

OWNER'S MANUAL FOR DIVIDE GUN COMPANY FREEMAN MODELS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Divide Gun Company does not accept any liability for failure to follow the instructions provided in this manual, nor does it accept any liability for unsafe firearm and ammunition handling. Become familiar with standard firearm and ammunition safety. Keep this manual and review it regularly. If you sell or transfer your firearm, make sure that this manual goes with the firearm.

NOTE! After reading this manual, if you have any questions about safety, maintenance, operation, use of your firearm, or anything else, please contact us, (208) 993-1467, info@dividegun.com. Before handling and using this firearm, you must fully understand how to safely use and operate this firearm.

HANDLING THE FIREARM

Before handling your firearm, please read and get familiar with all safety and operational instructions in this manual.

WARNING! Firearm safety is your responsibility, and it must always be the top priority for every person that handles firearms and ammunition. Become familiar with standard firearm and ammunition safety and demonstrate safe firearm and ammunition handling practices. It is essential to follow all firearm and ammunition safety guidelines. Divide Gun Company does not accept any liability for unsafe firearm and ammunition handling.

WARNING! When handling the firearm, always make sure that the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction, the action is open and unloaded, the safety is on, and fingers are outside the trigger guard. Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded.

The shooter and those nearby should all wear adequate ear and eye protection. Always verify that the barrel of your firearm is free from obstructions. Firing with an obstructed barrel can cause serious injury or death. Only load ammunition in your firearm when you are ready to shoot. Always unload the ammunition from your firearm when you have finished shooting. Never run, cross a fence, climb a tree, jump a ditch, or perform any other possible dangerous acts with a loaded firearm. Always be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. WARNING! Don't shoot unless you are absolutely sure of your target and that your shooting lane and what is beyond the target is clear and safe. Always verify that there is a safe backstop beyond your target. Remember that a bullet from this firearm can cause serious injury or death.

IDENTIFICATION

On the action of your firearm is a serial number and model. On the base of the barrel of your firearm is the caliber. CAUTION! Only use the correct ammunition that matches the caliber of your firearm. Failure to use the correct ammunition could result in serious injury or death. Use only Divide Gun Company ammunition, or high-quality factory ammunition.

WARNING! No alterations, modifications, or changes are to be made to the firearm, or the ammunition. Doing so voids the warranty, may cause damage to the firearm, and may cause serious injury or death.

STORAGE

Always store your firearm with the action open and unloaded, in a locked and secure location, and in a cool, dry place. Always store your ammunition in a separate locked and secure location, away from your firearm. Before storing your firearm, verify that it is dry and clean. **WARNING!** Keep and store your firearm out of the reach of children and other individuals and make sure that they can't gain access.

MAINTENANCE BEFORE USE

Do the following before using your firearm:

- Check the tightness of the action screws.
- Check the fit between the stock and the free-floating barrel. A piece of paper roughly 0.5 mm thick should easily fit between the barrel and the stock.
- Insert the bolt into the receiver and cycle it to confirm that the action is working properly.
- Before firing your firearm, all excess oil and lubrication should be removed and the chamber and bore should be thoroughly wiped dry. To Remove the oil from the bore push a dry patch through the barrel, from the breech end to the muzzle.

<u>DLC Coated Actions:</u> DLC (Diamond Like Carbon) coated actions have an aerospace coating bonded at a molecular level withing the metal of the action that provides a weatherproof, ultra-smooth, self-lubricating action. DLC actions are to be run dry, without any lubrication. Actions that don't require lubrication can reduce the collection of dirt, dust, and debris within the action, and they can have better performance in cold, harsh climate conditions. **NOTE! Don't lubricate DLC coated actions.**

Cerakote Coated Actions: Do the following before using your firearm:

- Clean excess oil from the bolt and breech area in the action.
- Clean excess oil from the chamber. Then remove the oil from the bore by pushing a dry patch through the barrel, from the breech end to the muzzle.
- Check the recessed bolt face and locking lugs for excess oil. Make sure that all areas are lightly lubricated, but no excess oil or lubrication should be present.

WARNING! Excess oil or lubrication in your firearm's action can cause pressure within the action that could result in serious injury or death.

OPERATION

Loading ammunition is performed in the usual manner for bolt-action firearms. Raise the bolt handle then pull it back to open the action. As the bolt handle is pushed forward, the cartridge is fed into the chamber. Lowering the bolt handle then closes the action and the firearm is cocked.

The safety is in the safe position when pulled back and in the fire position when pushed forward. CAUTION! The manual safety is to minimize the potential for firing in the event of an unintentional pulling of the trigger. The manual safety only provides partial protection against firing from other causes. The safety is only a mechanical device. It does not substitute for safe firearm handling.

CAUTION! If a misfire occurs, point the muzzle in a safe direction and wait 30 seconds before opening the bolt. The bolt should be opened with extreme caution.

CAUTION! If you notice any changes in firearm function, stop shooting immediately and contact **Divide Gun Company**, as the firearm may need to be inspected. Changes in firearm function may include, but are not limited to, trigger function, misfires, safety catch function, cartridge malfunctions such as escaping gas, a punctured primer, a bulged or ruptured case, or a different sound when firing. If the firearm needs to be shipped back to Divide Gun Company for inspection, make sure that all ammunition is removed from the chamber and magazines. **Do not ship a loaded firearm.**

AMMUNITION

CAUTION! Only use the correct ammunition that matches the caliber of your firearm. Use only Divide Gun Company ammunition, or high-quality factory-loaded ammunition. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, dented or damaged. Do not oil cartridges. The use of improper reloaded, hand-loaded, remanufactured, non-standard ammunition, compromised ammunition, or other unauthorized ammunition voids the warranty, and may cause damage to the firearm, and may cause serious injury or death to the shooter and others.

If you intend to load your own ammunition, make sure to use the correct load data, with the correct charge and type of powder. Most firearm damages are caused by hand-loaded ammunition.

Divide Gun Company does not accept any liability for any damages, injury, or death caused by reloaded, hand-loaded, or improper ammunition.

LOADING THE MAGAZINE

When the bolt is open, the magazine can be loaded by pressing the cartridge down into the magazine. A detachable magazine can also be loaded separately from the rifle in the same manner. **CAUTION!** Engaging the safety catch before closing the bolt is the safest method for handling rifle. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

REMOVING THE CARTRIDGES FROM THE RIFLE

CAUTION! The muzzle should always be pointed in safe direction with the safety on when removing cartridges from the firearm. Open the action to remove the cartridge in the chamber. For internal magazines, push the release button on the bottom metal to empty the magazine. For detachable magazines, push the release button on the bottom metal to disengage the detachable magazine. **CAUTION!** Keep the action open and verify that there isn't any ammunition in the chamber or in the magazine.

STANDARD TRIGGER MECHANISM

WARNING! Do not adjust the trigger. Both the sear engagement and the safety are set at the factory and don't need any adjustments. CAUTION! The sear engagement, safety, and other components of the action are precision mechanisms, which were properly adjusted at the factory. They should not be altered, modified, or changed. Modifications to the firearm may decrease its safety, which could result in serious injury or death.

CLEANING PROCEDURE

Before cleaning your firearm, point your firearm in a safe direction and make sure that all ammunition has been removed from both the chamber and the magazine. Always clean your firearm before and after long-term storage. Clean your firearm after each use and whenever it has been exposed to moisture, dirt, mud, sand, or any other elements or substances. Oil, dirt, and powder residue, in the chamber can cause malfunctions. Any failure to feed or extract a round may indicate a dirty chamber.

DLC Coated Actions: To clean DLC Coated Actions, use a clean cloth or compressed air. Do not put oil or lubricant in the action. You can use quality gun cleaning solution, but when done make sure all residue has been removed. The bolt and other external metal parts can be cleaned with a lightly oiled cloth.

Cerakote Coated Actions: When cleaning firearms with Cerakote Coated Actions, it is important to clean and remove all excess oil, only leaving an extremely light film of oil in the action. Excessive oil can lead to stiffness, misfires, and poor operation in cold temperatures. WARNING! Excess oil or lubrication in your firearm's action can cause pressure within the action that could result in serious injury or death. Only use the best quality firearm oil that cleans, protects, and lubricates. The bolt and other external metal parts can be cleaned with a lightly oiled cloth.

Cleaning the Barrel: For proper function and safety, your barrel should be routinely cleaned, made free of firing residue, rust, dirt, and grease.

- Remove the bolt. The bolt is released from the firearm by pulling the bolt backwards and simultaneously pressing the bolt release button.
- Only use high quality cleaning rods that are straight, sturdy, and smooth. Using a bore guide is recommended to protect the barrel throat.
- Only use brushes made of nylon. Never use bronze bore brushes.
- Always push the wet patch from the breech end.
- Clean by pushing three to five wet patches through the barrel and all the way out the muzzle. Clean until the bore feels smooth. Do not scrub the barrel. Run several more wet patches back through the bore to remove any dissolved powder residue.
- Remove copper fouling from the barrel as it can cause inaccuracy and corrosion. For heavy
 fowling, quality copper fouling remover solvent can be used, but it is necessary to follow the
 manufacturer's instructions listed on the copper fouling remover.
- For firearm storage, after the fouling has been removed and the chamber and bore are dry, push
 a slightly oiled patch of light gun oil through the bore. WARNING! Before firing your firearm,
 all excess oil and lubrication should be removed and the chamber and bore should be
 thoroughly wiped dry. To Remove the oil from the bore push a dry patch through the barrel,
 from the breech end to the muzzle.

BARREL BREAK-IN

After securing a safe location and backdrop to shoot into, shoot five rounds, then removal all ammunition. Clean the barrel, getting all the carbon and copper out. Shoot another five rounds, remove the ammunition, and clean the barrel as before. Repeat this process until you have fired twenty rounds of ammunition, along with the process of cleaning the barrel after each five rounds.

WARNING! Never use bullets coated with molybdenum compounds (moly-coated).