Safety & Instruction Manual
Elite Gold
Shotguns

Gold - Side by Side

Read the instructions and warnings in this manual CAREFULLY BEFORE using this firearm.
WARNING
READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY. BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS 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.

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

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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. 2905 before proceeding with its operation.

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.

As a gun owner, you accept a demanding responsibility. How serious 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.
YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT’D

• 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 gun. 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 ricochets. 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 GUN 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 gun 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.
• **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 gun-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 AND EAR PROTECTORS THAT ARE 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.

• **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. 2905 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.**

• **ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR PARTICULAR FIREARM** as indicated by the marking on the barrel. 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 gun 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 function 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. 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, IMPROPER OR RELOADED AMMUNITION; OR (5) IMPROPER OR NEGLIGENT MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE FIREARM.
WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE 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.

• **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.
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, FAIL TO FIRE OR EVEN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Locate the cartridge designation marked on the firearm. This information indicates the correct ammunition that must be used in this firearm (Figure 1).

You are responsible for selecting ammunition that meets industry standards and is appropriate in type and caliber for this firearm.

Never use a cartridge not specifically designated for use in your firearm. The wrong type of ammunition may exceed the capability of your firearm and may damage or even rupture your firearm.

Never mix ammunition.

In some cases, a round of ammunition not specified on your firearm may fit into the chamber. Firing ammunition not specified on your firearm may cause it to rupture and cause serious injury or death to you or others.

Always inspect your ammunition before using it. Never use dirty, corroded or damaged ammunition which can lead to a burst cartridge which may cause damage to the firearm and personal injury or death.

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.
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). 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 OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR THOSE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

A firearm and ammunition are a system and must work together. Their performance is closely related. 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.

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 CARTRIDGES OR SHELLS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED BY THE MARKING ON THE BARREL. DOING SO CAN RESULT IN DANGEROUSLY HIGH PRESSURES THAT MAY DAMAGE THE FIREARM AND POSSIBLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

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 OTHERS.

WARNING: DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE USE OF INCORRECT AMMUNITION OR BORE OBSTRUCTIONS.
MODEL & FEATURES IDENTIFICATION

FIGURE 2

FIGURE 3

MUZZLES
BARRELS
FORE-END
FRAME/RECEIVER
RELEASE LEVER
SAFETY LEVER
TRIGGER GUARD
TRIGGER
BUTT STOCK

MODEL
SERIAL NUMBER

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INSPECTING AND INITIAL ASSEMBLY

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

INSPECT
- Place the safety lever in the back “SAFE” position that shows the visible “S” on the receiver (Figure 5).
- When you inspect your shotgun, you should first check for yourself to ensure that it is unloaded. To do this, open the action and look into the barrel from the breech end and make sure there are no shells in the chamber (Figure 6).
- Verify that the barrel is clear and free of obstructions.
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.

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

INITIAL ASSEMBLY
Your Smith & Wesson Shotgun is shipped from the factory with the barrel and fore-end not assembled to the receiver.

- Before assembly, apply a light film of quality gun oil to all metal parts.
- Hold the barrel in one hand while pulling out on the fore-end lever (Figure 7). Remove the fore-end from the barrel (Fig. 8).
• Holding the barrel assembly in one hand and the frame assembly in the other hand, engage the recess in the barrel lug onto the hinge pin in the frame (Figure 9 & 10).

• Rotate the barrel upwards at the muzzles to close the action (Figure 11). You will feel and hear a detent when you fully close the shotgun barrels on the frame.

• Place the rear of the fore-end iron against the receiver. Align the fore-end latch hook into the receiver (Figure 12) and carefully rotate the fore-end into place.

• Push the fore-end lever closed - flush with the fore-end surface to lock it into place (Figure 13).

• Make sure the safety is in the “SAFE” position (Figure 14).

• Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Figure 15).

• Look into the barrel from the breech end and make sure there are no shells in the chamber and no barrel obstructions.

• You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.
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 WERE LOADED.

• ALWAYS BE SURE THAT ALL CYLINDERS AND ACTIONS OF FIREARMS ARE OPEN, THAT CHAMBERS ARE CLEAR OF CARTRIDGES OR SHELLS, MAGAZINES ARE REMOVED OR UNLOADED, AND THAT FIREARMS ARE POINTING IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

• ALWAYS WEAR ADEQUATE AND PROPER EAR PROTECTORS SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE to prevent permanent damage to your hearing. Make sure others who are nearby are wearing ear 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 ricochets.

• 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 cannot 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 ricochets, particles spitting from a firearm, or by ejected cases from other types of firearms.

• NEVER SHOOT AT HARD SURFACES, WATER OR RANDOMLY INTO THE SKY. Always select a place to shoot that has a safe backstop and is free from obstructions and water surfaces which cause ricochets.

• 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 shotgun until you have read and fully understand this manual.

- Do not load the shotgun 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 shotgun until you are sure of your target, what is beyond it and are fully prepared to fire.

- Point the muzzle downward and in a safe position.

- Set the safety to “SAFE” (Figure 16).

- Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Figure 15).

- Place a shell into each chamber (Figure 17).

- Rotate the barrel up and close the chamber (Figs. 18 & 19).

- The shotgun is now ready to fire.

WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE CHAMBER WHEN CLOSING THE ACTION. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN INJURY.

WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER WHEN CLOSING THE ACTION.
WARNING: SHELLS EJECT FROM THE SHOTGUN WITH FORCE. BE AWARE OF WHAT IS BEHIND AND TO THE SIDE OF THE SHOTGUN BEFORE OPENING THE ACTION.

NOTE: THIS SHOTGUN HAS A SEQUENTIAL EJECTOR MECHANISM: If you have not pulled the trigger at all and want to unload the shotgun, you will have to remove the shells manually from the chambers after opening the mechanism. If you have pulled the trigger once, the right side shell will eject when you open the shotgun and you will have to remove the left side shell manually. If you have pulled the trigger twice, both shells will eject with force when the barrels are opened.

CAUTION: You must use the exact gauge as marked on your barrel. You must use the exact cartridge length or shorter as marked on your barrel (Figure 20).
WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

WARNING: WEAR EYE AND EAR 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.

- Grasp the firearm with one hand on the fore-end and one on the pistol grip in the stock. Raise firearm and pull the stock firmly into the shoulder (Figure 21).

- Move the safety fully forward to the “FIRE” position (Fig. 22).

- Keeping steady aim, place your finger on trigger and pull gently until the shotgun fires. This shotgun has a sequential trigger, the right hand barrel always fires first. A repeat pull fires the second shell from the left barrel.

- If you wish to stop firing, release the trigger and remove your finger from the trigger guard. Set the safety to the “SAFE” position (Figure 23). Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Figure 24). See the NOTE on page 16 regarding removing shells from the chambers.
CLEARING MISFIRES

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.

- If a shell fails to fire, wait ten seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in safe direction.

- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard (Figure 25).

- Move the safety to the “SAFE” position (Figure 26).

- Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Figure 27). If you have pulled the trigger twice, opening the action will eject both shells. If you have only pulled the trigger once the right side shell will eject. Remove the live shell(s) from the chamber(s) (Figure 28).

WARNING: VERIFY THAT THE BARREL IS CLEAR AND FREE FROM ANY OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RE-LOADING.
CLEARING MISFIRES CONT’D

UNLOADING

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

- Set the safety to the “SAFE” position (Figure 26).
- Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Figure 27).

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DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING

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

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 FIREARMS USE 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.

- Verify that the chambers are empty (Figure 29).
- Move the safety button to the “SAFE” position (Figure 26).
- Pull down on the fore-end lever and remove the fore-end (Figure 32).
- Move the release lever to the right and open the action (Fig. 27). Be careful, the barrels will now be loose and will tip down at the muzzles and be free to come clear of the frame.
- Pivot the barrel downward at the muzzles and remove the barrel assembly from the receiver (Figure 31 & 32).
RE-ASSEMBLY / FIELD STRIPPING

WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR SHOTGUN.

• Before re-assembly, apply a light film of quality gun oil to all metal parts.

• Verify that the barrel is free of bore obstructions.

• Remove the fore-end if it is attached to the barrel. (Figure 32)

• Holding the barrel assembly in one hand and the frame assembly in the other hand, engage the barrel pivot onto the hinge pin within the frame (Figures 33 & 34).

• Rotate the barrel upwards at the muzzles to close the action (Figure 35). You will feel and hear a detent when you fully close the barrels into the frame.

• Place the rear of the fore-end iron against the receiver (Figure 36). Align the fore-end latch hook into the receiver (Figure 37). and carefully snap the fore-end into place.

• Push the fore-end lever closed - until it is flush with the fore-end surface.
WARNING: ENSURE THAT YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE BEGINNING TO CLEAN IT. (SEE “INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM” SECTION). ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING.

• 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.

• Remove excessive firing residue from the bore and chamber using a properly fitted brush.

• 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 gun oil.

Whenever your firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity, water or other adverse conditions, it must be cleaned and lubricated.

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 gun cleaner and gun lubricant.
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. As a rule of thumb, if you would be comfortable applying the solvent of your choice to the finish of your automobile, it will probably be safe for use on your 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 gun cleaning solution, oil and fingerprints from the outside surfaces of the firearm. (Finger moisture, if left, could start a corrosion process).

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.

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 an oil of an appropriate weight 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 guns 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.
LIMITED WARRANTY
For Owners Within The United States.

This warranty is granted by Smith & Wesson. 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. 2905 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. 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.

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.

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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 in whole or in part. Smith & Wesson will not be responsible for:
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- 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 beyond the disassembly instructions in this manual.

- Use of defective or improper ammunition, corrosion, neglect, abuse, ordinary wear and tear, or unreasonable use.

- Criminal misuse, negligence, resale, use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Smith & Wesson reserves the right to determine what constitutes ordinary wear and tear.

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 this manual are not observed.

THE SMITH & WESSON HEIRLOOM WARRANTY

Smith & Wesson Corp. warrants its Elite Series™ shotguns to be free from defects in materials and workmanship. This Heirloom Warranty is effective from the date of purchase and lasts as long as the original consumer purchaser, and any registered heir to the original consumer purchaser, owns the shotgun. The original consumer purchaser must notify Smith & Wesson of the heir entitled to this Heirloom Warranty by completing the Heirloom Warranty Registration Card and returning it, together with a copy of the original purchase receipt, and ATF Form 4473, to Smith & Wesson at 2100 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104. Any such defects of which Smith & Wesson receives written notice during the term of this warranty, will be remedied by Smith & Wesson without charge, within a reasonable time after such notification and delivery of the firearm as provided below.

This warranty does not cover wood in the stock or fore-end of the shotgun.

If you have any questions, please refer to the back of your Heirloom Warranty Card.
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.**

- 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 begin upon receipt of payment.

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.