

SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS



WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL

SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS

WITNESS 1911 MODELS

IMPORTANT!
READ THESE WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE USING FIREARM !!

Note:
WARNING!

If you have a Wonder finish Model you must oil and maintain it as if it were Blue Steel.

DO NOT USE +P Ammo or High Velocity High Pressure Ammunition.
(factory or hand-loaded)

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PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

	WITNESS 1911	WITNESS 1911 POLYMER
BARREL LENGHT	127 mm	127 mm
TOTAL LENGHT	218 mm	218 mm
HEIGHT	145 mm	145 mm
WEIGHT	1090 gr	870 gr
MAGAZINE CAPACITY	8 rounds	8 rounds
ACTION	Browning short recoil	Browning short recoil
TRIGGER	Single Action	Single Action
CONSTRUCTION	nickel steel alloy	Polymer frame, nickel steel alloy slide
SAFETY	manual on sear lever and grip safety	
CALIBER	.45 ACP	

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, this owner's manual contains important warnings, instructions and safety procedures which must be understood BEFORE using this firearm. Read the **ENTIRE MANUAL** and if you do not understand any part of it or the operation of your pistol, stop and seek professional firearms instruction. You can get a copy of this manual from European American Armory Corp. upon request

Record the serial number of your firearm (located on the receiver on the right hand side):

Serial Number _____

Seller and Purchase Date _____

Description _____

Make a copy of this manual, proof of purchase/sales record for safekeeping in a secure safe or fireproof container. Such proof is necessary if the firearm is damaged, stolen or sent in for warranty repair.

WARNING

YOU RISK PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH BY HANDLING THIS FIREARM

Before handling any firearm, make sure you know the safety procedures and most importantly, keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.

Before handling this firearm, read, understand and follow the instructions in this manual. Always keep this manual with the firearm. If you lend, give or sell this firearm, be sure the manual goes with it. If there is anything you do not understand, seek advice from someone qualified in safe handling of firearms. You must ALWAYS obey the following warnings, instructions and safety procedures:

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Firearms should be unloaded and secured when not actually in use.
3. Don't rely on your firearm's safety.
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.
5. Use only proper ammunition matching the precise caliber of your specific pistol.
6. If your pistol fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
7. Always wear ear and eye protection when shooting.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Don't alter or modify your firearm and have it serviced regularly.
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of your pistol.
11. Shoot sober!

Type Of Ammunition To Be Used

It is suggested that high quality commercially manufactured ammunition be used in this firearm. Avoid military surplus or old ammunition as it may not fire with sufficient force to expel the projectile from the barrel. **The use of reloaded, high pressure or hand-loaded ammunition can be dangerous and will void the warranty.**

LEAD WARNING: The actual firearm does not contain any lead; however, it does fire ammunition which contains lead or lead compounds known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, reproductive toxicity, and other serious physical injury. Those who discharge a firearm, stand near someone who discharges a firearm or clean firearms are hereby warned of the dangers presented by lead and lead compounds and should take protective health measures. Avoid exposure to lead while handling and wash your hands after contact. Proper air ventilation is absolutely necessary when shooting indoors.

NOTICE

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**FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY RULES CAN SAVE YOUR
LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE**

Get competent firearms instruction in safe handling before using this firearm.

Please ask your dealer for names of qualified instructors near you. All guns are extremely dangerous if carelessly handled or used. Remember that the firearm user is the primary "safety" and that reliance on any mechanical safety device should never replace safe handling procedures.

This firearm **WILL FIRE** if a cartridge is in the chamber and the trigger is pulled while the safety is disengaged.

DO NOT LOAD THIS PISTOL UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IT OPERATES.

KEEP this pistol unloaded at all times except when you are ready to fire and are sure of your target.

ALWAYS carry this pistol in a case or original box *unloaded*.

NEVER point this pistol at anything that is not your intended target even if the pistol is unloaded. When loading, unloading, cleaning or handling, always be sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction and always keep your finger off the trigger.

NEVER assume any gun is unloaded. Before handling, check to make sure the chamber is empty. See Unloading Instructions. Make sure you know that this or any firearm is fully unloaded before displaying or handling it. When handling any firearm, keep your fingers away from the trigger at all times until you intend to fire.

Get instructions from a competent firearms instructor before using this or any firearm. Learn from a professional how to handle, load, unload, operate, fire and care for your gun.

NEVER PLAY with your firearm. It is not a toy and can be a very dangerous weapon that can cause serious personal injury or death.

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. Treat every gun as if it is loaded...all the time. **NEVER** point any firearm (loaded or unloaded) at any person or anything you do not intend to shoot. Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use and make sure that it is unloaded before cleaning.

Keep your finger **OFF** the trigger until you are actually aiming at the target and ready to shoot. Learn to rest your finger outside of the trigger guard.

Never rely on a gun's "safety" to protect you from unsafe gun handling. A safety is only a mechanical device, not a substitute for using common sense and following gun safety procedures.

Never leave a gun unattended or where it could fall.

Store guns and ammunition separately **beyond the reach of children**. Make sure that they are properly secured so untrained individuals and children will be denied access to your guns and ammunition.

Test your gun's operation and safeties only at a shooting range while the firearm is pointed in a safe direction.

Know your target and what is beyond. Ask yourself what your projectile will hit if it misses the target or passes through the intended target. Remember, a fired projectile can travel over a mile (including a ricochet) and is capable of going through walls. Never shoot at hard flat surfaces or water . . . bullets ricochet.

**FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY RULES CAN SAVE YOUR
LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE**

Guns and alcohol or drugs do not mix. Don't take any alcoholic beverages and/or drugs before or during shooting activities.

Never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle. Don't climb a tree, cross a ditch or fence with a loaded gun.

Always empty guns before entering a house, car, truck, boat, RV, camp or any building.

When receiving a gun, always open the action and check to make sure the chamber is unloaded.

NEVER accept anyone's word that a gun is "unloaded" or "empty." You should immediately open the action and check to make sure it is unloaded.

Be careful with **ALL** ammunition. Even "blank" cartridges are deadly at close range due to the muzzle blast. Make sure your ammunition is new and in good clean condition. Do **NOT** oil or grease ammunition as this may damage the cartridge primer. Do **NOT** tamper with or alter the standard factory ammunition.

Keep firearms unloaded when not actually in use. Load the gun only when on the range preparing to fire and unload it before leaving the range.

Never put your hand over the muzzle of a gun.

ALWAYS WEAR protective shooting glasses and hearing protection when using firearms.

Spectators should be at least 10 feet behind and away from the shooter while the shooter is loading, shooting and unloading. Spectators should wear eye and ear protection and avoid distracting those shooting their firearms.

Never drop your gun. If you do drop it, unload it and check it for proper function before using it again.

Do **NOT** alter or modify your gun. Don't try to change your gun's trigger pull, because it may affect sear engagement and thereby cause accidental firing.

Do **NOT** remove any internal safety or safety device on the firearm. Safety mechanisms are designed to help protect you from personal injury or death.

Properly maintain and keep your gun clean. Keep it in a dry place away from other metals and water. If your gun shows sign of corrosion or improper operation, have it serviced by a competent gunsmith.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction when loading and unloading your gun. Never point the muzzle at anyone.

If a gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, keep it pointed down range at the target for 60 seconds. Sometimes slow primer ignition will cause a "hang fire" and the cartridge will go off after a short pause. If it still fails to fire, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and avoid exposure to the breech, as you attempt to unload your firearm.

Never let water, snow, mud or other material enter the barrel. Always be sure the barrel is free of any obstruction.

**FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY RULES CAN SAVE YOUR
LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE**

Use the correct ammunition for your firearm. (See Ammunition Warning)

Teach children: 1. NOT to touch guns, bullets, cartridges, shells, flares or any explosive device and **2.** That if they discover such a dangerous item or weapon, they must immediately report its location to their parents, school teacher or police.

Remember a firearm has the capability of taking your life or the life of someone else. Be careful with your firearm - an accident is almost always the result of not following basic safety rules.

Use the Security Lock Provided with your Pistol

This pistol comes with a security lock to assist in protecting against unauthorized use. The pistol must be unloaded when the security lock and block are in place on the pistol or if the pistol is locked in its carry case. See **Figure 1**.

WARNING: Using the security lock and block or lockable case cannot substitute for securing your firearm and ammunition in separate, locked locations.

The security lock operates as follows:

- A) Remove security lock and block from its package that came with the firearm.
- B) Install security lock on plastic box with gun inside and magazine removed.

See **Figure 2**.

OR

- C) Install block on trigger and then install security lock on the security block.

See **Figures 3(a, b, c)**.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3a



Figure 3b



Figure 3c

⚠ WARNING

Always store the key to the security lock: (1) in a separate location away from the pistol; (2) in a secure location unknown and not accessible to others, especially children. Whether you secure your firearms by using the supplied security lock, a gun lock or safe or some other mechanism, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to store your firearms in such a manner that children and other unauthorized persons cannot gain access to them.

USED FIREARMS - Firearms are sometimes altered to work incorrectly, or parts may be removed, lost or replaced with incorrect parts. If you got your European American Armory Corp. firearm as a used gun, **BEFORE USING IT** you should take it to a good gunsmith who knows European American Armory Corp. firearms, and have him examine it. **WRITE EUROPEAN AMERICAN ARMORY CORP.** concerning any items or circumstances that you do not understand and which might relate to your safety and the operation of your firearm at: European American Armory Corp., 1426 King Street, Cocoa, FL 32922, (321) 639-4842.

 **WARNING (POTENTIAL OBSTRUCTIONS)**

BEFORE LOADING or firing a pistol, examine the bore and the firing chamber to be certain they are clean and free of any obstruction. Even a heavy coat of oil, grease, snow or water may result in damage to the firearm and injury to the shooter and/or persons near the firearm. A misfire or unusual sound upon firing is a signal to cease firing and to examine the chamber and bore. If there is any obstruction, clear the obstruction and clean the bore and chamber before firing. Any bore obstruction, even if it is only partly blocked, may cause the gun to blow up if it is fired, or may cause damage to the gun such as a bulged barrel. To avoid injury or death to the shooter or bystanders, check the barrels before shooting or if a shot does not sound normal.

 **WARNING**

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction! Never attempt to load or unload any firearm inside a vehicle, building or other confined space (except a properly constructed shooting range). Enclosed areas frequently offer no completely safe direction in which to point the firearm. If an accidental discharge occurs, there is great risk of death, personal injury or property damage. Before loading, always clean all, grease and oil from the bores and chambers, and check to be certain that no obstructions are in the barrel. Any foreign matter in the barrels could result in a bulged or burst barrel or other damage to the firearm and could cause serious injury to the shooter or to others.

 **WARNING**

If there is any reason to suspect that a projectile is obstructing the barrel, immediately unload the firearm (See Unloading Instructions) and check the chamber and the bore. A projectile or some other matter may be lodged some distance down the barrel where it cannot easily be seen. Check the bore by using a cleaning rod to pass through the barrel. If a blockage is in the bore, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOOT IT OUT WITH ANOTHER CARTRIDGE, OR BLOW IT OUT WITH A BLANK CARTRIDGE OR A CARTRIDGE FROM WHICH THE BULLET HAS BEEN REMOVED. SUCH TECHNIQUE(S) CAN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE, DAMAGE THE FIREARM AND CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.** If the blockage can be removed with a cleaning rod, clean any unburned powder grains from the bore, chambers and mechanism before resuming shooting. If the blockage cannot be dislodged by tapping it with a cleaning rod, take the firearm to a gunsmith.

 **WARNING (EYE AND EAR PROTECTION)**

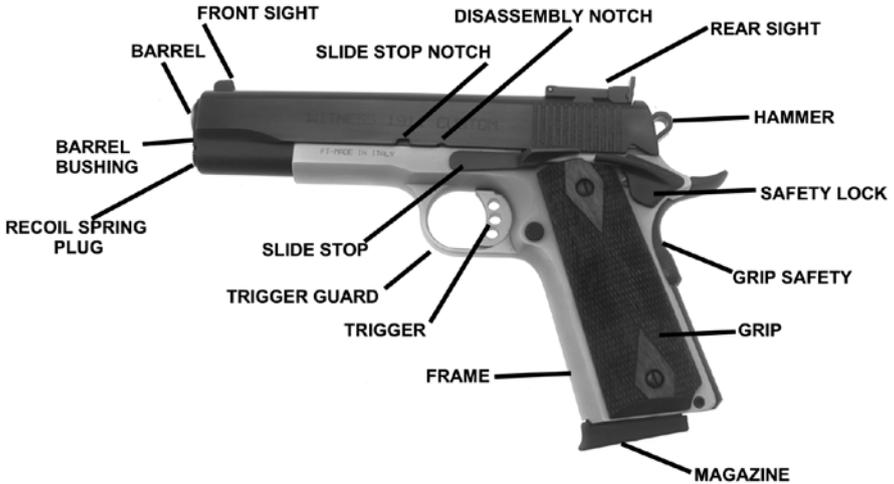
When shooting, full eye and ear protection is mandatory at all times. Shooters and spectators must wear shooting glasses and hearing protection to prevent eye injury and hearing loss. Vision and hearing impairment can occur with only one moment of non-protection.

 **WARNING (Mechanical Malfunctions)**

STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY AND UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM if your firearm develops: a mechanical malfunction; binding or stoppage; spitting powder/gas; a punctured cartridge primer; a bulged or ruptured cartridge case; or a sound on firing does not sound quite right. Do **NOT** try one

more shot but unload your firearm and take it and the ammunition to a qualified gunsmith or send the firearm back to European American Armory Corp. for examination. Do not assume that the pistol is empty merely because you checked the chamber. You must also check the bore for any obstruction inside the barrel.

BASIC PARTS OF YOUR PISTOL



SAFETY FEATURES

Thumb Safety: The thumb safety is located on the left rear of the pistol just below the slide. To operate the thumb safety pull the slide to its most rearward position and release. Then push the thumb safety upward until it is fully engaged the thumb safety notch (see **Figure 5**). The slide is prevented from moving forward when the trigger is squeezed. The thumb safety cannot be engaged unless the hammer is fully cocked and the slide is fully forward.

To disengage, move the thumb safety fully downward until it is completely down. When the thumb safety is down, the sear is free to release the hammer to fire the pistol when it is properly gripped and the trigger is squeezed (see **Figure 4**)

It is always a good idea to make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction during any safety movement.



Figure 4



Figure 5

WARNING !

Do not touch the trigger while moving the safety. When operating the safety, make sure you move it to the full extent of its travel in the desired direction, either fully “on” or fully “off.” Half-safe or partially-safe is **UNSAFE**.

WARNING !

The pistol does not incorporate a magazine disconnect safety, so the pistol may be fired with the magazine removed from the pistol.

WARNING !

The pistol is designed to and **WILL FIRE** when the trigger is pulled and the safety mechanism is in the “off” or “fire” position.

Grip Safety: The grip safety is located on the upper rear part of the frame (**Figure 6**), it is automatically applied by spring action to prevent rearward travel of the trigger unless the pistol grip is firmly and properly grasped. The front of the grip safety, which is inside the pistol frame, is in contact with the rear of the trigger to prevent its rearward travel.

When the pistol grip is positively grasped, the grip safety is rotated out of contact with rear of trigger to allow trigger movement.



Figure 6

Disconnect: This safety device (see part n.38 in the exploded view of the pistol, PAGE 22) prevents a round from being fired before it is in the chamber with the slide and barrel locked. When the slide is not fully forward, the disconnecter is depressed; its lower part disengages the sear, so the hammer cannot be released if the trigger is squeezed. However, when the slide and barrel are locked, a spring pushes the disconnecter up into a recess in the slide. This links the trigger and sear so that the pistol can be fired by squeezing the trigger.

WARNING !

Never attempt to check or demonstrate the disconnecter function with a loaded pistol. Pushing on the muzzle with your hand or any other portion of the body is extremely dangerous and could result in accidental discharge causing injury, death or damage to property!

WARNING !

Always keep your fingers off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to pull the trigger and fire the pistol.

WARNING !

The pistol is designed to and **WILL FIRE** when the trigger is pulled and the safety mechanism is in the “off” or “fire” position.

WARNING !

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction!

Hammer Safety Stop: The hammer safety stop is a notch on the hammer which prevents it from falling fully forward in the event of a primary sear notch failure. It also prevents from hitting the firing pin should your fingers slip from the slide or hammer while cocking the pistol, provided the hammer has been moved past the stop. The safety stop is not a manual safety. Never under any circumstances use the safety stop as “half cock” position: it can result a damage to the sear,

and/or unintentional discharge of the pistol. The safety stop position is an automatically engaging safety feature and should never be engaged by hand.

WARNING !

Your pistol has a resting position or notch on the hammer. This notch is not to be used as a half cock position. This notch's sole purpose is an additional notch on the hammer so as to allow the sear a chance to engage the hammer if the trigger is not pulled fully to the rear.

Slide Stop: Locks the slide back when engaged. It is located on left hand side of the gun. See **Figure 7.**

Magazine Release: Locks or holds the magazine in place and is depressed to release the magazine. See **Figure 8.**

Rear Sight: The Witness Custom 1911 model has a fully adjustable rear sight. See **Figure 9.**

Trigger: The Witness Custom 1911 model has a single action trigger. See **Figure 10.**



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

LOADING AND UNLOADING YOUR PISTOL

WARNING !

Make sure the pistol is pointed in a safe direction and the trigger block safety is engaged at all times while loading and unloading. **NEVER** allow your fingers or other objects to contact the trigger while loading or unloading.

WARNING !

Do not disengage the trigger block safety until you are ready to fire and have the gun pointed safely downrange.

WARNING !

Do not load pistol until you are ready to fire.

Use only factory loaded ammunition .45 ACP manufactured to US Industry and SAAMI specifications.

Do not use damaged ammunition.

TO LOAD THE MAGAZINE:

- 1) Press the magazine release button, holding your hand under the magazine: this will cause the magazine to fall free of the magazine well, now you can remove the magazine from the pistol. See **Figure 11**.



- 2) Load the cartridges into the magazine, placing the round at the top (open end) and pushing down and back, making sure that the back of the cartridge is facing the rear of the magazine. Do NOT force the cartridges into the magazine. Do NOT overload the magazine.
- 3) Push the magazine up into the pistol firmly until the magazine catch locks it into place. Do NOT slam the magazine into place.



TO LOAD THE CHAMBER:

MAKE SURE YOUR FINGERS ARE OFF THE TRIGGER AND AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER GUARD.

- 1) With the gun pointed in a safe direction. Move the safety to the "off" position if the hammer is in the down position or resting position. If the hammer is in the fully cocked position you may bypass this step.
- 2) Insert loaded magazine into magazine well with bullets pointing forward, and push up until the magazine is fully seated. A click will be heard when this is done properly as the magazine catch engages.
- 3) Do **NOT** put your fingers or hand in front of the barrel.
- 4) When you are ready to shoot, grip the rear slide serrations and pull it fully rearward to cock the hammer and then release. Do not help/push the slide down to the forward position. Allow the slide to snap forward under full tension of the recoil spring. Keeping your hand on the slide may cause a misfeed or prevent the slide from fully closing. Racking the slide back and releasing it will cock the hammer, strip off the top round in the magazine and chamber it.

The pistol is now loaded, cocked and ready to fire.

- 5) Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction and engage the thumb safety **IMMEDIATELY** until you are ready to shoot. Always unload immediately after use and before storage..

WARNING!

YOUR PISTOL IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE, IF THE SAFETY IS MOVED TO THE OFF OR "FIRE" POSITION AND THE TRIGGER IS PULLED THE GUN WILL FIRE.

TO UNLOAD:

Make Sure the Safety is in the "ON" position and the gun is pointed in a safe direction.

- 1) Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times and keep the fingers outside the trigger guard. Keep hands away from muzzle and ejection port.
- 2) Press the magazine release button and remove the magazine from the pistol.
Place your hand under magazine to prevent it from falling and press magazine catch to release and eject magazine.

WARNING!

The pistol does not incorporate a magazine disconnect safety, so the pistol may be fired with the magazine removed from the pistol.

WARNING!

Removing the magazine does not unload the chamber. If a cartridge is in the chamber the pistol can fire with the magazine removed.

NOTE: If the slide is fully rearward, step 3 does not apply

- 3) Using the serrated finger grips pull the slide sharply rearward to extract and eject a round from the chamber. Keep your hands clear of the ejection port to allow the round to eject without obstruction. Examine the previously chambered round for any damage; if damaged, dispose of ammunition properly.
- 4) Keep the pistol pointing in a safe direction, allow the slide to return forward on an empty chamber and squeeze the trigger to allow the hammer to fall forward. If the slide is held to the rear by the slide stop, pull the slide back slightly, then ease the slide forward. Repeatedly allowing the slide to slam closed on an empty chamber will cause premature wear and should be avoided.
- 5) To remove any remaining rounds from the magazine, push the cartridges forward until they clear the retaining lips.

FIRING YOUR PISTOL

WARNING

Never load a cartridge into the chamber until you are ready to fire the pistol.

WARNING

Do not disengage the trigger block safety until the pistol is pointed in a safe direction and you are ready to fire.

WARNING

If a cartridge does not fire and the trigger has been pulled and the trigger block safety is disengaged, Stop! Then do the following: **a)** Make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction **b)** Engage the trigger block safety **c)** Wait 60 seconds **d)** Follow the instructions above for unloading the pistol.

WARNING

If during firing the sound of any cartridge is noticeably softer or louder than the previous cartridge fired, Stop! Then do the following: **a)** Make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction **b)** Engage

the trigger block safety **c)** Follow the instructions above for unloading the pistol and **d)** With the pistol unloaded visually inspect the pistol for barrel blockage or damage. Then inspect the receiver of the pistol for damage before continuing.

READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE FIRING THE PISTOL.

TO FIRE THE PISTOL:

- 1) Make sure the pistol is pointed in a safe direction with the trigger block safety engaged. See **Figure 12**.
- 2) Make sure you are wearing eye and ear protection.
- 3) Keep your fingers away from the trigger. See **Figure 13**.



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15

- 4) Push the trigger block safety to the "off" or "fire" position. See **Figure 14**.
- 5) Squeeze the trigger. The pistol will fire when you pull or squeeze the trigger with the required force.
- 6) The pistol will fire one shot with every squeeze of the trigger, until the magazine is empty. See **Figure 15**.
- 7) When the magazine is empty, the slide will stay open. You may remove the magazine and reload the magazine while the slide is locked open by the slide stop. See **Figure 16**.
- 8) Insert the loaded magazine into the pistol. You may either press down on the slide stop or pull slightly back on the slide and release it. The slide will close and reload the chamber. The pistol will be ready to FIRE. See **figures 17, 18**.



Figure 16



Figure 17



Figure 18

WARNING

THIS PISTOL DOES NOT HAVE A MAGAZINE DISCONNECT AND CAN BE FIRED WITHOUT A MAGAZINE IN PLACE.

10) If all the rounds have not been fired and you wish to stop shooting, immediately engage thumb safety and follow procedures for unloading as previously described.. However, if you have fired the last round from the magazine the slide will stay to the rear and you will be unable to apply the thumb safety.

WARNING

IF THE PISTOL FAILS TO FIRE, HOLD IT, KEEPING IT POINTED TOWARD THE TARGET OR SAFE OPEN AREA AND WAIT 30 SECONDS. IF A HANG FIRE OR SLOW IGNITION HAS OCCURRED, THE ROUND WILL FIRE WITHIN 30 SECONDS. IF THE ROUND DOES NOT FIRE, REMOVE THE MAGAZINE, EJECT THE ROUND AND INSPECT PRIMER.

IF THE FIRING PIN INDENT ON THE PRIMER IS LIGHT, OFF CENTER OR NONEXISTENT, HAVE THE PISTOL EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT GUNSMITH BEFORE FIRING AGAIN. IF THE FIRING PIN INDENT APPEARS NORMAL ASSUME FAULTY AMMUNITION AND SEGREGATE THE MISFIRED ROUND FROM OTHER LIVE AMMUNITION.

WARNING

If you fired the pistol and wish to stop firing, immediately push the trigger block safety to the "on" or "safe" position. Then follow the unloading instructions above while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

DISASSEMBLY OF WITNESS 1911

WARNING

MAKE SURE YOUR HANDGUN IS UNLOADED BEFORE STARTING THIS PROCEDURE.

WARNING

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES IN CASE YOU LOSE CONTROL OF A SPRING LOADED COMPONENT SUCH AS TRE RECOIL SPRING OR PLUG WHICH COULD INJURE YOUR EYES.

- 1)** Always make sure the magazine is removed and the pistol is not loaded.
The pistol should be cleaned after every use and when exposed to dirt, sand, etc.
- 2)** With the muzzle pointing upward, rest the pistol on heel of butt and the grip safety on a table or bench.
- 3)** Push the slide back about 1/4 inch, press down on recoil spring plug (located just below the muzzle) and at the same time rotate the barrel bushing clockwise about 1/4 turn, using a barrel bushing wrench if necessary; this will free the plug and recoil spring. Keep pressure on the plug to prevent it from being ejected by the spring. Then allow plug and spring to gradually extend out of the slide. **See Figures 19, 20.**

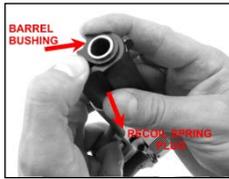


Figure 19



Figure 20

- 4) Remove the plug from the spring.
- 5) Cock hammer by pulling back on the hammer spur.
- 6) Pull slide to rear until lug on slide stop is opposite disassembly notch (see Figure 21) and push inward on the end of the slide stop shaft on the right side of the pistol and remove the slide stop from the left side.



Figure 21



Figure 22

- 7) Push slide forward off the frame.
- 8) Turn the slide upside down and lift the recoil spring and guide and pull them rearward out of the slide (see Figure 22).
- 9) Turn barrel bushing counterclockwise, push barrel and barrel bushing forward until bushing is clear of the slide, then remove bushing from the barrel.
- 10) Push barrel link forward and remove barrel from the slide.

WARNING

DO NOT STRIP YOUR PISTOL ANY FURTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. DO NOT REMOVE OR ALTER PARTS, PARTICULARLY SAFETY PARTS.

REASSEMBLY OF WITNESS 1911

WARNING

MAKE SURE YOUR HANDGUN AND MAGAZINE ARE UNLOADED BEFORE STARTING THIS PROCEDURE

1) With the slide upside down and the barrel link forward, assemble barrel into the slide. See **Figures 23, 24.**

2) Place barrel bushing over muzzle of barrel and into slide until it is flush with the face of the slide (STEP 1). turn bushing clockwise as far as it will go (STEP 2).



Figure 23



Figure 24

3) Place the recoil guide into the recoil spring so that the open end of the spring is up against the collar of the guide.

Assemble the recoil spring and guide into the slide by pushing the end of the spring through the slide from the rear (STEP 3). Position the arched portion of the recoil spring guide over the outside surface of the barrel directly in front of the barrel link (STEP 4).

4) Cock the hammer. Look through the slide stop hole in the side of the frame. Move the slide along the frame until you see the hole in the barrel link line up with the hole in the side of the frame. Insert the slide stop through the hole until it is almost fully inserted. Continue pushing the slide rearward until the disassembly notch lines up with the rear part of the slide stop. Now push the slide stop up and in against the slide stop plunger until the slide stop is fully inserted.

5) Bring the slide fully forward and rest the pistol on a table or bench with the muzzle pointing upward.

6) Insert the recoil spring plug onto the recoil spring. Push the slide back about 1/4 inch, press down on the recoil spring plug, compressing the recoil spring into the slide until the plug is fully home, then rotate the barrel bushing. Align the arched part of the bushing so that it straddles the recoil spring plug and locks in place.

WARNING

YOU COULD DAMAGE YOUR PISTOL WHEN YOU FIRE, OR ATTEMPT TO FIRE IF THE RECOIL SPRING PLUG IS NOT CORRECTLY SEATED AND LOCKED AS DESCRIBED IN FIGURE 21 ABOVE.

7) After assembling the pistol, check its function as follows:

With the magazine removed, pull the slide back fully and let it go. It should fly forward and close over the empty chamber. The hammer should stay cocked. Push the safety up and squeeze the trigger. The hammer should stay cocked. Push the safety down and squeeze the

trigger. The hammer should fall. Pull the hammer back slightly without touching the trigger. You should hear a click as the sear slips on to the safety shelf. Now squeeze the trigger again and note that the hammer should stay cocked.

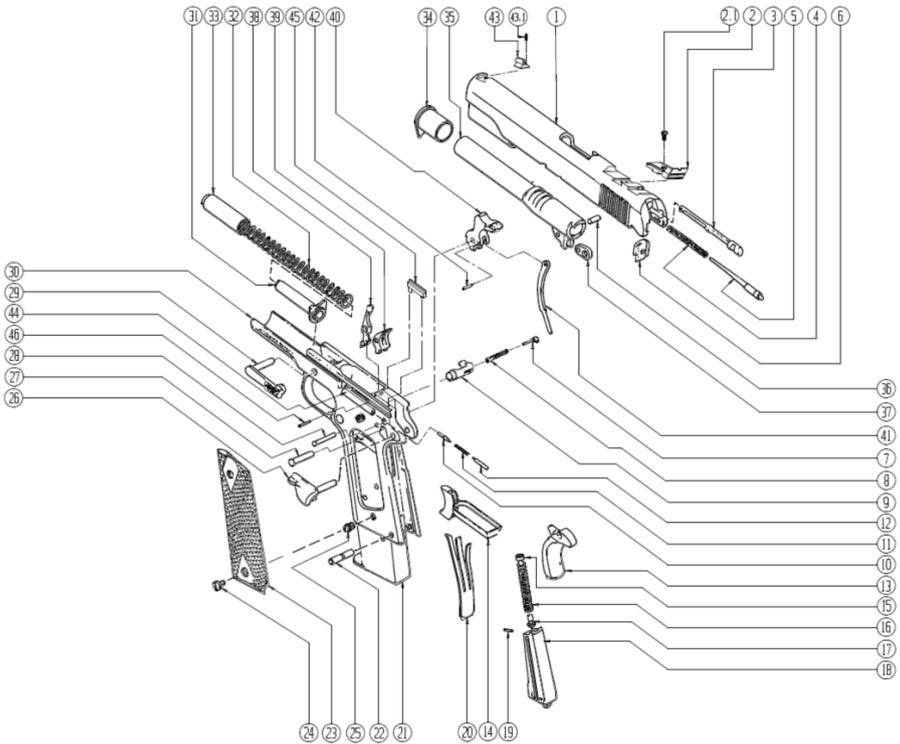
Insert an empty magazine. Pull the slide back fully and let it go. It should NOT fly forward. Look into the ejection port at the breech face. Make sure the firing pin is not sticking through the hole. Hold the slide, push down on the slide stop and ease the slide fully forward. Put your thumb on the hammer, squeeze the trigger and ease the hammer forward.

WARNING

IF YOU FIND THE FIRING PIN STICKING FORWARD OR IF YOUR PISTOL DISCHARGES WHEN YOU CLOSE THE SLIDE, DO NOT USE IT. RETURN IT TO THE FACTORY.

Do these checks only after you strip and assemble the pistol. Do not slam the slide forward at any other time, except when loading. If you rack the slide when the pistol is unloaded, control it with your hand.

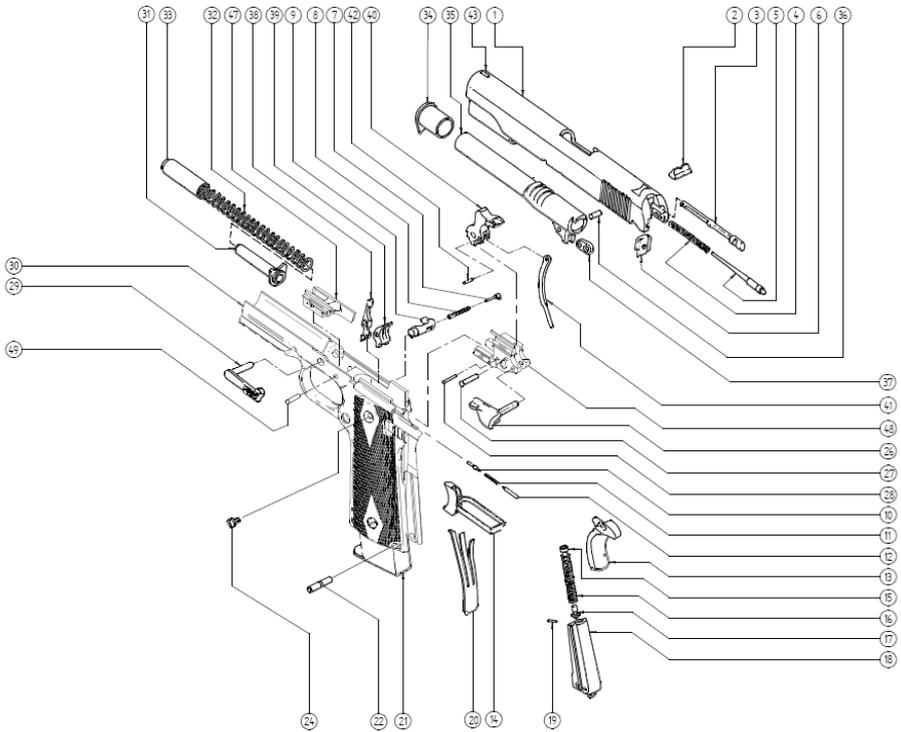
WITNESS 1911 EXPLODED VIEW



PARTS LIST

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| 1- SLIDE | 24 - GRIP SCREW |
| 2-REAR SIGHT | 25- GRIP SCREW BUSHING |
| 2.1- SIGHT SCREW | 26 - SAFETY LOCK |
| 3 - EXTRACTOR | 27 - HAMMER PIN |
| 4 - FIRING PIN SPRING | 28 - SEAR PIN |
| 5 - FIRING PIN | 29 - SLIDE STOP |
| 6 - FIRING PIN STOP | 30 - FRAME |
| 7 - MAGAZINE RELEASE LOCK | 31 - RECOIL SPRING GUIDE |
| 8 - MAGAZINE RELEASE SPRING | 32 - RECOIL SPRING |
| 9 - MAGAZINE CATCH | 33 - RECOIL SPRING PLUG |
| 10 - SLIDE STOP PLUNGER | 34 - BARREL BUSHING |
| 11 - PLUNGER SPRING | 35 - BARREL |
| 12 - SAFETY LOCK PLUNGER | 36 - BARREL LINK PIN |
| 13 - BEAVERTAIL GRIP SAFETY | 37 - BARREL LINK |
| 14 - TRIGGER KIT | 38 - DISCONNECTOR |
| 15 - MAIN SPRING CAP | 39 - SEAR |
| 16 - MAIN SPRING | 40 - HAMMER |
| 17 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING PIN RETAINER | 41 - HAMMER STRUT |
| 18 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING | 42 - HAMMER STRUT PIN |
| 19 - MAIN SPRING CAP PIN | 43 - FRONT SIGHT |
| 20 - SEAR SPRING | 43.1-FRONT SIGHT SCREW |
| 21 - MAGAZINE | 44 - PLUNGER TUBE |
| 22 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING PIN | 45 - EJECTOR |
| 23- GRIP PANEL | 46 - EJECTOR PIN |

WITNESS 1911 POLYMER EXPLODED VIEW



PARTS LIST

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1-SLIDE | 24 - GRIP SCREW |
| 2-REAR SIGHT | 26 - SAFETY LEFT |
| 3 - EXTRACTOR | 27 - HAMMER PIN |
| 4 - FIRING PIN SPRING | 28 - SEAR PIN |
| 5 - FIRING PIN | 29 - SLIDE STOP |
| 6 - FIRING PIN STOP | 30 - FRAME |
| 7 - MAGAZINE RELEASE LOCK | 31 - RECOIL SPRING GUIDE |
| 8 - MAGAZINE RELEASE SPRING | 32 - RECOIL SPRING |
| 9 - MAGAZINE RELEASE | 33 - RECOIL SPRING PLUG |
| 10 - SLIDE STOP PLUNGER | 34 - BARREL BUSHING |
| 11 - PLUNGER SPRING | 35 - BARREL |
| 12 - SAFETY LOCK PLUNGER | 36 - BARREL LINK PIN |
| 13 - BEAVERTAIL GRIP SAFETY | 37 - BARREL LINK |
| 14 - TRIGGER KIT | 38 - DISCONNECTOR |
| 15 - MAIN SPRING CAP | 39 - SEAR |
| 16 - MAIN SPRING | 40 - HAMMER |
| 17 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING PIN RETAINER | 41 - HAMMER STRUT |
| 18 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING | 42 - HAMMER STRUT PIN |
| 19 - MAIN SPRING CAP PIN | 43 - FRONT SIGHT |
| 20 - SEAR SPRING | 47 - FRONT INSERT |
| 21 - MAGAZINE | 48 - REAR INSERT |
| 22 - MAIN SPRING HOUSING PIN | 49 - PIN FRONT INSERT |

MANUFACTURER'S WARNING:

This firearm was manufactured to properly perform with the original parts as designed. It is your duty to make sure any parts you buy are correctly installed and that neither replacements nor originals are altered or changed. Your gun is a complex tool with many parts that must relate correctly to other parts for safe and accurate operation. Putting a gun together wrong or with modified parts can result in a damaged gun, or personal injury or death to you or others. Always let a qualified gunsmith work on your gun or at least, check any work not performed by a gunsmith. Firearms safety is your primary concern. **THE GUN OWNER MUST ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CORRECT REASSEMBLY AND FUNCTIONING OF THE FIREARM AFTER ANY DISASSEMBLY OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS.**

TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN YOUR PISTOL:

- A)** Follow procedures for unloading pistol as described previously.
- B)** Follow procedures for disassembly of pistol as described previously.
- C)** Materials needed to clean this pistol are: a cleaning rod, cotton bore patches, brass bore brush, powder solvent, a small soft brush and good quality gun oil.

WARNING: Lead or lead compounds are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, reproductive toxicity, and other serious physical injury. Those who clean firearms should take protective measures to avoid contact or exposure to such chemicals.

D) Using the bore brush with powder solvent, scrub the interior of the barrel and chambers to remove any powder and lead residue in the bore. Always and lastly, swab the interior of the barrels with cotton patch with gun oil to coat and protect the bore and chambers from rust and corrosion.

E) Any powder fouling on the firing wall, barrel, etc. can be easily cleaned with a brush and powder solvent.

F) All external surfaces should be wiped down with a light coat of rust preventative. Avoid using too much oil as powder, dust or other foreign material may get trapped in the oil. This could lead to congealed deposits which may interfere with the safe and reliable operation of the pistol.

G) USE CAUTION while using solvents in gun bore cleaning. Prolonged or excess contact with solvents can damage the gun's bluing and finish. Be sure to wipe away all excess solvent and then lubricate with oil.

H) A gun should be cleaned after firing. In addition, external parts should be wiped with an oiled cloth after handling. A light oil is ordinarily all that is necessary in cleaning if the gun has not been fired or fired very little. If a gun is used frequently, it must be cleaned after each firing and regularly serviced by a professional gunsmith. If the gun has been stored, remove all excess oil and/or grease before firing. Always check to be sure that no cleaning patch or other obstruction remains in the bore or chambers before firing.

DANGER – AMMUNITION WARNING

Firearms may be damaged and serious personal injury or death to the shooter or bystanders may result from any condition which contributes to the generation of excessive pressure or uncontrolled release of gas within the firearm. Such adverse conditions can be caused by bore or chamber obstruction, propellant powder overloads or by defective, incorrect or improperly loaded and assembled cartridge components. Even the strongest firearm can be blown up as a result of excessive pressure. It is extremely dangerous to use a cartridge whose pressure is greater than that developed by cartridges loaded to industry standards.

AMMUNITION (CARTRIDGES) NOTICE

We specifically disclaim responsibility for any damage, personal injury or death occurring in connection with or as the result of the use of European American Armory Corp. pistols with faulty, nonstandard, remanufactured, hand-loaded or reloaded ammunition, or with cartridges other than factory cartridges for which the firearm was originally chambered.

LUBRICATION WARNING

Firing a pistol with oil, grease or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the pistol and personal injury to the shooter and those nearby. Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on ammunition. If the primer or powder charge of a cartridge is affected by the lubricant, they may not fully ignite yet the energy from the primer and/or powder may be sufficient to push the projectile or wad into the bore where it may become lodged. Firing a subsequent cartridge into the obstructed bore will damage the pistol and may cause personal injury to the shooter and those nearby. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearm and ammunition.

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

This European American Armory Corp. firearm is warranted to the original retail customer for Life from date of purchase against defects in material and workmanship. All parts and labor or replacement **at our option** are covered. Transportation to and from our repair facilities, government fees, damage caused by failure to perform normal maintenance, sales outside the United States, damage due to use of high velocity, high pressure, reloaded or other nonstandard ammunition, or any unauthorized repair, modification, misuse, abuse, or alteration of the product is not covered by this Limited Warranty.

Any implied warranties, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to one year from date of original retail purchase. Consequential or incidental damages and/or expenses, or any other expenses are not covered by this warranty.

To obtain warranty performance send your firearm with proof of retail purchase, freight prepaid plus \$20.00 for return freight to:

**European American Armory Corp.
1426 King Street
Cocoa, FL 32922**

NOTICE: It is illegal to ship a firearm with ammunition in the firearm or in the same packaging. Firearms and ammunition must be shipped separately. For information about shipping ammunition, call European American Armory Corp. at (321) 639-4842.

WARNING—ALTERATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS

Altering or modifying parts and/or internal safeties is dangerous and will void the warranty. This pistol was manufactured to perform properly with the original parts as designed. It is your duty to make sure any parts you buy are made for this firearm and are installed correctly and that neither the replacements nor originals are altered or changed. Your gun is a complex precision tool with many parts that must relate correctly to other parts in order for proper and safe operation. Putting a gun together wrong or with incorrect or modified parts can result in a damaged gun, danger, and personal injury or death to you and others through malfunction. Always have a qualified gunsmith work on your gun or at least check any work not performed by a gunsmith.

YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL

Always keep this manual with your firearm. Make sure you understand all the warnings, operation instructions and safety procedures. When you lend, give or sell the firearm, be sure this manual goes with it. You can get a copy of this manual from European American Armory Corp. upon request.

ALL PARTS ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$10.00 CHARGE FOR SHIPPING AND HANDLING. Please state Model, Caliber, Serial Number, and Finish Color when ordering. For parts, information and service contact: European American Armory Corp. 1426 King Street, Cocoa, FL 32922 Phone: (321)639-4842.



WARRANTY COUPON

Please fill the part below, send a copy to:

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1426 King Street
Cocoa, FL 32922**

Or by e-mail to:
eaacorp@eaacorp.com

Make a copy of this manual, proof of purchase/sales record for safekeeping in a secure or fireproof container. Such proof is necessary if the firearm is damaged, stolen or sent in for warranty repair.

NAME.....
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COUNTRY.....
WITNESS MODEL

SERIAL NUMBER.....

DATE OF PURCHASE AND SELLER.....

WARNING

Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.



ADVERTENCIA

A los niños les atraen las armas de fuego y los pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesiones graves y la muerte.

Evite que los niños tengan acceso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente. Le pueden dar una multa a enviarlo a la cárcel.

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