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS
AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY,
BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND
THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS
BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.**

This SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or when the firearm is loaned or presented to another person. A copy of the SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL is available FREE upon request from:

**Smith & Wesson
Product Service Department
2100 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, MA 01102**

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS

Smith & Wesson has designed the most reliable firearms available. Smith & Wesson firearms incorporate many safety features; however, safe gun handling is **your** personal responsibility. Firearms are dangerous. Firearms can cause serious injury and death. Safety must be the prime consideration of anyone who handles firearms. Always treat a firearm as though it were loaded. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

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 from the firearm. In particular, you must secure firearms from children.

Do not 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 and serious injury may result.

WARNING:

Warnings and instructions about the use of some Smith & Wesson component parts or accessories may be described in literature accompanying parts. In other cases, instructions specifying use of a part only in a particular handgun may actually be marked on the component part. Read and carefully follow the warnings and instructions. Such warnings and instructions are provided to assure the safe functioning of the handgun. Failure to heed them may result in improper functioning and serious injury.

Any Smith & Wesson firearm is a precision instrument designed to function reliably with proper care and knowledgeable use. You must understand the safe operation and use of your Smith & Wesson firearm. Read and follow these instructions carefully. Do not use your firearm unless you fully understand these instructions and the safe operation of your firearm.

Many safety features are incorporated in your firearm. For your safety and the safety of others, do not rely on mechanical features alone. Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility. Accidents do not just happen. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense.

Insure the safe use of firearms. Follow these essential safety instructions and warnings.

BASIC RULES

- NEVER point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Before handling any firearm, understand its operation.
- ALWAYS have your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use.
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded.
- Place your finger inside the trigger guard only when you are ready to fire.
- If you must carry a loaded firearm, ALWAYS carry it with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Never carry or store firearms with the hammer in the cocked position.
- DO NOT allow a firearm to be used by individuals who do not understand its safe operation and the rules of safe gun-handling.
- BE SURE all accessories, such as holsters and grips, are compatible with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation.
- When transporting your firearm, be sure your firearm is unloaded and that the cylinder or action is open.
- 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 so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.
- Store your firearm unloaded. Your firearm and ammunition should be stored separately and in places and in a manner inaccessible to children and unauthorized persons.
- Smith & Wesson has provided a lock for use with your firearm. There are also a variety of other locks and safe storage containers available in the marketplace which may be appropriate for your particular needs. By purchasing this firearm you have taken on the responsibility of safely securing the firearm at all times and preventing its unauthorized use. It is your personal responsibility to select and use whatever devices or practices that will enable you to safely secure your firearm at all times.
- You must be familiar with all local and state laws regarding the safe storage of your firearm. The failure to safely secure your firearm may result in unauthorized access to your firearm by another, as well as exposing you to both criminal and/or civil penalties.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target.

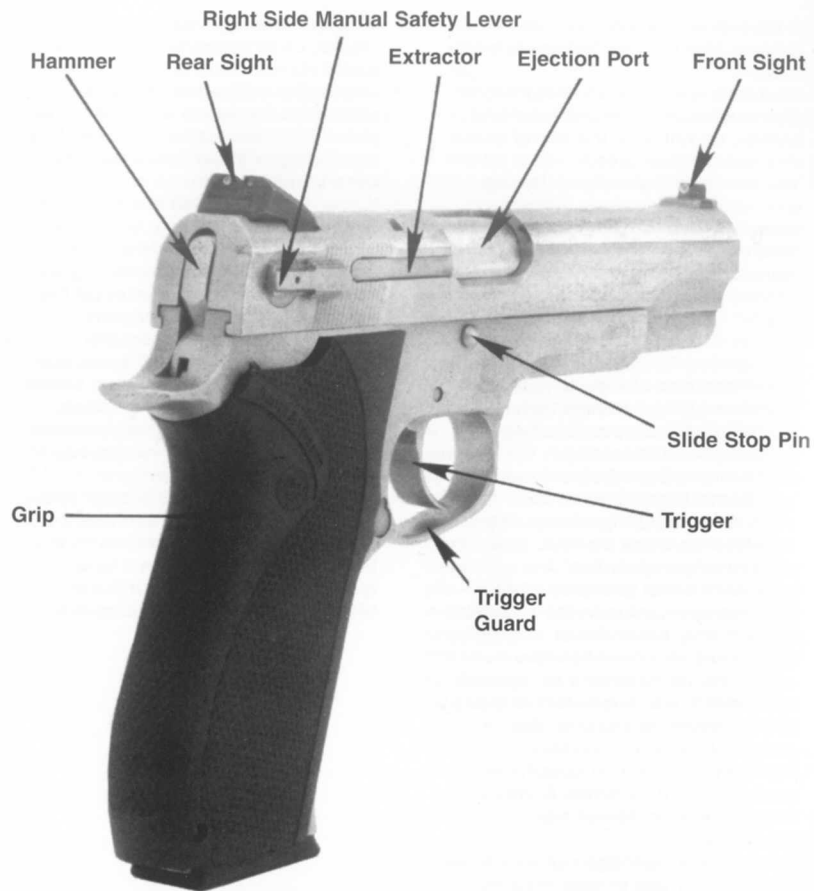
PREPARATION FOR FIRING

- Wear safety glasses and ear protection whether indoors or out.
- Select a place to shoot which has a safe backstop, is free from obstructions and water surfaces which cause ricochets.
- Always be aware of other people so that persons cannot accidentally walk into the line of fire.
- Position the shooter and all others so that they are not within an area where they may be struck by particle-splitting from a revolver or by ejected cases from other types of firearms.
- Keep fingers and other parts of your body away from the muzzle and slide.
- When firing on a target range, be alert and follow the range officer's commands.
- Before anyone is allowed forward of the firing position, be sure that all cylinders and actions of firearms are open, that chambers are clear of cartridges, magazines are removed, and that firearms are pointing in a safe direction.
- Never use alcoholic beverages or other drugs before or during shooting.
- Be alert at all times. Never shoot if you are tired, cold or impaired in any way.
- Never cross obstacles such as fences or streams with a loaded firearm.
- If you are carrying a loaded firearm in the field, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Think before shooting.

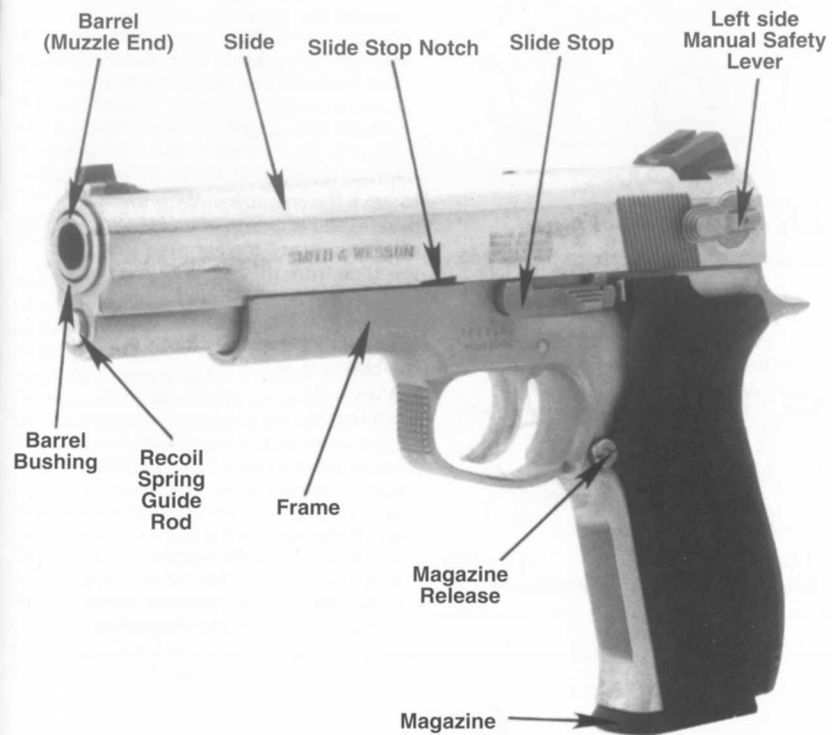
WARNING: Never use ammunition where the pressure levels exceed industry standards. Smith & Wesson pistols are manufactured from high quality materials (aluminum or steel alloys). These frames will provide extended service life. However, + P + cartridges—whose pressures often exceed even factory proof-test levels—should never be used in these models. All warranties, express or implied, are voided and Smith & Wesson will not be liable for property damage or personal injury and consequential damages, if this ammunition is used in these model centerfire pistols.

AMMUNITION

- A firearm and ammunition are a system. Their performance is closely related.
- Your firearm has been designed for ammunition of a specific type and caliber; do not alter the barrel or chamber of your gun.
- You are responsible for selecting ammunition that meets industry standards and is appropriate for this firearm. 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. Never use non-standard, reloaded, or "handloaded" ammunition which has not been subjected to internal ballistic pressure testing. Ammunition, especially reloaded or handloaded ammunition, may have many manufacturing and quality variables (such as the type and amount of gun powder). Any ammunition that is improperly manufactured, 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 to the shooter or those in the immediate vicinity.
- Use only ammunition specifically recommended by Smith & Wesson for your firearm. Never mix ammunition.
- Never use a cartridge not specifically designed for use in your firearm. Excessive pressure can damage or even blow up any firearm.
- Periodically check the barrel breech, slide, and frame areas for erosion, cracks, or other signs of excessive wear.
- Locate the caliber designation printed on the barrel chamber of your pistol. This information indicates the ammunition caliber that should be used in this firearm.
- If your firearm fails to fire when the hammer fails (misfires), keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction, remove your finger from the trigger, do not place your hand around the ejection port, wait 10 seconds, remove the cartridge from the chamber and dispose of it properly.
- If you have heard an unusual sound or felt an unusual recoil on firing, stop firing, wait 10 seconds, unload the firearm, and examine the barrel bore for obstructions.
- Make sure your barrel is clear and free of obstructions. If you see an obstruction, return your firearm to Smith & Wesson or take it to a qualified gunsmith. Never fire a firearm with an obstructed barrel.



Note; Parts for a magazine release for left-handed shooters are available for 10mm pistols only.



INSPECTING YOUR PISTOL

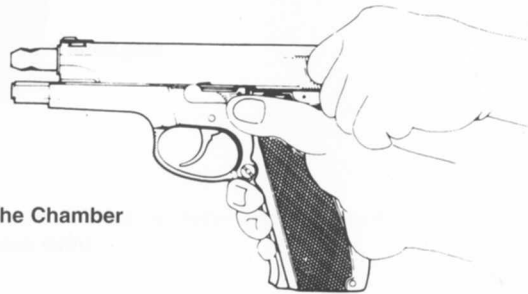


(Figure 1)
Safe Position - Left Side Safety



(Figure 2)
Safe Position - Right Side Safety

When you inspect your pistol, you should first check for yourself to insure that it is unloaded. To do this, grasp the pistol with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, point the muzzle in a safe direction, rotate the manual safety lever fully down into the "safe" position as shown in Figures 1 & 2, depress the magazine release, and remove the magazine. With the muzzle still pointing in a safe direction, grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear with the thumb and fingers as shown in Figure 3, and briskly draw the slide fully rearward in order to extract any cartridge from the barrel chamber and clear it from the pistol. Do not obstruct the ejection port because doing so can interfere with ejection of a cartridge and thereby creates the risk of exploding an unchambered cartridge and possible injury. In order to lock the slide in the open position, allow the slide to move slightly forward from the rearmost position while pressing upward on the slide stop. You are now able to safely check the barrel chamber and bore visually for any obstructions. You must follow this procedure every time your pistol is inspected, cleaned, handed to another person, transported or stored. Unload the magazine by



(Figure 3)
Clearing And Inspecting The Chamber

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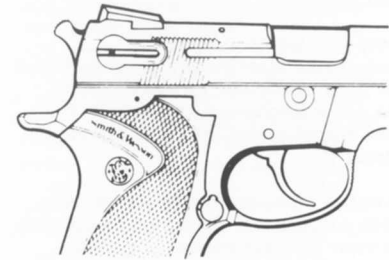
holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine.

Your pistol has been treated with either a preservative or oil to protect it against corrosion. Before use, oil should be removed from exposed surfaces. The barrel bore and chamber should be wiped using a clean patch or swab. Care should be taken to prevent foreign matter, including dirt and lint, from entering the mechanism and being trapped by oil.

Familiarize yourself with the manual safety lever on your autoloading pistol. When the manual safety lever is fully up (parallel to the top of the slide) as shown in Figures 4 & 5, it is in the "fire" position; when the manual safety lever is fully down, as shown in Figures 1 & 2, it is in the "safe" position. Notice how the manual safety lever looks and feels in each of the two positions of its extreme travel—**fully** up for "fire" and **fully** down for "safe". Your pistol may have a red dot which is **totally** visible when the manual safety lever is in the "fire" position; however, do not rely on your inability to see a red dot as the only indication that the manual safety is engaged.



(Figure 4)
Fire Position - Left Side Safety



(Figure 5)
Fire Position - Right Side Safety

