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 the function, cleaning, and care of the firearm, the manual contains instructions that will be very helpful in shooting. The most important rule of safe firearm 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.

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### WARNING

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.

- Available in .38 Special
- Single action / double action or double action only
- Soft rubber grip
- 6 rounds
- Matte black, stainless and anodized colors
Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.

SIGNAL WORDS AS DEFINED BY ANSI Z535.6 AND Z535.4 STANDARDS.

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to physical injury.
FIREARMS SAFETY

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.

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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 of 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) opening the cylinder by pressing the thumb piece and completely swinging out the cylinder, and (4) looking and feeling each chamber to confirm the revolver is empty.

FIREARMS SAFETY SYSTEMS
Firearms safety is supported by a system. With your revolver, the system is made up of the following:

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.

Revolver Be sure the firearm is completely unloaded and contains no cartridges or cartridge cases. With the thumb of the right hand push the thumb piece forward. Then press on the cylinder to swing it to the left. Visually check that all six (6) chambers are empty.

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.

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 or others in ordinary handling.

When loading the cylinder keep the muzzle pointed 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 Taurus revolvers should be carried with an empty chamber under the hammer. Under most circumstances, this provides the best balance of readiness and safety.

“Safe Carry Condition” is a judgment call and must be made by the user. Some users routinely face greater threats than others. User’s must be aware of their situation and circumstances. Errors in judgment can have dire and tragic outcomes if firearms are present.
Carrying a firearm can be dangerous and puts great responsibility on the person in possession of the firearm. Carrying or handling a firearm makes it more difficult to maintain control over the muzzle and makes it more likely that the firearm may be dropped or bumped, resulting in the firearm discharging. There are advantages and disadvantages to various methods of carrying any firearm. Educate yourself and choose which carry method is best for you and those around you.

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 or in a waistband is always a last choice. Carrying any handgun in a holster that fits the firearm should prevent it from accidentally falling and you from losing control of the muzzle. Generally, we believe Taurus revolvers should be carried with an empty chamber under the hammer. Under most circumstances, this provides the best balance of readiness and safety.

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.

If the trigger is held to the rear, the gun can fire if the hammer strikes the transfer bar. Note that it need not be any deliberate effort to pull the trigger. Any situation where the trigger attains its rearward position and permits the transfer bar to be interposed between the hammer and the firing pin can cause the cartridge under the firing pin to discharge. Never drop or strike the revolver. Cocked or uncocked. Carry and handle the revolver in such a manner that the hammer and trigger will not be struck.

Never lock a firearm with a round of ammunition under the hammer. Unlocking a loaded firearm makes it more difficult to maintain trigger discipline and to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

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

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.

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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 20) 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. Be sure the firearm is completely unloaded and contains no cartridges or cartridge cases.
2. Depress Thumb Piece. Completely swing out the cylinder.
3. Feed the cable portion of the cable lock through the barrel (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.
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**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 revolver.

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

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 revolver in this condition may cause pressures higher than industry standard, causing injury to you and bystanders or damage to your revolver.

If you hear any odd sounds when firing your revolver, stop firing, and unload the revolver in accordance with the procedure in this manual. Once unloaded and all cylinders are empty and clear, with the cylinder open, inspect the bore. If you don’t see light, there is something stuck in the bore. Do not fire the revolver again and take the revolver to a qualified gunsmith or contact the Taurus® Service Department at 800-327-3776.

**WARNING - LEAD AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL EXPOSURE**

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, handling, and/or cleaning firearms or handling ammunition can expose you to chemicals including lead which is known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure with soap and water.

**WARNING**

“+P” ammunition can be dangerous. There is a detailed discussion about “+P” and “+P+” ammunition on page 18 of this manual. Until you have read that information, do not fire any ammunition marked “+P” in your revolver.

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

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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 856 revolvers 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.

NOTICE

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.

NOTICE

You can use .38 Special ammunition in all Taurus® revolvers chambered for .357 Magnum; .44 Special ammunition in Taurus revolvers chambered for .44 Magnum and .45 Long Colt in Taurus revolvers chambered for .454 Casull. It is important to note that these are the only caliber substitutions that will function. Attempting to substitute other calibers can damage your firearm and may result in accidental death or serious injury.

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.

WARNING

If dropped or struck, the revolver may fire. Keep the cylinder empty unless actually firing!

WARNING

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.

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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Taurus 856 revolvers have a swing out type cylinder with six (6) chambers, turning around a central axis which allows you to fire six shots. When the cylinder is locked in position, the revolver is ready for firing. The shots may be fired by single action (by cocking the hammer and thereafter, pulling the trigger) or by double action (by merely pulling the trigger). The 856CH models can only be fired in double action.

Firing the revolver in both single and double action causes the cylinder to advance, aligning in succession, each of the chambers with the barrel. The cadence of shooting is limited by the shooters skill in loading the cylinder and their ability in safely operating the gun.

LOADING THE CYLINDER

With the thumb of the right hand, push the thumb piece forward. Then press on the cylinder to swing it to the left (Fig.1). Holding the gun with the muzzle pointing downward and in a safe direction, and the cylinder in its outermost position insert the cartridges (Fig.2).

Once loaded, the cylinder must be closed again to its original position in the frame. After this the locking must be checked. To unload the revolver, the process is the same as to load it, but after opening, the barrel is pointed upward and in a safe direction.

Cartridges are then ejected by pressing sharply on the extractor rod. Be sure that all fired cartridges are ejected. The cylinder is now ready to be reloaded (Fig.3).

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and finger off the trigger.

CAUTION

Spent cases will be hot and may have sharp edges. Exercise caution when removing the cases or injury may occur.

WARNING - FIRING

When firing any revolver be sure all persons are a safe distance to the rear of the shooter. When fired, all revolvers discharge hot gas and particles through the clearance gap between the cylinder and rear of the barrel during normal use.

When firing any revolver always be certain that nothing including your hands, fingers, and any body parts are not in the path of hot gases and particles which are discharged from the front and sides of the cylinder.

HOT GASES EXIT BARREL/CYLINDER GAP
CARE AND MAINTENANCE

WARNING

Before cleaning, (1) keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, (2) keep your finger off the trigger, (3) depress the thumb piece and completely swing out the cylinder, (4) ensure the firearm is completely unloaded by looking and feeling each chamber.

The firearm may be cleaned and lubricated under normal conditions without any disassembly steps. For Optimal performance, we recommend you clean and lubricate your firearm for at least every 200 rounds fired through the firearm for optimal performance. At the same time check for any lose screws or pins. Tighten the screws and press pins back in as needed.

To keep a firearm safe and in good working condition, it must be kept clean and covered with a light film of good quality gun oil to prevent corrosion. The barrel bore should be cleaned and left free of debris. Follow these steps:

- Remove excessive firing residue from the bore and chamber using a properly fitted brass brush dipped in a gun cleaning solvent. Finish the bore cleaning process by running a dry cotton cloth patch through the bore to remove remaining residue and solvent.
- Clean the exterior of the firearm, slide and rails using a non abrasive cleaning cloth. Remove dust and residue from small crevices using a small brush.
- Lubricate the frame rails and barrel lockup points
- After cleaning, rub the revolver with a lightly oiled cloth.

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.
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**PART LIST**

1. CYLINDER ASSEMBLY
2. CYLINDER DISTANCE BUSHING
3. CENTER PIN
4. CENTER PIN SPRING
5. EXTRACTOR SPRING
6. EXTRACTOR ROD COLLAR
7. YOKE
8. FRONT LATCH
9. FRONT LATCH SPRING
10. EXTRACTOR ROD
11. EXTRACTOR ROD SPRING
12. FRONT LATCH PIN
13. PLunger SPRING
14. CYLINDER STOP PLunger
15. GRIP PIN
16. RUBBER GRIP
17. FIRING PIN
18. FIRING PIN RETAINING PIN
19. FIRING PIN SPRING
20. THUMB PIECE
21. THUMB PIECE SCREW
22. FRAME
23. BARREL
24. THREADED INSERT
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34. MAIN SPRING ASSEMBLY
35. HAND SPRING
36. HAND PIN
37. TRIGGER SPRING ASSEMBLY
38. BOLT SPRING
39. SIGHT
40. SIGHT PIN
TAURUS SERVICE
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. Warranty Service: If your product is covered under the Taurus® Limited Lifetime Warranty (https://warranty.taurususa.com) or was manufactured prior to January 1, 2017, you must contact Taurus to receive warranty service. You may contact Taurus by calling 800-327-3776, logging onto https://taurususa.com, or in writing: Taurus, Attn: Warranty Service, 100 Taurus Way, Bainbridge, GA 39817. Please include a description of the claimed defect, along with your name, address, telephone number, model and serial number of your firearm, proof of purchase, and date of purchase.

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 revolver has a malfunction, be safe. Stop firing, “clear” and unload the revolver and take it to a qualified 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 revolver, field strip it (see page 20) 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.

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.
TAURUS® LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Taurus hereby provides the following LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY, to the original purchaser of the enclosed Taurus® firearm subject to the terms and conditions set forth below. THIS IS THE ONLY WARRANTY EXTENDED BY TAURUS COVERING THIS FIREARM.

What does the warranty cover and what is its duration?

Taurus warrants to the original purchaser that the enclosed firearm was made free of defects in material, function, and workmanship. Taurus promises to remedy any defect in material, function or workmanship for the entire time that the original purchaser owns the firearm. This warranty covers the firearm’s finish, grips, magazines, sights or accessories for the first year. Any claims of defect related to lasers must be directed to the manufacturer of the laser. This warranty terminates automatically upon the transfer of this firearm to any individual or entity other than the original purchaser.

Disclaimer and Limitation of Remedy.

ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY IMPARTED BY STATE LAW WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE (1) YEAR.

Some States do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above-limitation may not apply to you.

ANY AND ALL INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Some States do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from State to State.

Taurus will not be responsible for:

1. Defects or malfunctions resulting from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments or modifications.
2. Use of defective or improper ammunition, reloaded ammunition, corrosion, neglect, abuse, ordinary wear and tear or unreasonable use.
3. Criminal misuse, negligence or use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

How do you obtain warranty service?

The warranty becomes effective only if activated by the original purchaser within thirty (30) days of the purchase date by registering online at: https://warranty.taurususa.com or by calling Taurus at 800-327-3776.

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IMPORTANT
DO NOT DISCARD

KEEP THIS MANUAL WITH THE FIREARM UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

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