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ESCORT 22LR

Instruction Manual

Read this manual before using your shotgun.

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Before handling the firearm read this manual carefully and observe the following safety instructions. Improper and careless handling of the firearm could result in unintentional discharge and could cause injury, death or damage to property. The same consequences can be caused by any unauthorized modifications or adjustments, corrosion or use of non-standard or damaged ammunition. In these cases the manufacturer shall not be responsible in any manner what so ever for the resultant consequences.

Before leaving the factory this firearm was tested, carefully inspected, and packed. HATSAN cannot accept responsibility for product handling while in transit, or upon leaving the factory. Therefore, please examine this firearm carefully at the time of purchase to ensure that it is unloaded and undamaged. This instruction manual should always accompany the firearm and that even in the case of its loan or sale.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always follow the safety instructions for your safety and the safety of others.

1. Always handle your firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point your firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. Never take anyone's word that a gun is unloaded.
4. Always make sure that your firearm is not loaded before laying it down, or handing it to another person.
5. Always store your rifle unloaded with the striking mechanism released.
6. Never abuse your firearm by using it for any purpose other than shooting.
7. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.
8. Prior to loading the firearm make sure that barrel bore, chamber, and action are clean and clear of obstructions. Clean a dirtied firearm immediately so that it will function properly and safely.
9. Always use only clean, dry, original high quality commercially manufactured ammunition, which is appropriate to the caliber of your Firearm
10. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting.
11. Always wear safety glasses and ear protection during shooting and make bystanders wear the same.
12. Always keep the safety on when the rifle is loaded with a cartridge in the chamber, until you are ready to fire. Keep firearm pointed in a safe direction when disengaging the safety.
13. Always keep clear and keep others clear of the ejection port.
14. Never squeeze the trigger or put your finger in the trigger guard until you are aiming at a target and ready to shoot.
15. Always be absolutely sure of your target, and the area behind it, before you squeeze the trigger. A bullet could travel through or past your target up to several hundreds of meters.
16. Never shoot at a hard surface such as rock, or a liquid surface such as water.
17. Never fire your firearm near an animal unless it is trained to accept the noise.
18. Never indulge in "horseplay" while holding your firearm.
19. Failure to fire: In case of failure to fire hold the firearm keeping it pointed towards the target, or a safe open area and wait 30 seconds. If a hangfire (slow ignition) has occurred, the cartridge will fire within 30 seconds. If the cartridge does not fire, eject the cartridge and examine it. If the firing pin indent on the cartridge is light, or non-existent, have the firearm examined by a competent gunsmith.
20. Always make sure your firearm is not loaded before cleaning, storing or travelling.
21. Always keep and store your firearm and ammunition in separate locked receptacles out of reach and sight of children and untrained people.
22. Never alter any parts of your rifle as the safety and proper function of your rifle could be seriously compromised.
23. Always be aware that corrosion, use of damaged ammunition, dropping the rifle on hard surfaces or other "coarse treatment" could cause a damage you may not see. If something like this happens let the firearm to be examined and tested by a competent gunsmith.

THE HATSAN RIFLE DESCRIPTION AND TERMINOLOGY

- The ESCORT 22LR is well-balanced and consequently quick and easy to aim.
- The rear sights are adjustable to a wide range of shooting distances easy mounting of rifle scope.
- Controlling elements which are simple in operation, and easy to reach.
- Adjustable trigger pull.
- Cocking indicator indicates cocking of the striking mechanism.
- Easy disassembly for cleaning and routine maintenance, which can be carried out without any tools.
- A high degree of accuracy when firing.
- A long service life.
- High functional reliability in all environments, even with ammunitions made by various manufacturers, and with different types of bullets.
- Threaded muzzle as option.

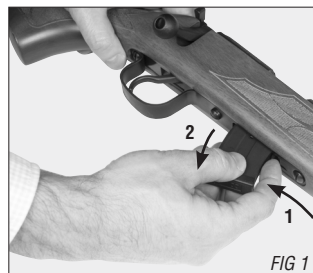
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ammunition

Use only factory-manufactured ammunition of appropriate caliber, which are in compliance with CIP regulations (International Proof Commission for Firearms) or SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute Inc. of the United States). The use of other cartridges could damage the firearm or cause injury to the shooter.

Removal of the Magazine

Press the magazine catch located at the front of the magazine in a rearward direction (FIG-1), and remove the magazine from the firearm.



Magazine Loading

With the open end uppermost, grasp the magazine in one hand. Place a cartridge on the magazine follower with the base just forward of the retaining lips. Press the cartridge down and back until it touches the rear flat edge of the magazine. Place the next cartridge on top of the previous cartridge and slide in as already described.

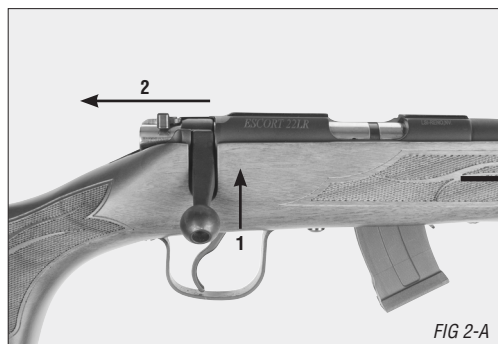
Loading of the Rifle

ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE RIFLE IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN LOADING!

Insert a loaded magazine into the rifle until it is securely caught by the magazine catch.

Grip the rifle with the left hand by its fore-end, place the butt pad against your body and grip the bolt handle with the other hand.

Open the bolt by raising the bolt handle and pulling it to the rear to its stop. Then push the bolt continuously to its forward position again and by rotating the bolt handle in a downward direction close the bolt action (FIG-2A & FIG2-B). This procedure inserts the cartridge into the cartridge chamber and cocks the striker mechanism. The rifle is now ready to fire. If you do not intend to fire immediately ensure the firearm safety as described further in the section Safety and its Operation.



The Safety and its Operation

Rifle could be taken to "Safety-ON" position when (nothing else) rifle is cocked.

Shift the safety forward to its "Safety-ON" position (FIG-3) until the red dot is fully covered. This procedure locks the trigger mechanism and the bolt, it is not possible to discharge a cartridge or manipulate the bolt.

Safety off position shown FIG-4.



Unloading of the Rifle

ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE RIFLE IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION!

- Remove the magazine in the manner as already described.
- Move the safety to its "Safety-OFF" position so that the bolt can be opened.
- Open the bolt and check to ensure that the cartridge has been extracted from the chamber and ejected.
- Close the bolt.
- Depress the trigger (dry fire).

Cocking Indicator Function

Cocking of the striking mechanism is indicated by the striker. When the striker is cocked (activated), its rear part (would be same level with bolt) protrudes. This protrusion can be checked both by sight and by touch.



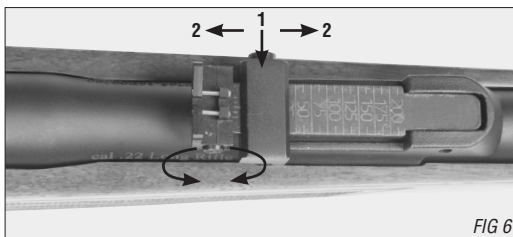
Trigger Adjustment

The trigger pull adjustment for the rifle is carried out after removal of the stock using the adjusting nut (FIG-5). For more trigger pull force prior to discharge, rotate nut clockwise; and vice versa.

Sight Adjustment

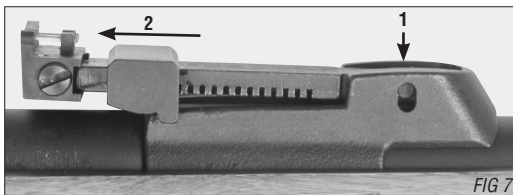
Rifle sights were sighted-in at the manufacturing plant at a 25m distance. The tangent rear sight is provided with lines for 25 - 200m aimed shooting in diversion steps of 25m.

After depressing the rear sight-locking piece it is possible to shift the slide for the desired range. For Windage adjustment; tighten or loosen the screw any side you want to shift the point of impact. (FIG-6)



Rifle Scope

Rifle has grooves for Mounting the riflescope. Rear sight should be taken off before scope mounting. For the taken off rear sight; push the back rear side of sight and pull back. (FIG-7)



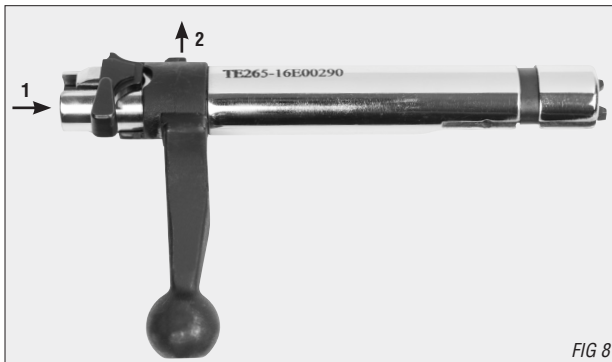
MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Stripping for Cleaning - Disassembly

1. Remove the magazine.
2. Shift the safety to its "Off" position, in order that the bolt can be manipulated.
3. Open the bolt, and after depressing the trigger to its extreme rear remove the bolt by moving it rearward.

Disassembly of the Bolt

1. Remove the bolt from the receiver as previously described.
2. Keeping the firm grip of the bolt body rotate the bolt handle to the right. The main spring is thus released.
3. Place the striker spring support against a suitable solid object (FIG-8) and push it a little way into the bolt body. At the same time pulling the safety up and out.
4. After detaching the safety, carefully release the bolt while holding the striker spring support. Be very careful when doing this disassembly procedure as the spring support is under main spring tension and its ejection could result in the loss of this part, or could cause an injury.



CAUTION:

Do not strip your firearm any further. If you assume that your firearm requires adjustment or repair, entrust this work to a competent gunsmith in a specialized workshop!

Cleaning of the Rifle

Clean the rifle

- Each time you use it.
- If you get your rifle wet.
- As soon as possible after shooting.
- At least once a year in a temperate climate.
- As often as once a month in a tropical climate, or other demanding environment.

Cleaning the Barrel Bore and the Cartridge Chamber

If the firearm has not been fired or if only a few cartridges have been fired, clean the barrel bore and cartridge chamber with a clean patch attached to a cleaning rod. Repeat, changing patches, until the last patch comes out clean. When the barrel bore is very dirty, apply a gun cleaning solution using a cleaning brush. Then thoroughly scrub out the barrel bore. Subsequently, dry the barrel bore and cartridge chamber with a clean patch and check that all powder residues or fouling have been removed. If necessary repeat this procedure. The cleaning rod and the brush must be inserted into the barrel bore from the chamber, to prevent wear or damage to the muzzle. Pass the brush all the way through the barrel bore before reversing the movement. If you try to change directions with the brush in the barrel, the brush could stick.

Cleaning of Other Rifle Parts

Other parts of the rifle can be cleaned with a dry cloth, old toothbrush, copper bristle brush or a wooden scraper. Preserving oil or paraffin oil can be used for proper cleaning.

Preserving

When the barrel bore, cartridge chamber, and all accessible parts are clean and dry, wipe these parts with a cloth soaked in gun oil or apply the oil in a spray. Remove all excess oil.

Before shooting always wipe the barrel bore dry. At very low temperatures remove the oil from all accessible parts or apply a lubricant prepared especially for these conditions. Use thick preserving agents such as preserving grease only for long-term storage in demanding climate environments, and before any use of the rifle it must be thoroughly removed from all parts of the firearm.

Waste Management

When used properly, the materials used in the product and packaging have no adverse effects on human health or the environment. When disposing of the product or its packaging, metal parts (steel and non-ferrous metals), plastics, wood, paper and cardboard should be stored separately in collecting containers intended specifically for that purpose.



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