GENERAL SAFETY, OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND LIMITED WARRANTY

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM

Important: Keep this manual with your firearm.

The information contained in this manual is useful, both for beginners and experienced shooters. In addition to important information about functioning, cleaning and care of the gun, the manual contains instructions that may be very helpful in shooting properly. The most important rule of safe gun handling is always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction!
Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.

The safety warnings in this booklet are important. By understanding the dangers inherent in the use of any firearm, and by taking the precautions described herein, you can safely enjoy your Taurus® firearm. Failure to follow any of these warnings may result in serious injury to you or others, as well as severe damage to the firearm or other property.

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The three basic keys to safe handling of firearms:

1. **Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger Until You Are Ready to Fire.** If you maintain good trigger discipline, it is extremely unlikely the firearm will fire.

2. **Keep the Muzzle Pointed in a Safe Direction.** Even if the firearm discharges, if the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction, no one will be injured.

3. **Never Trust Any Safety Mechanism.** If you adopt the attitude that you will not trust any safety mechanism, you will be vigilant about keeping your finger off the trigger and keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

**WARNING**

When a firearm discharges, the bullet or shot can strike a person, resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

**WARNING - KNOW YOUR TARGET**

Never fire at targets at close range. Ricochets can and do cause death or serious bodily injury. What constitutes “close range” depends on many factors including target material, bullet caliber and angle of impact.

**KNOW WHAT IS BEHIND YOUR TARGET.** Unless you are shooting into a bullet trap designed to capture the type of ammunition you are firing, projectiles may pass through the target and strike anyone or anything beyond. Bullets can travel miles.

**ALWAYS WEAR HEARING PROTECTION.** Firearms are loud. The sound they generate is greater indoors. Repeated exposure to loud noises can cause deafness. Hearing protection is rated by decibel reduction. Look for “dB” reduction of 30 or more when purchasing ear protection. Modern ear protection can allow normal hearing until the sound from the discharge reaches the ear. Layering hearing protection, for example, wearing 30db rated foam plugs inside or 20db rated ear muffs, significant protection can be achieved.

**ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION.** In normal operation, firearms emit hot high-velocity gases, particles and metal. These materials flying into your eye can cause blindness. Protect your vision with proper eye protection. Any eye protection may be better than none, but look for ANSI Z87.1-2003 certified eyewear for the best protection.

**NEVER HANDLE FIREARMS WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.** Firearms are dangerous. Handling firearms while impaired by drugs or alcohol is foolhardy and may result in serious injury or death. This warning includes prescription drugs that contain a warning about using machinery or driving while taking the medication.

**MODIFIED FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS, AND USE CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.** “Trigger jobs,” polishing original components or installing aftermarket parts can cause a firearm to function in ways different than intended. Some such work may also be illegal.

**DAMAGED FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS, AND USE CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.** Repairs should always be made by a qualified gunsmith or by a factory-authorized repair site. Work done by those unfamiliar with the design can cause a firearm to function in ways different than intended.

**NEVER ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE OR CLEAN A LOADED FIREARM.** Doing so can result in serious bodily injury or death. How often have we heard “But it went off while I was cleaning it!” or, “I did not know it was loaded!” or, “It was jammed, and I tried to take it apart!”?

**IF A FIREARM GOES OFF, THERE WAS A ROUND OF AMMUNITION IN THE CHAMBER.** Period.

“Clear” (or empty) the firearm of all ammunition before disassembling or cleaning.
As owner of your new Taurus® firearm, you are responsible for (1) keeping your finger off the trigger, (2) pointing the muzzle in a safe direction, (3) removing the magazine, (4) pulling the slide to the rear and locking it back and (5) looking and feeling in the magazine well and chamber to confirm the pistol is empty. An empty firearm cannot fire.

**FIREARMS SAFETY SYSTEMS**

Firearms safety is supported by a system. With your pistol, the system is made up of the following:

1. **You!** Your involvement in safety cannot be overemphasized. No safety component can keep your finger off the trigger and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Also, you are the key to never trusting any of the mechanical parts of the safety system.

2. **Loaded chamber indicator.** When a cartridge is loaded in the chamber, the loaded chamber indicator protrudes from the right side of the slide just behind the ejection port, and its surface can be seen or felt without the need for pulling the slide back to check the chamber.

3. **Manual Safety Latch.** By moving the safety fully upward you will block the firing mechanism of the pistol. Keep the safety on while not firing the pistol.

4. **Hammer Drop (Hammer Decocker).** This mechanism allows you to decock the hammer safely. The pistol remains ready to fire, in Double Action mode.

5. **Memory Pad.** Safe place for pad of trigger finger on frame. See page 14.

**WARNING**

The loaded chamber indicator should never be used as a substitute for visually checking or feeling for an empty chamber with your finger when “clearing” or emptying a pistol.
PISTOL AND REVOLVER SIZE AND SAFETY

The selection of a revolver versus a pistol as well as the size, caliber and magazine capacity of a handgun are personal choices. There are many choices to be made, and there are advantages and disadvantages for each. When selecting a pistol, size has safety implications because of the way pistols are loaded.

Generally speaking, smaller handguns may require more attention to be handled safely than medium or full-size handguns. This is because their small size makes it easier to point the muzzle at your hand or to “sweep” (swing the muzzle across your body) yourself in ordinary handling.

When chambering a round, we recommend pulling the slide to the rear by gripping the rear of the slide, with the muzzle pointed straight and away from your body and in a safe direction.

SAFE CARRY CONDITION

“Safe Carry Condition” is the most ready-to-fire condition that the user feels is reasonable under the circumstances. Generally, we believe that Taurus® pistols should be carried with a full magazine and an empty chamber. Under most circumstances, this provides the best balance of readiness and safety. On the plus side, if the chamber is empty, unintended discharges are minimized. However, the slide must be manipulated to load a round in the chamber. In emergency circumstances, this can be difficult to do safely and correctly.

If the user believes that he or she is faced with an increased threat, chambering a round is appropriate. For safety reasons, this should be done beforehand with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, your finger off the trigger and on the Memory Pad. If equipped, place the manual safety in the “safe” position. How do you know you may be going into a more dangerous situation? That depends. If, for example, you carry cash to deposit after a business closing, this may well qualify. If a domestic partner is actively threatening you, this may qualify as well.

“Safe Carry Condition” is a judgment call and must be made by the user. Some users routinely face greater threats than others. Users must be aware of their situation and circumstances. Errors in judgment can have dire and tragic outcomes if firearms are present.
CARRYING FIREARMS
Carrying a firearm can be dangerous. Carrying a firearm makes it more difficult to control the muzzle and makes it more likely that the firearm can be dropped or bumped causing the firearm to fire.

In almost all circumstances, it is safest to carry a handgun in a holster designed for that specific handgun. Carrying a handgun in a pocket without a specific designed In-Pocket Holster or a trigger shield or in a waist band without a belt clip is always a last choice. Carrying any handgun in a holster that fits the firearm and style of carry should prevent it from accidentally falling and you from losing control of the muzzle.

Except in rare high-threat circumstances, carry your pistol with a full magazine and an empty chamber. If the chamber is empty, the pistol cannot fire.

![WARNING - CARRYING]
Do not carry your firearm in any way that might let it fall or be bumped. If a firearm falls or is bumped, it may fire.

![WARNING - CARRYING]
Always review and follow the holster or luggage manufacturer’s instructions or the firearm may fall or be bumped and fire.

![WARNING - LOCKING]
Never lock a firearm with a round of ammunition in the chamber. Unlocking a loaded firearm makes it more difficult to maintain trigger discipline and to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

![WARNING]
Securing your firearm may inhibit access in a defensive situation and may result in injury or death.

![WARNING]
Failure to secure a firearm may result in injury or death. Properly securing a firearm means storing your firearm unloaded, decocked and securely locked, with all ammunition in a separate location.

FIREARMS STORAGE AND GUN LOCKS
How you secure your firearms is a personal choice based on the unique circumstances in your home, business or vehicle and the laws of the state where your firearm is located. Any choice you make about securing your firearms will present advantages and disadvantages. It is up to you to weigh those advantages and disadvantages and choose which security method is best for you and those around you.
**Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.**

### Get to Know Your Pistol

#### Front Sight

- SLIDE CATCH

#### Disassembly Latch

- DISASSEMBLY LATCH

#### Rear Sight

- REAR SIGHT

#### Magazine Release

- MAGAZINE RELEASE

#### Grip

- GRIP

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LOCKING DEVICE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING - LOCKING DEVICES

- Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction, including when you are installing or removing your locking device.
- Always verify that your firearm is completely unloaded (see page 17) before installing your locking device.
- Do not install locking devices in the trigger guard; always keep your fingers and locking device outside the trigger guard during device installation and removal.
- Store firearms, ammunition and keys separately and securely, away from children and careless adults; do not store your firearm with the keys in the locking device.
- Do not attempt to work the action of your firearm with the locking device in place; this may damage your firearm.
- While locking devices are an important aid to security measures, they are not a substitute for safe firearm handling and proper storage. Remember that any mechanical device can be bypassed with enough time, knowledge, determination and equipment.

LOCKING DEVICES MUST BE USED SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

It is important to use the locking device on your Taurus® firearm!
Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your fingers outside the trigger guard at all times during installation of the locking device!

To Install the Factory-Supplied Locking Device:
1. Remove the magazine from your pistol.
2. Open the action completely, and verify that the firearm is completely unloaded and contains no cartridges or cartridge cases! Use the slide stop to keep the action open during installation of the locking device.
3. Insert the cable directly in your pistol as shown in Figure 1.
4. To lock: With the key turned to the farthest clockwise position, insert the loose end of the cable into the lock. Turn the key counterclockwise and remove the key.
5. Once the lock is securely closed, pull firmly on the lock to test the connection and be sure it is locked. Do not leave or store your firearm with the key in the lock! Store your locked, unloaded firearm and the key in secure, separate locations, away from ammunition, children, and unauthorized adults.

WARNING
Never leave your keys in the lock when the lock is installed on the firearm.
WARNING - AMMUNITION AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Use only clean, dry factory-loaded ammunition. Old, damaged, wet or oily ammunition may fire at pressures higher than industry standard, causing injury to you and bystanders or damage to your pistol.

Do not use reloaded ammunition in your pistol. Its firing pressures are unknown and may well exceed industry standard, causing injury to you and bystanders or damage to your pistol.

Odd sounds are signs of trouble. If a round "does not sound right" when it goes off, stop firing right away. A bullet may be stuck in the barrel. Firing the pistol in this condition may cause pressures higher than industry standard, causing injury to you and bystanders or damage to your pistol.

If you hear any odd sounds when firing your pistol, stop firing, clear the pistol and "field strip" (or disassemble) the pistol in accordance with the procedures listed in this manual. Once the barrel is removed from the slide, look down the bore. If you do not see light, there is something stuck in the bore. Do not fire the pistol again, and take the pistol to a competent gunsmith or contact the Taurus® Service department at 800-327-3776.

WARNING - LEAD EXPOSURE

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to the state of California to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure with soap and cold water.

WARNING

"+P" ammunition can be dangerous. There is a detailed discussion about "+P" and "+P+" ammunition on page 20 of this manual. Until you have read that information, do not fire any ammunition marked "+P" in your pistol.

WARNING

Never fire ammunition marked "+P+" in your pistol. It does not comply with industry standards as to chamber pressures.

WARNING

It is DANGEROUS to fire "+P+" ammunition in any Taurus® firearm, and doing so may result in serious bodily injury or death. The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI) does not recognize any "+P+" ammunition at all. These loads operate at unknown pressures.

WARNING

Using the wrong ammunition in your pistol can result in serious bodily injury and damage to your pistol. Make certain the ammunition you load in the magazine is the same caliber as is marked on the pistol.

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Using the wrong ammunition in your pistol can result in serious bodily injury and damage to your pistol. Make certain the ammunition you load in the magazine is the same caliber as is marked on the pistol.
There are only four calibers that can carry a "+P" rating from SAAMI. They are 38 Special +P, 9mm Luger +P, 38 Super Automatic and 45 Automatic +P. There are no other SAAMI approved "+P" loads. Any ammunition in any other caliber marked "+P" is not SAAMI compliant, may be dangerous and should not be used.

Only fire SAAMI rated Plus P ("+P") ammunition in Taurus® models designated by Taurus for +P use as below. Firing +P ammunition in other Taurus products may be dangerous and can result in serious bodily injury or death.

Model 85 small-frame revolver in 38 Special.
Model 850 small-frame revolver in 38 Special.
Model 851 small-frame revolver in 38 Special.
Model 85 Polymer small-frame revolver in 38 Special.
Model 82 medium-frame revolver in 38 Special.
Model 817 compact frame (tracker) revolver in 38 Special.
All firearms chambered in 38 Super Automatic.
All firearms chambered in 45 Automatic (ACP).
All firearms chambered in 9mm Luger.

Even if your Taurus® firearm is rated for Plus-P ("+P") ammunition, such ammunition generates pressures significantly in excess of the pressures associated with standard ammunition. Such pressures may affect the useful life of the firearm or exceed the margin of safety built into many firearms. Unless you need +P ammunition, do not use it, particularly for practice.

FIREARMS ARE NOT ALL ALIKE
Many makes and models of firearms might LOOK nearly the same. However, they differ widely in design, operation, and in the location and function of various controls. You may access the Taurus® website at TaurusUSA.com to view and print manuals.

“JAMS”
Sometimes a cartridge or shell case may become “jammed” or stuck in the pistol. To clear the jam, (1) point the muzzle in a safe direction, (2) keep your finger off the trigger and on the Memory Pad, (3) remove the magazine, then (4) pull back the slide and lock it to the rear. The jammed cartridge or case can now be removed by shaking or picking it out.

The slide opens and shuts quickly while firing. Keep face and hands away from rear of slide. Hot brass is ejected quickly and can burn you. Always wear shooting glasses, hat with brim, and hearing protection.

If dropped or struck, the pistol may fire. Keep the chamber empty unless actually firing!

If dropped or struck the firearm should be inspected by a trained armorer/gunsmith for a complete function check. While the firearm was dropped or struck, mechanisms, including automatic safeties, may not function as intended resulting in accidental death or serious injury.
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. To remove the magazine, press the **magazine release button**, located near the **trigger guard**, with your thumb.

The Taurus 800 Series pistols have an ambidextrous magazine release, it can be activated by left or right hand.

2. To load the magazine, hold the **magazine** with one of your hands and with the other one insert the cartridges one at a time, pressing them down and to the rear. Insert the **magazine** into the pistol until it is held by the **magazine catch**. If the **magazine** is not correctly inserted into the pistol, it can fall out.

3. Hold the pistol with one hand keeping your finger away from the trigger and on the **memory pad**. With the other hand pull the **slide** backwards to its limit and release it. The **slide** will go forward under **recoil spring** pressure and will insert one cartridge in the chamber.

4. The pistol is now cocked and ready to fire by pulling the **trigger**. After firing, the **slide** will recoil from gas pressure and will eject the empty cartridge case and feed another cartridge into the chamber. The pistol will be ready to fire again. After the last round, the **slide** will remain in the open position held by the **slide catch**. In order to make it return to its rest position, press down on the **slide catch** just above the **left grip**.

5. If you want to stop shooting before firing the last cartridge of a magazine, decock the firearm immediately by moving the **safety** downward (a) and push the safety lever in the up (on) position (b).

**WARNING**

Taurus 800 Series pistols do not have a magazine disconnector “safety”. They are capable of firing with the magazine removed.
Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.

### Disassembly

1. Before disassembly always (1) Keep your finger off or the trigger and on the memory pad, (2) point the muzzle in a safe direction (3) remove the magazine by pressing the magazine release button (4) pulling the slide to the rear and locking back and (5) looking and feeling the magazine well and chamber to confirm the pistol is empty. An empty firearm cannot fire.

2. Hold the pistol according to figure 2A and with four fingers, keep the slide in its backward position approx. 1/8”. Simultaneously, with the other hand’s thumb and index finger, pull the disassembly latch down. Push the slide to its forward position before releasing the disassembly latch.

### Warning - Firing

The slide opens and shuts quickly while firing. Keep face and hands away from rear of slide. Hot brass is ejected quickly and can burn you. Always wear shooting glasses, hat with brim, and hearing protection.

### Warning - Any Gun May Fire if Dropped

If dropped or struck, the pistol may fire. Keep the chamber empty unless actually firing!

### Warning

Always wear eye protection that is specified for use with firearms (ANSI Z87.1+) every time you handle your firearm for cleaning and maintenance.

### Warning - Firing

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.
3. Remove the slide from the frame.

4. Release slide spring assembly from its position on the bottom of the barrel.

5. Remove the barrel from the slide by pulling to the front and up.

A) Use a punch to press in on magazine spring seat/clip.

B) Slide the magazine floor plate toward the front of the magazine according Position 1 and 2.

C) Withdraw magazine spring plate and magazine spring from magazine body. Turn magazine upside down and remove magazine follower.

D) Assemble in reverse order.

WARNING
Please take care to prevent the forcible ejection of the slide spring assembly plate and compressed slide spring assembly.

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WARNING
Always wear eye protection that is specified for use with firearms (ANSI Z87.1+) every time you handle your firearm for cleaning and maintenance.
BACKSTRAP DISASSEMBLY

The main function of the backstrap is to assure the users comfortability to reach the trigger in the proper position for a correct trigger press. There are three backstrap sizes available, with easy replacement, according to the instructions below:

A) REMOVAL: using the pin-extractor (included in packing), move the backstrap pin away from the grip. After that, remove the backstrap, pulling it towards the bottom.

B) REPLACEMENT: to assemble the backstrap, adjust it to the grip and insert the pin. A tool can be used to make the assembling process easier.

MAGAZINE IS REMOVED AND THE PISTOL IS CLEAR.

WARNING

No further disassembly is recommended unless done by a skilled gunsmith.

ASSEMBLY

In order to reassemble the pistol, proceed by reversing the disassembly procedure:

1. Replace the barrel in the slide pushing it to the rearward position (1a). Insert the spring/guide rod sub-assembly into the slide over the barrel (1b).

2. The slide should be mounted on the frame and pulled fully to the rear and the slide catch must be moved upward to hold the slide to the rear.

3. You should cycle the slide several times, with no magazine inserted and an empty chamber, to insure that the barrel/slide/frame relationship is correct.
CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The firearm may be cleaned and lubricated under normal conditions with the disassembly steps described in pages 25.

In order to keep a firearm safe to use, it must be kept clean and covered with a light film of good quality oil to prevent corrosion. The barrel bore should be cleaned and left free of debris.

For normal cleaning, rub the pistol with a lightly oiled cloth. In the same way, proceed with the bore of the barrel. Excess oil should be removed. Dust should be removed from all crevices with a small clean brush.

Please note that a firearm with laser should not be cleaned in a well or supersonic machine that submerges the firearm as this can damage the laser system.

WARNING

Before cleaning, (1) point the muzzle in a safe direction, (2) keep your finger off the trigger and on the memory pad, (3) remove the magazine, then (4) pull back the slide and lock it to the rear.

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**Taurus® Service Policy**

Should your firearm require adjustment or repair contact our Customer Care department at 800-327-3776.

Please follow these suggestions to expedite service in the United States to return any firearm to us for adjustment or repair.

1. **Federal law permits you to return your firearm to the manufacturer for service via common carriers.** However, state and local firearms laws vary greatly; you should consult your local prosecuting attorney regarding any restrictive laws in your jurisdiction regarding your shipment or receipt of firearms. With the above in mind, it is strongly recommended that any firearm sent to us for repair be sent through a federally licensed dealer.

2. **All firearms must be shipped to us prepaid. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT COLLECT SHIPMENTS.**

3. Be sure to enclose a letter stating your name, address and telephone number as well as serial number, caliber and barrel length of your firearm. Also state the nature of trouble experienced or work required. Merely stating “defective” or “repair as necessary” is inadequate information. Be specific and enclose copies of any previous correspondence. Work (other than warranty repair) will bear minimum labor charge of $35.00.

4. **Firearms MUST BE SHIPPED UNLOADED.** Double check the chambers of your firearm before shipping. If firearms are sent to Taurus in a loaded condition, we are required by law to notify the Federal authorities.

5. **DO NOT include telescopic sights, custom grips, holsters, or other accessories with any firearm shipped to us.**
PARTS

Firearms require periodic maintenance, inspection, adjustment and repair. If your pistol has a malfunction, be safe. Stop firing, “clear” and unload the pistol and take it to a competent gunsmith. Before shooting it again, contact our Customer Care department if you have any questions.

If water, sand, or other foreign matter gets in your pistol, field strip it (see pages 25-26) and thoroughly clean it. Failure to keep your firearm clean and in proper working order can be dangerous.

Our Customer Care department maintains a full stock of replacement parts for current Taurus firearms. Even though most gunsmiths have the knowledge, training and ability to make the necessary repairs to your firearm, the skill and workmanship of any particular gunsmith is totally beyond our control. Should your firearm require service, return it to our Customer Care department. Please refer to Repair Policy on the TaurusUSA.com website for information on the policy and shipping, or call 800-327-3776.

Remember, unauthorized adjustments or parts replacement can void your warranty. If you choose to have someone else do the required work, the purchaser and/or installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and function of the firearm.
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