

INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR



RUGER® RED LABEL™ III



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State-By-State Warnings

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California:

WARNING

“Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users. California has strict laws pertaining to firearms, and you may be fined or imprisoned if you fail to comply with them. Visit the Web site of the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> for information on firearm laws applicable to you and how you can comply.

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.

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, please call the national suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).”

ADVERTENCIA

“Las armas de fuego deben manipularse de manera responsable y segura para evitar el acceso de niños y otros usuarios no autorizados. California tiene leyes estrictas relacionadas con armas de fuego, y usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si no las cumple. Visite el sitio web del Procurador General de California en <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> para obtener información sobre las leyes de armas de fuego que le son aplicables y cómo puede cumplirlas.

A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las 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 o enviarlo a la cárcel.

Si usted o alguien que conoce está pensando en suicidarse, llame a la línea nacional de prevención del suicidio al 1-800-273-TALK (8255).”

Connecticut:

“UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE.”

Florida:

“IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND.”

Massachusetts:

“IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER-RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER.”

New Jersey:

“IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND IMPRISONMENT, FOR AN ADULT TO LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR.”

New York:

“THE USE OF A LOCKING DEVICE OR SAFETY LOCK IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF RESPONSIBLE FIREARM STORAGE. FOR INCREASED SAFETY, FIREARMS SHOULD BE STORED UNLOADED AND LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH SEPARATE FROM THEIR AMMUNITION AND INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.”

North Carolina:

“Any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parents or a person having charge of the minor and the minor:

- (1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14-269.2(b);
- (2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner;
- (3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense; or
- (4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.”

Washington:

“(i) CAUTION: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal law and state law on the possession of firearms differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm, you may be prosecuted in federal court. State permission to purchase a firearm is not a defense to a federal prosecution;

(ii) CAUTION: The presence of a firearm in the home has been associated with an increased risk of death to self and others, including an increased risk of suicide, death during domestic violence incidents, and unintentional deaths to children and others.”

Wisconsin:

“IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES, OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM.”

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Please check with your licensed retailer or state police for additional warnings which may be required by local law or regulation. Such regulations change constantly, and local authorities are in the best position to advise you on such legal matters.

FIREARMS SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

**SAFETY MUST BE THE FIRST AND CONSTANT
CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HANDLES
FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.**

This instruction manual is designed to assist you in learning how to use and care for your RUGER® RED LABEL™ III SHOTGUN properly. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Only when you are certain you fully understand the manual and can properly carry out its instructions should you practice loading, unloading, etc. with live ammunition. If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use a particular type of firearm safely, you should seek supervised instruction. Such personalized instruction often is available from local firearm retailers, firearm clubs or police departments. If none of these sources can help, visit nra.org to obtain information about where you can receive training.

The person possessing a firearm has a full-time job. You cannot guess; you cannot forget. You must know how to use your firearm safely. **Do not use any firearm without having a complete understanding of its particular characteristics and safe use.** Remember: There is no such thing as a foolproof firearm.

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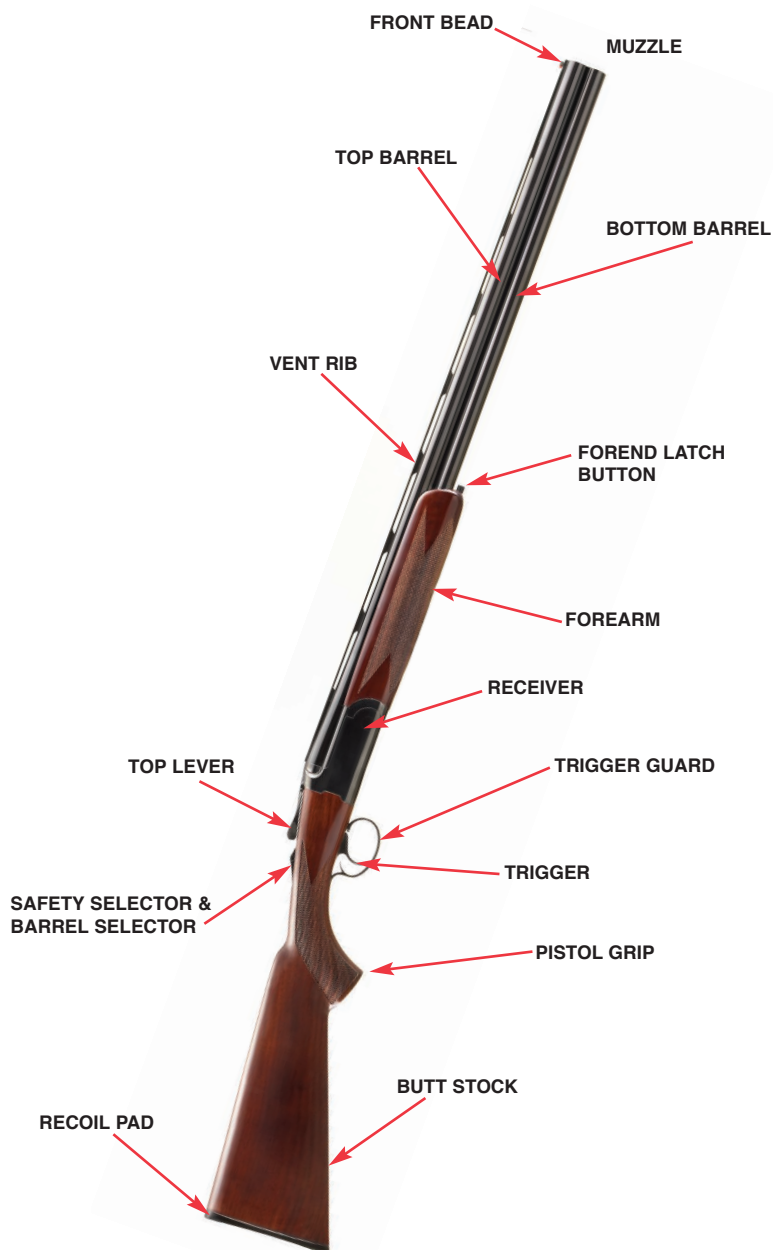
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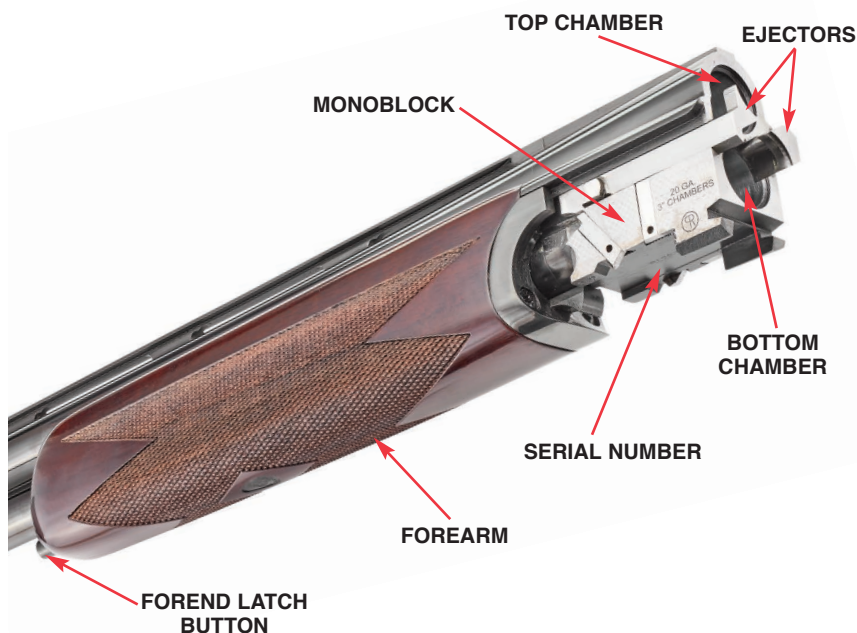
STOCK/RECEIVER ASSEMBLY

Figure 2



BARREL/FOREND ASSEMBLY

Figure 3



LOCKING DEVICE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING – USE OF LOCKING DEVICES



**Do not store keys
in lock.**

- 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 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 Ruger® firearm when the firearm is stored or immediate use is not planned.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your fingers outside the trigger guard at all times!

To Install the Factory-Supplied Locking Device:

1. Push the top lever to the right. Open the firearm by pivoting the end of the barrels downward. **Check both chambers to be sure that the firearm is UNLOADED.** Afterwards, close the firearm.

2. Press the forend latch button and separate the forend assembly from the barrels. (See Figure 4.) **NOTE:** With the forend assembly removed, the barrel assembly and receiver assembly can be separated. Take care to ensure that both assemblies are held securely.



3. Push the top lever to the right. Open the firearm by pivoting the end of the barrels downward. Lift the barrel assembly off the trunions of the receiver.
4. Replace the forend assembly onto the barrel assembly by sliding it over the rear of the ejectors. Align the forend latch hook with the forend latch lever and snap them together.
5. Insert the portion of the cable that fits into the lock body into the rear of the top or bottom barrel and feed it down the bore until it protrudes from the muzzle. See Figure 5.

Figure 5



Correct installation of the lock on a RUGER® RED LABEL™ III shotgun.

6. 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 it from the lock.
7. 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.

FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS
IN THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY
BEFORE USE.**

	WARNING - ALTERATIONS
	This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or substitute parts or accessories not made or sold by Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc. DO NOT ALTER ANY FIREARM

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The RUGER® RED LABEL™ III is a 20 gauge, double-barreled shotgun that comes in a 28" or 30" barrel. All current models come with "screw-in" choke tubes of various degrees of choke. RED LABEL™ III over/under shotguns are manufactured by the Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Company and feature a narrow round action, walnut stock with 24 LPI checkering, butt plate, single selective trigger, automatic ejectors, safety, ventilated rib, and pistol grip stock. All models use and ship with five "screw-in" choke tubes.

THE SAFETY MECHANISMS

The trigger mechanism includes a ***trigger disconnect*** which disconnects the trigger from the sear. A complete release of the trigger is necessary to set the firearm for firing the second shot.

A barrel selector is located in the middle of the safety thumbpiece. Pushing the barrel selector to the left will expose a single red dot. This indicates that the bottom barrel has been selected to fire first. Pushing the barrel selector to the right will expose two red dots. This indicates that the top barrel has been selected to fire first.

Under recoil, an inertia weight pivots to the rear and pulls the sear selector out of engagement with the sears. The sear selector is inoperative until the inertia weight as it returns it switches from one side to the other side to its forward position engaging the second hammer sear. In test firing on empty chambers (not recommended) or snap caps the second pull will not function unless recoil is simulated to the stock.

The **hammers** are of the rebounding type. After firing, they move back from the firing pins enough to clear them and are held in this position by the mainspring. The rebound position of the hammers means that their cocking motion is not started until after the barrels are partially opened, and this contributes materially to the easy opening of the firearm. The hammers cannot fall completely forward to reach the firing pins unless the locking bolt, which lies directly ahead of them, is in its forward position when the barrels are locked shut in the frame.

THE BARREL ASSEMBLY

The **barrels** are silver brazed to the monobloc at the chamber portion of the barrel. The ventilated rib is securely silver brazed to the top barrel and machinecut cross serrations in the top surface of the rib provide a matte, glare-free sighting plane. The front sight is a standard bead.

The **trunnions** (on which the barrels pivot) are mounted high, close to the centerline of the lower barrel, and are integral with the receiver.

When the **barrel assembly** is rotated and closed into the receiver, the monoblock pushes a button located in the upper portion of the breach face of the receiver. This releases the top lever, which then rotates toward the center. The movement of the top lever forces the locking bolt forward. The wedge shape of the locking bolt engages the sloped lugs on the monoblock, creating a zero-backlash connection between the barrel assembly and the receiver.

The **automatic ejectors** assemble to the monobloc simply, without retaining pins or screws. The **ejector sears** are pivoted on integral studs in the forend iron.

THE WOOD

The stock and forearm are made from first quality straight-grain walnut, fully seasoned, with deep-cut checkering of 24 lines/inch. All wood surfaces are sealed with a satin weather resistant finish.

Provision is made in the stock for the **through-bolt** system of attachment, which is strong and simple. The rear ends of the tangs interlock with the wood and the forward end of the stock is tenoned into recesses in the receiver to provide maximum strength and resistance to splitting or loosening.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The top lever and its massive pivot are one integral component directly engaged with the locking bolt both on opening and closing motions. The lever and the locking bolt are driven to the closed position by the top lever spring which, through its strut, retains the top lever in the firearm. The **RED LABEL™ III** shotgun has been engineered to minimize the force required for cocking through a patented “easy opening” system.

ASSEMBLING THE SHOTGUN

The RUGER® RED LABEL III is shipped partially disassembled. To assemble, proceed as follows:

1. After unwrapping the barrel/forend assembly and receiver/stock assembly, wipe excess rust preventative oil from the monoblock and inside surfaces of the receiver. Swab the bores with a clean cloth patch on a cleaning rod to remove any excess oil.

Do not attempt to attach barrel assembly to receiver with the forend assembly attached!

2. To separate the forend assembly from the barrel assembly (See Figure 9):



- a. Unlatch the forend assembly by pushing in and holding the forend latch button.
- b. While pressing in the forend latch button, carefully pull down on the tip of the forearm until slight resistance is felt - APPLICATION OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AT THIS POINT CAN RESULT IN BREAKAGE!
- c. While holding the forearm tip away from the barrels, carefully pull the forend assembly toward the muzzle and remove it from the barrel assembly.

CAUTION! Before assembling the **RED LABEL III** shotgun, always ensure the top lever is fully pushed to the right into the locked-open position before installing the barrel assembly. Failure to do so will prevent proper assembly and may damage your firearm!

3. To attach the barrel assembly to the receiver, hold the stock by the pistol grip in one hand as shown in Figure 10. Make sure the top lever is opened to the right in order to accept the barrel assembly. Hold the barrel assembly in the other hand. Lower the barrel assembly into the receiver and engage the integral trunnions in the receiver with the corresponding recesses at the front end of the monobloc.



Figure 10

NOTE: Before closing the firearm, be sure the small cams on the outer surfaces of the ejectors engage the ejector cam slots inside the front end of the receiver (see Figure 11). *Failure to properly align the ejector cams and cam slots may damage your firearm. Always ensure these parts are properly aligned before attempting to close the action.*

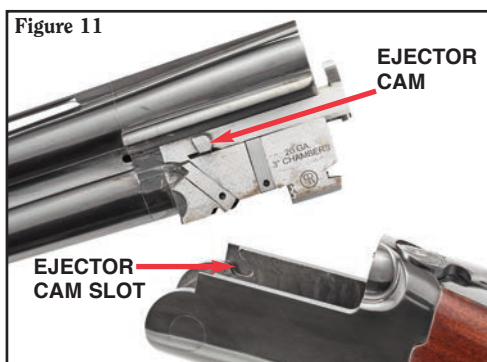
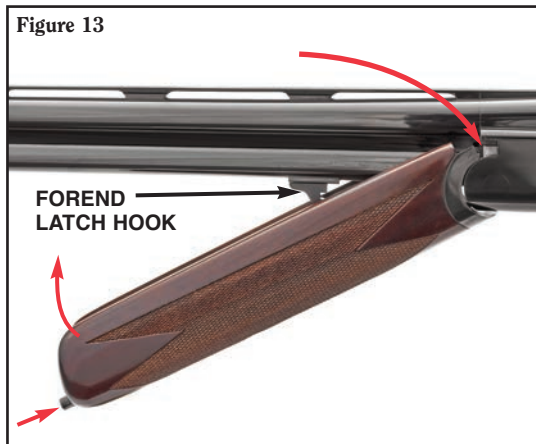


Figure 11

4. Swiftly swing the muzzle end of the barrel assembly upward, pivoting the rear end of the monobloc downward to seat in the receiver as shown in Figure 12. The barrel assembly is seated and locked into the receiver when the top lever returns to the center position. In new firearms, the top lever will be slightly to the right of the center to allow for wear during the life of the firearm.



5. Place the rear end of the forend assembly over the ends of the ejectors as shown in Figure 13. Swing the front end of the forearm upward until the forend latch button catches the forend latch hook on the underside of the lower barrel and the forend assembly snaps into its locked position.



OPERATION OF SAFETY

The RUGER® RED LABEL™ III features a barrel selector in the middle of the safety selector to allow users to choose which barrel fires first.

The safety selector can be moved from the “FIRE” position to the “SAFE” position whether or not the mechanism is cocked. Fully opening the shotgun cocks the mechanism. The action can be opened with the safety selector in the “SAFE” position.

Whenever the action is opened, the safety selector is automatically moved rearward to the “SAFE” position. The word “SAFE” is visible forward of the safety selector on the top surface of the receiver. If the safety selector is moved forward to cover the word “SAFE,” the safety is in the “FIRE” position. It remains in that position until moved back to the “SAFE” position manually, or until the action is opened again.

Keep the safety in the “SAFE” position, unless actually firing!

SAFETY/BARREL SELECTOR POSITIONS



When the Safety is Engaged:

Figure 14 shows when the safety selector is in the “SAFE” position. The barrel selector can be in either position when the safety is engaged. Note that the barrel selector can be changed when the safety is in either the “SAFE” or “FIRE” position.

To Fire the Bottom Barrel First: Push the barrel selector to the left side. A single red dot will be exposed on the right side of the barrel selector, indicating that the bottom barrel has been selected. Now move the safety selector forward to the “FIRE” position (Figure 15). Pulling the trigger will cause the bottom barrel to fire first – a second pull of the trigger will fire the top barrel.



To Fire the Top Barrel First: Push the barrel selector to the right side. Two red dots will be exposed on the left side of the barrel selector, indicating that the top barrel has been selected. Now move the safety selector forward to the “FIRE” position (Figure 16). Pulling the trigger will cause the top barrel to fire first – a second pull of the trigger fires the bottom barrel.



WARNING:

- **DO NOT PLACE YOUR FINGER INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD when manipulating the safety selector.**
- **Whenever the safety selector is in the “FIRE” position, the shotgun can fire.**

Practice (with an unloaded shotgun) moving the barrel selector from the left to the right. Then the safety selector from “SAFE” to “FIRE” and back to “SAFE.”

Know these positions thoroughly.

NOTE: If the safety selector seems to move too easily or if the safety selector does not seem firmly positioned in any of its three positions, the shotgun should be discontinued from use and contact Customer Service at (336)-949-5200.

The safety selector should unfailingly be moved to the “SAFE” position when the firearm user ceases firing, even for a moment.



WARNING – SAFETY SELECTOR



“SAFE”
BOTTOM
BARREL



“SAFE”
TOP
BARREL



“FIRE”
BOTTOM
BARREL
FIRST



“FIRE”
TOP
BARREL
FIRST

- Keep the safety selector in the “SAFE” position unless actually firing.
- Always move the safety fully to its intended position and check it.
- Never depend on a safety mechanism or any other mechanical device to justify careless handling or permitting the shotgun to point in an unsafe direction.
- The only “safe” firearm is one in which the action is open and the chambers are empty.

**KNOW HOW TO USE
THE SAFETY**

USE OF SCREW-IN CHOKE TUBES

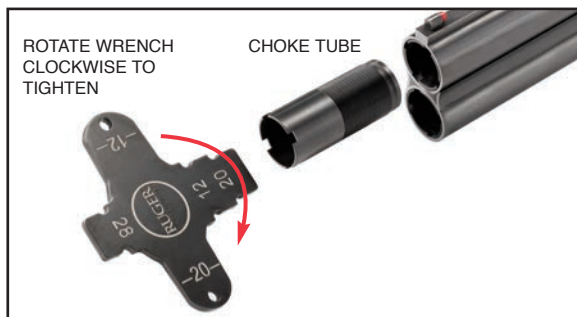
Your RUGER® RED LABEL™ III shotgun is shipped from the factory with screw-in choke tubes installed. They are stamped on the side either "FULL," "IM" for IMPROVED MODIFIED, MODIFIED, "IC" for IMPROVED CYLINDER and "SK1" for SKEET. Choke tubes designed for use in previous versions of the Ruger Red Label shotgun are not compatible with the RED LABEL™ III, and attempting to use an incompatible choke tube may result in damage to the firearm or choke tube, or injury to the user and bystanders. **Be sure you use only the correct choke tubes.**

Before removing or installing screw-in choke tubes, make sure the shotgun is unloaded! Either open the action or dismount the barrel assembly completely from the receiver/stock assembly.

To remove the screw-in choke tubes, insert the side of the wrench that reads "20" into the choke tube and rotate it counterclockwise until it is completely free of the threads. Once fully unscrewed, the choke tube can be removed from the barrel by pulling it away from the muzzle.

To install screw-in choke tubes:

1. Lightly coat the threads of both the barrel and the desired choke tube with good quality firearm oil.
2. Carefully start the choke tube into the barrel threads by hand, taking care that the choke tube does not cross-thread.
3. Use the choke wrench (supplied), to lightly tighten the choke tube into the barrel.
4. Stop when the choke tube is fully bottomed into its recess in the barrel.
5. Remove the choke wrench from the barrel after tightening.



NOTE: The choke tubes may protrude slightly from the muzzle when fully seated. This is normal and helps protect the muzzle of the barrel from damage.

To minimize the possibility of damage to the screw-in choke tube and the barrel threads, it is recommended that a choke tube be kept correctly tightened into both barrels at all times, including during firing, storage, and cleaning.

Cleaning the barrels without the choke tubes in place can push dirt and other fouling into the barrel threads. This can prevent the choke tubes from properly seating and may damage the threads.

Rifled Slugs — Do not fire slugs unless the Open (Skeet) choke tube is installed (see "Warning – Screw-In Chokes," p. 21).

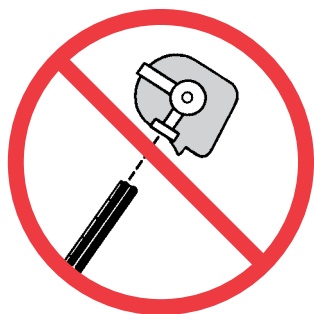
A general rule of thumb is that if the choke inserts screw in significantly below flush with the muzzle, or if the chokes stick more than slightly out of the muzzle when completely tightened, you are using the wrong choke tubes or the choke tubes are not properly installed!

Never fire the shotgun without the screw-in choke inserts in place. Doing so will cause an erratic shot pattern and may irreversibly damage the threads in the barrel.

Do not attempt to use screw-in chokes of any other make or manufacture in Ruger shotguns. They will not function properly.



WARNING – SCREW-IN CHOKE TUBES



- **Do not peer directly into the shotgun muzzles!** This is dangerous and unnecessary.
- Do not change choke tubes in a loaded shotgun, regardless of the position of the safety.
- Never fire the shotgun if the screw-in choke tubes are not fully and tightly bottomed into the barrel threads, or if the choke tubes are improperly installed or “cross-threaded,” or if the threads of either the barrel or the choke tube are damaged. Under these conditions, the barrel will be damaged and the screw-in choke tubes can be propelled out of the muzzle with great velocity when the firearm is fired, with resultant risks of property damage or injury to the shooter or bystanders.

**DO NOT PEER INTO MUZZLES
OR CHANGE TUBES ON A
LOADED SHOTGUN**

AMMUNITION

The RUGER® RED LABEL™ III has a 3" chamber and may be used with standard factory 2 3/4" and 3" shot shells loaded in accordance with U.S. Industry, NATO, SAAMI, or CIP standards. This shotgun is intended for use only with standard ammunition of the proper gauge and loading. Use of incorrect ammunition can destroy any firearm and result in serious injury to the shooter or bystanders.

		WARNING – AMMUNITION
	Use only new, factory ammunition of the correct gauge. Death, serious injury, and damage can result from the wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads or incorrect shell components. Even the strongest firearm can be blown up by excess pressure. <u>Always</u> wear shooting glasses and hearing protection.	
		IMPROPER AMMUNITION DESTROYS FIREARMS

AMMUNITION (SHOTGUN SHELLS) NOTICE

WE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY WHATSOEVER OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, OR AS A RESULT OF, THE USE IN ANY RUGER FIREARM OF FAULTY, NON-STANDARD, "REMANUFACTURED," OR HAND-LOADED (RELOADED) AMMUNITION, OR OF SHOTGUN SHELLS OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THE FIREARM WAS ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED.

		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.	
	SHOOTING OR CLEANING FIREARMS MAY EXPOSE YOU TO LEAD	

STEEL SHOT

All 2 3/4" and 3" steel shot loads loaded to current U.S. industry specifications can be used in currently manufactured Ruger shotguns equipped with screw-in chokes. As we have no control over the manufacture of ammunition which may be introduced in the future, we cannot be responsible for damage caused by steel shot loads.

We do not recommend *any* of our shotguns for use with *reloads* of any kind.

OPERATION OF THE SHOTGUN

Always check to be sure the firearm is unloaded before handling, "dry-firing," take-down, cleaning, or storage.

Every RUGER® RED LABEL™ III is inspected before shipment to ensure that it conforms to our standards for finish and performance. WE ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ITS INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. No mechanism can prevent injury caused by careless or thoughtless handling of a loaded firearm.

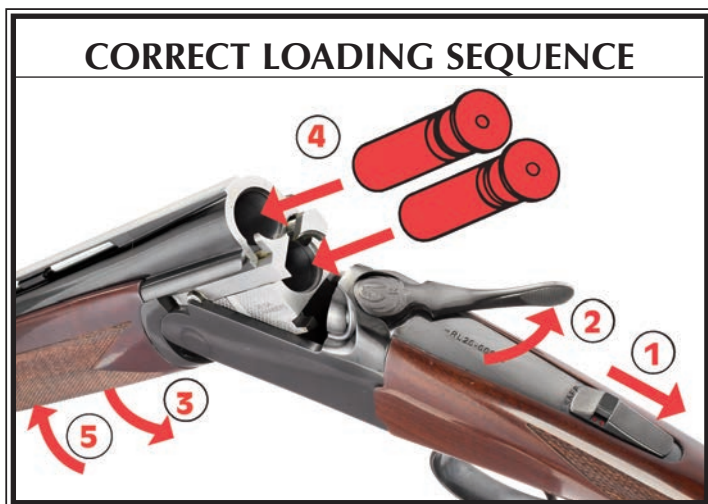


CAUTION: A FIREARM CONTAINING MODIFIED, BROKEN, MALFUNCTIONING, OR BADLY WORN PARTS SHOULD NOT BE LOADED OR FIRED.

TO LOAD AND FIRE

Practice the important aspects of firearm handling described below, with an unloaded firearm, until you can perform each of the steps with skill and confidence. But before loading the shotgun, please read completely through this manual, and be certain the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction at all times. **Do not load the shotgun until you are ready to use it!**

1. With the firearm assembled, move the top lever completely to the right and open the action completely. If the firearm is uncocked or fired, the ejectors will snap rearward with a "click" to their extended position. **Make sure that the safety is moved rearward to the "SAFE" position, (see Figure 14, p. 18).**
2. Look through the barrels from the rear to be sure that both barrels are completely free from any obstruction (See Rule 4, p. 40).
3. With the firearm opened, insert a shot shell of the proper gauge in each chamber.
4. Close the action and check to be sure it is securely locked and that the top lever has moved fully to its centered position. **Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and be sure the safety selector is in its rearward (SAFE) position, and the stamped "SAFE" is completely exposed.** You may now select which barrel you prefer to fire first by moving the barrel selector either to the right (top) or the left (bottom). Most shooters shoot the bottom barrel first because the more rearward recoil impulse prevents the barrel from rising as much as the top barrel.



5. Only when you are ready to fire, push the safety selector forward to "FIRE."
The firearm is now ready to fire.



**WARNING: DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER
UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE.**

6. Pushed to the left (one red dot showing) will fire the bottom barrel first.
Pushed to the right (two red dots showing) will fire the top barrel first.
7. After firing the first barrel, the trigger must be allowed to return to its fully forward position to permit firing the second barrel. Pull the trigger again to fire the second barrel.
8. If a second shot is not to be fired immediately, or if you have fired both barrels, the safety selector must be returned to the "SAFE" position.



WARNING – FIRING



- All persons must be a safe distance to the rear of the shooter when a shotgun is being fired.
- Particles of shot, lead, powder, lubricant, accumulated bore deposits, and particles of clay targets can be blown in a wide area – particularly if the wind is blowing – into the eyes and face of the shooter and those nearby.
- Shooters and bystanders must wear shooting glasses or similar eye protection.
- Hearing protection must also be worn because exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing.

ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION

TO UNLOAD

1. Be certain the muzzle of the shotgun is pointing in a safe direction.
2. Move the safety selector to the “SAFE” position.
3. Move the top lever completely to the right. Pivot the barrels downward to open the action and eject the empty shot shells.

NOTE: Always open the firearm fully. This is the cocking mechanism for the hammers. Firing the top barrel and only opening enough to remove the spent case in the top barrel **will not** reset the hammers.

4. If the action is opened with unfired shot shells in the chambers, they will be elevated (but not ejected) sufficiently to be easily extracted with the fingers. You must remove live (unfired) cartridges manually!
5. Visually inspect both chambers to be sure the shotgun is completely unloaded prior to closing the action when you are finished shooting.

CORRECT UNLOADING SEQUENCE





WARNING – UNLOADING



- The selective ejector mechanism only ejects fired shells. It does **not** eject live ammunition.
- Do not rely upon the ejector mechanism to unload the firearm. Simply opening the firearm does not unload it.
- To unload, open firearm smartly, **manually remove all cartridges**, and visually check both chambers to be sure both chambers are unloaded.

**MAKE SURE FIREARM IS
UNLOADED**



WARNING – HANDLING



- **Never carry the shotgun loaded with the safety in the FIRE position.**
- Never place a loaded firearm against any object (wall, fence, vehicle, tree, etc.) because there is always the possibility that the firearm will be knocked or jarred from its standing position and fall with sufficient force to be discharged.
- **Keep the safety on SAFE unless actually firing.**
- Never point the firearm at another person, or allow the muzzle to point at any part of your body, whether the safety is on or not.
- **The only safe firearm is one in which the action is open and unloaded.**

**ANY FIREARM MAY FIRE IF
DROPPED**

DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY PROCEDURE (SHOTGUN MUST BE UNLOADED PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY)

An online video demonstrating the disassembly and reassembly of the RUGER® RED LABEL™ III can be viewed by going to **Ruger.com/TechTips**.



To disassemble the RUGER® RED LABEL™ III, proceed as follows:

1. Place the safety selector in the "SAFE" position. Move the top lever to the right and rotate the barrels downward. **Check both chambers to be sure that the firearm is unloaded.** Close the action by rotating the barrels upward until locked.
2. Push the forend latch button on the tip of the forend and separate the forend assembly from the barrel assembly (see Figure 17).



3. Securely holding the barrel assembly in one hand and the receiver assembly in your other hand, push the top lever all the way to the right and open the firearm, pivoting the muzzle end of the barrels downward (see Figure 18). Lift the barrel assembly out of the receiver as the integral trunnions are disengaged from their corresponding recesses at the front end of the monoblock.



Figure 18

4. This completes the takedown required for all normal cleaning and maintenance purposes. *Further disassembly of component parts should only be undertaken by persons qualified in shotgun repair and is not recommended.*

To reassemble your shotgun, follow steps 3 - 5 of the “Assembling the Shotgun” section, p. 16.



CAUTION: THE RUGER RED LABEL III SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER DISASSEMBLED BY PERSONS UNQUALIFIED IN SHOTGUN REPAIR. IMPROPER FUNCTIONING AND DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM MAY RESULT.

IF THE BUTT STOCK IS REMOVED FROM THE FIREARM, UPON REASSEMBLY, IT MUST BE RETORQUED TO A MAXIMUM OF 4 FT/LBS. EXCESSIVE TIGHTENING OF THE STOCK BOLT (PART S-37), MAY RESULT IN THE STOCK CRACKING.

CHECK YOUR SHOTGUN'S FUNCTION

Periodic inspection of any firearm is important to ensuring its safe operation. It is important to clean and inspect your firearm after each range session or whenever the firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, moisture, humidity, or other adverse conditions. Proper maintenance increases the longevity of your firearm and will allow early detection of worn or broken parts.

Prior to each use, visually inspect the firearm to ensure no components are damaged, missing, loose, bent, cracked, chipped, or peened. If you observe excessive wear, you should stop using your rifle and contact customer service or a trained, certified gunsmith to evaluate its condition and replace any worn parts, if necessary.

After any disassembly and reassembly, it is important to verify that the action is working correctly before any live firing is attempted.

FIRST, BE SURE THERE IS NO AMMUNITION IN THE CHAMBERS AND KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION!

CHECK THE FUNCTION OF THE SAFETY SELECTOR, BARREL SELECTOR, AND TOP LEVER:

With the safety selector in the "SAFE" position, push the top lever fully to the right and open the action. With the action opened, attempt to push the safety selector upwards to the "FIRE" position. The safety lever should remain in the "SAFE" position, unable to move to the "FIRE" position.

Pivot the barrel/forend assembly upwards to close the action. With the safety lever still in the "SAFE" position, pull the trigger. Move the barrel selector to the other position and pull the trigger again. You should not hear the hammer fall with either trigger pull, although the trigger pulls may feel slightly different depending on which position the barrel selector is in.

Move the safety lever to the "FIRE" position and pull the trigger once. You should hear the hammer drop. Push the top lever fully to the right and pivot the action fully open. Switch the barrel selector to the other position. Pivot the barrel/forend assembly upwards to close the action. Check the safety selector to ensure that it has automatically moved to the "SAFE" position. Move the safety selector to the fire position and pull the trigger again. You should hear the hammer drop.

NOTE: THE RUGER® RED LABEL™ III UTILIZES AN INERTIAL SYSTEM TO RESET THE FIRING FUNCTION BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUND FIRED. AS SUCH, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DRY FIRE BOTH BARRELS WITHOUT OPENING THE ACTION TO RESET THE FIRING SEQUENCE. THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN IF THIS OCCURS WHEN YOU ARE DRY FIRING THE FIREARM.

An online video demonstrating the disassembly, reassembly, and function check of RUGER® RED LABEL™ III can be viewed by going to **Ruger.com/TechTips**. If any of the above function checks fail, immediately cease using the firearm and consult a competent gunsmith or contact Ruger Customer Service at 336-949-5200 for further firearm inspection.

CARE AND CLEANING



WARNING: BEFORE CLEANING, BE CERTAIN THAT BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE SHOTGUN CONTAIN NO CARTRIDGES

An online video demonstrating the care and cleaning of the RUGER RED LABEL III can be viewed by going to **Ruger.com/TechTips**.

Always check to be sure the firearm is completely *unloaded* before cleaning.

CAUTION: THE USE OF CAUSTIC OR ACETONE-BASED CLEANERS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED AS THE SOLVENT MAY HARM THE FINISHED SURFACES, PLASTICS, LAMINATES, COMPOSITES, RUBBER PADS, OR OTHER MATERIALS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR FIREARM. BEFORE CLEANING YOUR FIREARM, ALWAYS TEST THE CLEANING AGENT/SOLUTION IN AN INCONSPICUOUS AREA ON ANY PART YOU ARE GOING TO CLEAN WITH IT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE STOCK AND EXTERIOR PORTIONS OF THE BARREL AND RECEIVER) TO ENSURE IT WILL NOT HARM THE FINISH. NEVER USE AUTOMOTIVE OR PAINT STRIPPING PRODUCTS TO CLEAN YOUR FIREARM.

1. Disassemble the firearm. (See Disassembly Procedure, p. 27)
2. Using a proper cleaning rod, run a solvent-wetted patch through each bore several times. Then run dry patches through each bore to remove all traces of residue. The bores, as referred to here, includes the chambers.
3. If a bore is leaded to the extent that the above patch-cleaning procedure will not remove the lead or plastic residue, then scrub the bore, full length, with a solvent-wetted brass-bristle brush. When the leading has been scrubbed loose, clean as described in Step 2 above.
4. The polished surfaces of the monobloc, ejectors, and inside surfaces of the receiver where the monobloc rests should be coated with a very light film of lubricating oil.
5. Reassemble the firearm, and wipe exterior metal surfaces with a sparingly oiled cloth. Accumulation of oil tends to attract dirt which can interfere with the safe and reliable function of the firearm. Swab the bores with an oily patch before storing the firearm. *Do not apply excess oil.*



WARNING – LUBRICATION



Firing a shotgun with oil, grease, or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the shotgun and serious injury to the shooter and those nearby. Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on shot shells. If the shot shell charge is affected by the lubricant, it may not be ignited, but the primer firing may push shot or wads into the bore where they may be lodged. Firing a subsequent shot into the obstructed bore may damage the firearm and cause serious injury or death to the shooter and those nearby. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearms.

IMPROPER LUBRICATION DESTROYS FIREARMS

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE – At regular intervals, or whenever the firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity, condensation, immersion in water, or other adverse conditions, disassemble, clean and oil, and perform the function checks as outlined above. Lubricate the contact area of the forend iron and receiver with a thin layer of appropriate lubricant. Proper periodic maintenance is essential to the reliable functioning of any firearm.

STORAGE

FIREARMS SHOULD NOT BE STORED LOADED!

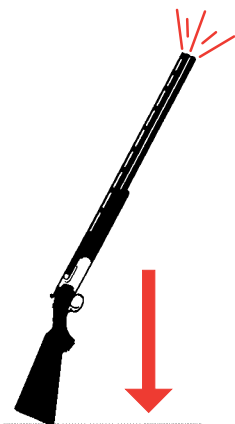
**USE THE LOCKING DEVICE SUPPLIED
WITH THE SHOTGUN TO RENDER IT
INOPERATIVE FOR SAFE STORAGE.**

(SEE PAGE 10)

Do not store the shotgun in a leather case or scabbard. Leather attracts moisture, even though it may appear to be dry.

When storing the shotgun for an extended period, place the top lever in the center position to relieve spring tension. To manually center the lever after removing the barrel/forend assembly, use a non-marring tool to press the small button located on the upper portion of the breech face of the receiver.

CAUTION! Before reassembling the RED LABEL III shotgun, always ensure the top lever is fully pushed to the right into the locked-open position before installing the barrel assembly. Failure to do so will prevent proper assembly and may damage your firearm!

 WARNING – STORAGE	
	• Never place or store any firearm in such a manner that it may be dislodged. Firearms should always be stored securely and unloaded, away from children and careless adults. • Use the locking device supplied with the shotgun for storage. The use of a locking device or safety lock is only one aspect of responsible firearms storage. • For increased safety, firearms should be stored unloaded in a location that is both separate from their ammunition and inaccessible to children and any other unauthorized person.
STORE SECURELY & UNLOADED	

SERVICE AND PARTS POLICY

If you have any question with regard to the performance of your RUGER® RED LABEL™ III please contact our Customer Service online at **Ruger.com** or call the Customer Service Department at 336-949-5200. Fully describe all circumstances and conditions involved. **DO NOT SHIP YOUR SHOTGUN FOR REPAIR UNTIL CUSTOMER SERVICE PROVIDES YOU WITH THE NECESSARY REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS.**



WARNING: BEFORE SHIPPING ANY FIREARM, BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT IT IS UNLOADED. DO NOT SHIP CARTRIDGES WITH A FIREARM.

SHIPPING FIREARMS FOR REPAIR

NOTE: Contact Ruger Customer Service online at **Ruger.com** or by calling the Customer Service Department at 336-949-5200 to arrange for service.

The Federal Gun Control Act, as well as the laws of most states and localities, do not prohibit an individual (who is not otherwise barred from purchasing or possessing a firearm) from shipping a firearm directly to the manufacturer for repair. However, before you ship your firearm, be certain that your state or locality does not have a law or regulation that will prohibit you from receiving the firearm (or any included magazines) when the repair is completed. If such receipt is prohibited, please have a federally licensed firearms dealer ship the firearm. If your firearm is sent to us by a dealer, it will be returned to that dealer after being repaired.

NOTE: Rifles and shotguns may be shipped via U.S. Mail. Please do not include rifle cases, slings, telescopic sights, or custom accessories with a firearm being shipped to the factory for service. **DO NOT SEND FIREARM BOXES OR LITERATURE THAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS – THESE ITEMS MAY BE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN SHIPMENT.** Always insure your shipment.

Enclose a letter that includes your name, address, telephone number, and firearm serial number and model. Describe in detail the trouble you have experienced with your firearm, or the work you wish to have done. Merely stating that the firearm “needs repair” is inadequate information. Please enclose copies of any previous correspondence.



WARNING – PARTS PURCHASERS



- It is the purchaser's responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from the factory are correctly fitted and installed.
- Firearms are complicated mechanisms and **IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS.**
- The purchaser and installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and functioning of the firearm after such installation.

PARTS MUST FIT CORRECTLY

ORDERING PARTS

Please contact our Customer Service Department at 336-949-5200 for parts availability and current prices or use our Online Support Request located at **Ruger.com/CustomerService** to request assistance with your firearm.

Payment in full via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover), money order, or certified bank check (no personal checks or cash, please) is required before any service will be performed. All parts orders are subject to a minimum charge and charges for shipping and handling. There is a minimum charge plus a shipping and handling charge for non-warranty factory fit parts.

Because the receiver of the RUGER® RED LABEL™ III is a serial numbered component, it is defined as a “firearm” by Federal law and is not sold as a separate component.

*Parts designated by an asterisk must be factory fit. These parts are fit on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts. We will not return any part that is broken, malfunctioning, badly worn or has been modified. See “Warning – Parts Purchasers” above.



WARNING: A firearm containing broken, malfunctioning, or badly worn parts should not be loaded or fired.

RUGER® RED LABEL™ III

PARTS LIST

Design, prices and specifications subject to change without notice.
SPECIFY MODEL, CALIBER AND SERIAL NO. WHEN ORDERING
 (See Exploded Views Pages 37 & 38)

Key Part Name

Receiver/Stock Assembly Includes Key Nos. 1 - 46 (See Exploded View p. 36)

† 1	Receiver
2	Hinge Pin, Left
3	Hinge Pin Right
4	Trigger Recoil Spring
5	Lock Bolt
6	Firing Pin Spring, 2 Req'd
7	Firing Pin, Bottom
8	Firing Pin, Top
9	Top Lever Spring Cup
10	Top Lever Spring
11	Top Lever Plunger
12	Top Lever Hold Open Pin
13	Top Tang Screw
14	Top Lever
15	Top Lever Hold Open Spring
16	Top Lever Hold Open Plunger
17	Top Lever Frame Pin
18	Trigger Plate Pin, 3 Req'd
19	Safety Bar
20	Autosafe Rod
21	Selector Button
22	Selective Safety Button
23	Safety Pin
24	Safety Detent Spring
25	Safety Detent Ball
26	Selector Pin
27	Hammer Spring Guide, 2 Req'd
28	Hammer Spring, 2 Req'd
29	Hammer Spring Nut, 2 Req'd
30	Hammer Spring Push End, 2 Req'd
31	Hammer, Left
32	Hammer, Right
33	Hammer Pin
34	Mechanical Trigger
35	Mechanical Selector Weight
36	Sear Spring, 2 Req'd
37	Sear, 2 Req'd
38	Sear Pin
39	Trigger/Weight Spring Pin
40	Trigger Pin

Key Part Name

41	Trigger/Inertia Block Spring
42	Trigger Plate
43	Trigger Guard Stock Screw
44	Short Trigger Guard
45	Set Screw, 2 Req'd
46	Stock

Barrels Assembly Includes Key Nos. 47 - 65 (See Exploded View p. 37)

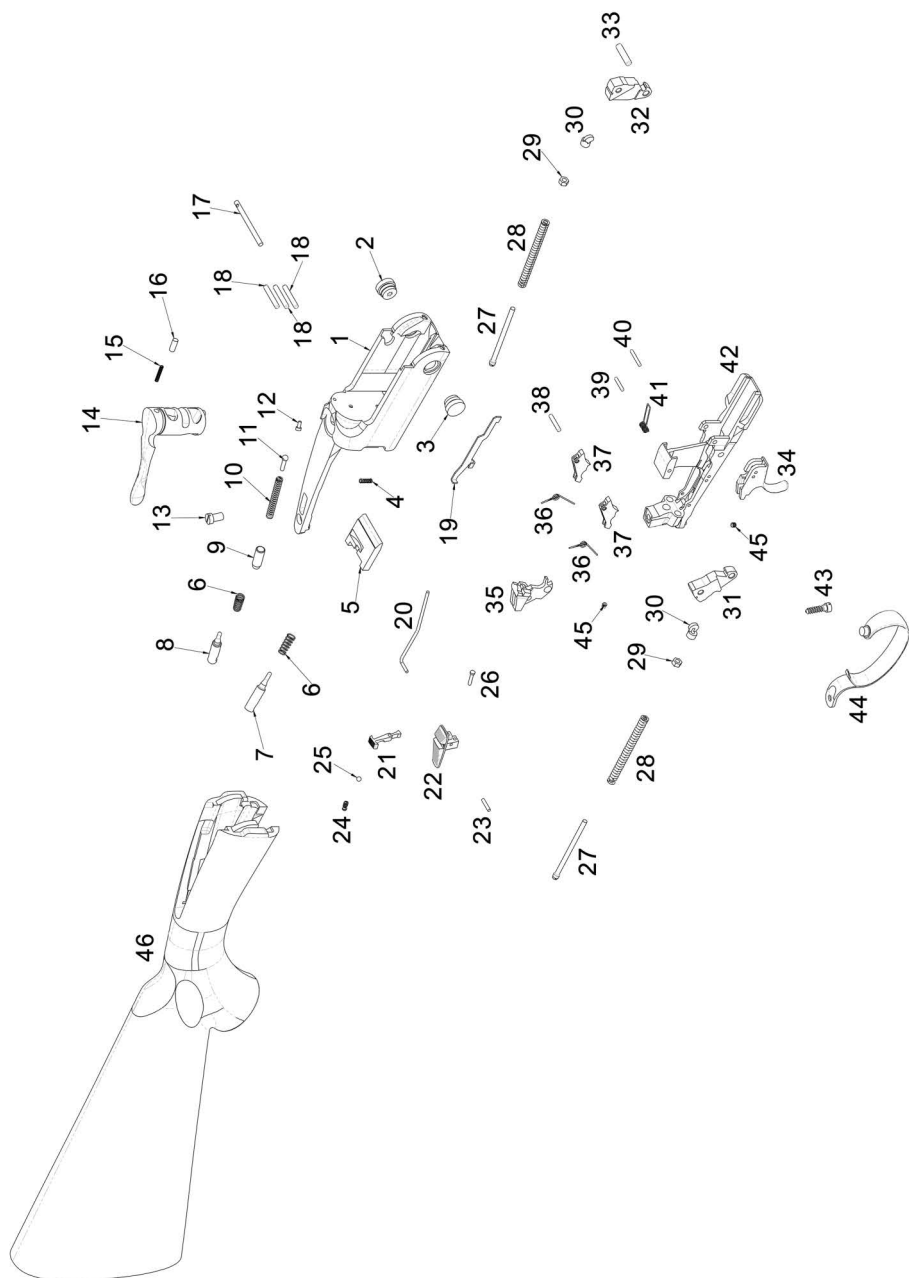
47	Top Barrel Tube
48	Bottom Barrel Tube
49	Forend Loop
50	Top Rib
51	Side Rib, 2 Req'd
52	Catch Plate Plunger Spring, 4 Req'd
53	Ejector Plate Plunger, 4 Req'd
54	Ejector Plunger Spring, 2 Req'd
55	Ejector Plunger, 2 Req'd
56	Extractor Stop, Left
57	Extractor Catch, Left
58	Extractor Stop, Right
59	Extractor Catch, Right
60	Extractor, Left
61	Extractor, Right
62	Monoblock
63	Cocking Rod, Left
64	Cocking Rod, Right
65	Hinge Pin Set Screw, 2 Req'd

Forend Assembly Includes Key Nos. 66 - 79 (See Exploded View p. 38)

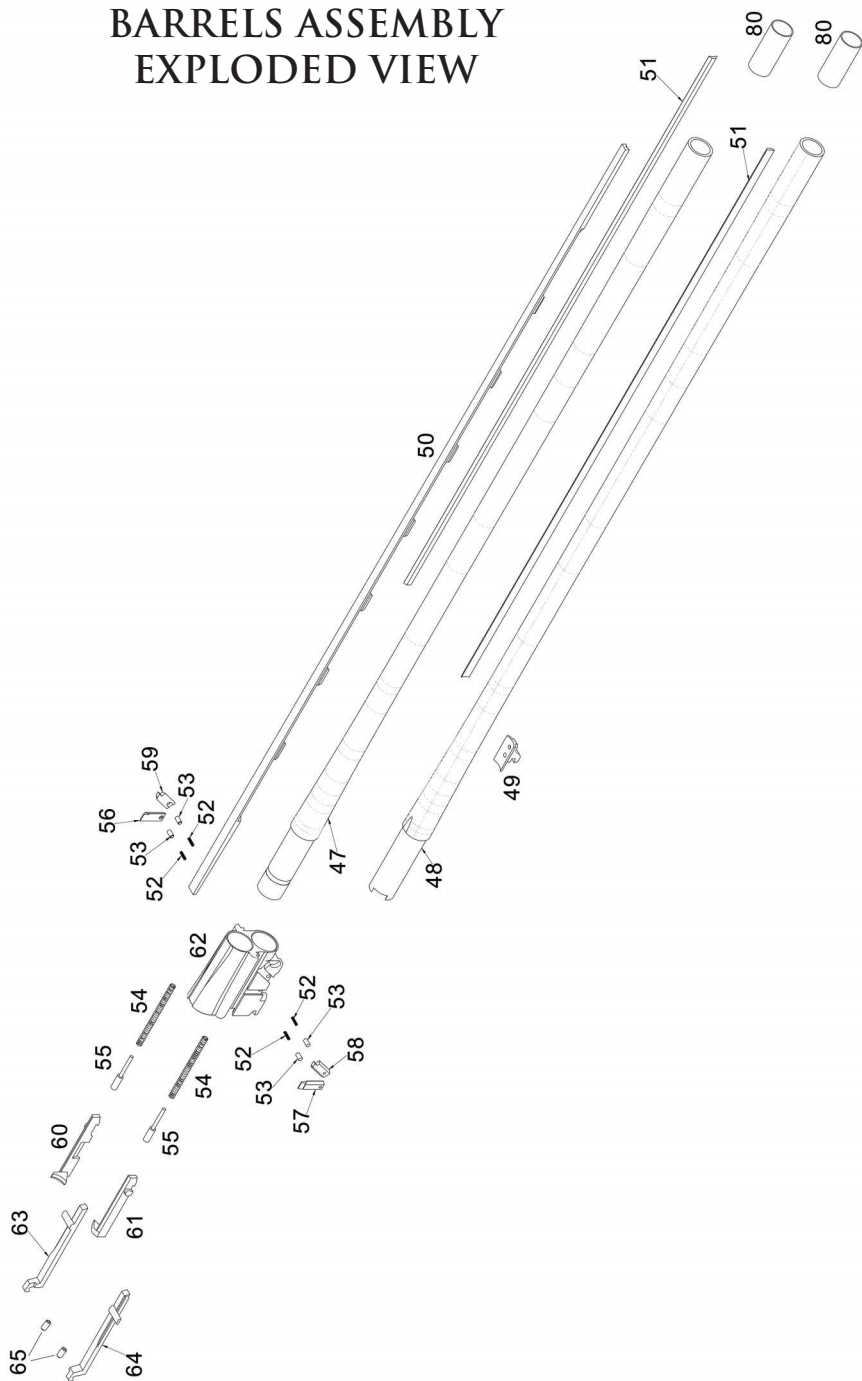
66	Forend
67	Forend Threaded Post, 2 Req'd
68	Forend Wood Screw, 2 Req'd
69	Forend Iron
70	Forend Latch
71	Forend Draw Plate
72	Forend Catch Stop Screw
73	Forend Draw
74	Draw Screw
75	Forend Latch Button
76	Forend Escutcheon
77	Forend Latch Spring
78	Forend Latch Plunger
79	Forend Screw Front

† The receiver is a serial-numbered part and is not separately offered for sale.

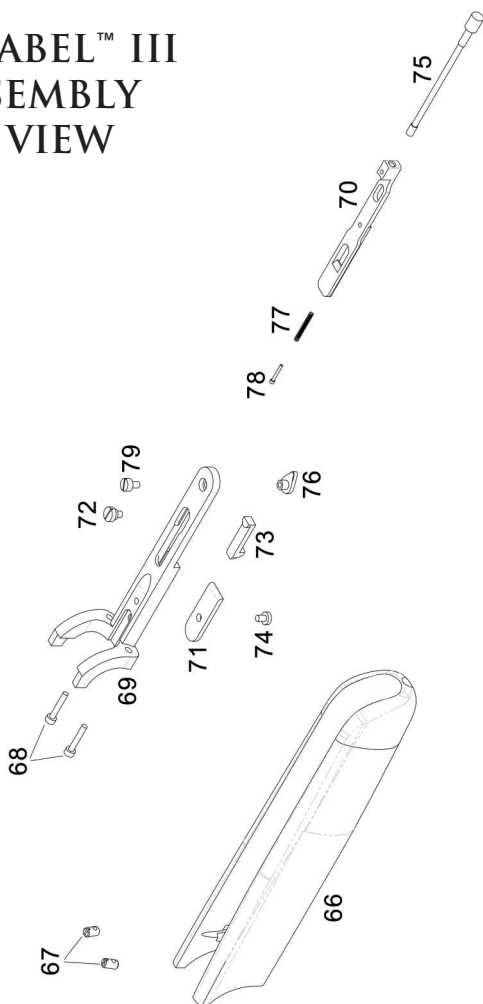
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RUGER® RED LABEL™ III BARRELS ASSEMBLY EXPLODED VIEW



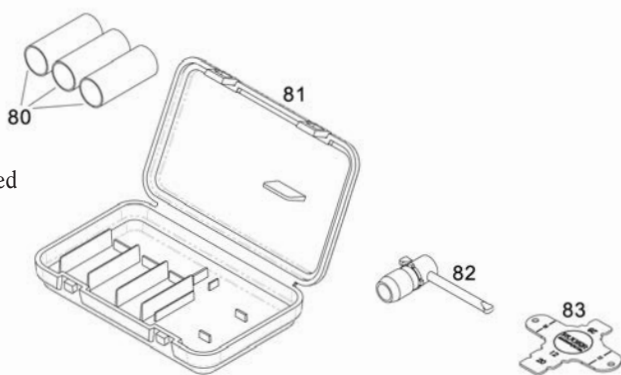
RUGER® RED LABEL™ III FOREND ASSEMBLY EXPLODED VIEW



CHOKE TUBES AND CASE

Key Part Name

- 80 Choke Tubes, 5 Included
- 81 Choke Tube Box
- 82 Choke Tube Wrench
- 83 Flat Choke Wrench



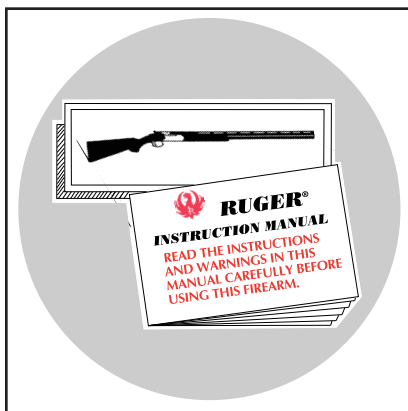
THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

We believe that Americans have a right to purchase and use firearms for lawful purposes. The private ownership of firearms in America is traditional, but that ownership imposes the responsibility on firearm owners to use their firearms in a way that will ensure their own safety and that of others. When firearms are used in a safe and responsible manner, they are a great source of pleasure and satisfaction, and represent a fundamental part of our personal liberty.

Firearms do not cause accidents! Firearms accidents are almost always found to have been the result of carelessness or ignorance on the part of the shooter of the basic rules of safe firearm handling.

The following rules must be observed by firearm users at all times. Safe firearm handling is not just desirable, it is absolutely essential to your safety, the safety of others, and the continuation of firearm ownership and sport shooting as we know it today.

1. LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING.



Not all firearms are the same. The method of carrying and handling firearms varies in accordance with the mechanical provisions for avoiding accidental discharge and the various proper procedures for loading and unloading. No one should handle any firearm without first having thoroughly familiarized themselves with the particular type of firearm they are using, and with safe firearm handling in general.

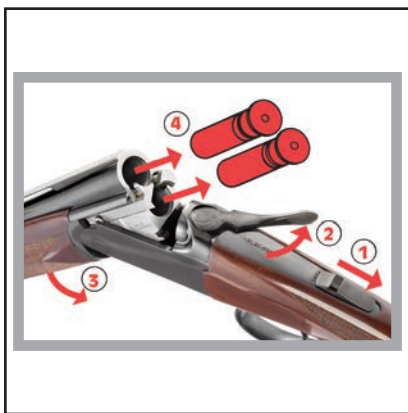
2. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing. Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm. In the event of an accidental discharge, no injury can occur as long as the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction. A safe direction means a direction that will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person, or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet.

A safe direction must take into account the fact that a bullet may penetrate a wall, ceiling, floor, window, etc., and strike a person or damage property. Make it a habit to know exactly where the muzzle of your firearm is pointing whenever you handle it, and be sure that you are always in control of the direction in which the muzzle is pointing, even if you fall or stumble. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

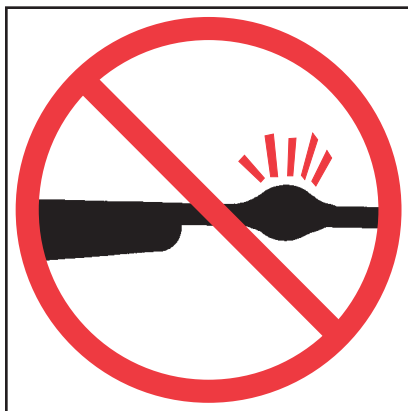
3. FIREARMS SHOULD BE UNLOADED WHEN NOT IN USE.



Firearms should be loaded only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Firearms and ammunition should be securely locked in safes, racks or cabinets, or by using the locking device supplied with the firearm, when not in use. Ammunition should safely be stored separate from firearms. Store your firearms out of sight of visitors and children. It is the firearm owner's responsibility to be certain that children and persons unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms, ammunition, or components.

4. BE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING.

Even a bit of mud, snow or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore may cause the barrel to bulge, or even burst on firing, and can cause serious injury to the shooter and bystanders. Be sure that you are using ammunition of the proper caliber and loading for the firearm you are using. If the report or recoil on firing seems weak, or doesn't seem quite right, **CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY**, unload your firearm, and check to be sure that no obstruction has become lodged in the barrel. Never try to shoot out an obstruction!



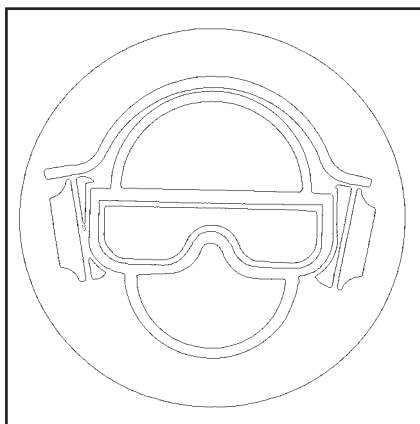


5. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT.

Don't shoot unless you know exactly where your bullet is going to strike. Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing with an unloaded firearm. If you are in the field hunting, do not fire at a movement or noise. Take the time to be absolutely certain of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTION WHEN YOU SHOOT.

All shooters should wear protective shooting glasses and adequate hearing protection when shooting. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing, and wearing adequate eye protection when shooting is essential.



7. NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE WITH A LOADED FIREARM.

Put the firearm down carefully before climbing a fence, and unload it before climbing or descending a tree or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. When in doubt, or whenever you are about to do anything awkward, unload your firearm!

8. DON'T SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE OR AT WATER.

Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity.



9. NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.

Firearms should always be unloaded before being moved or placed in a vehicle. A suitable carrying case or scabbard should be used to carry an unloaded firearm to and from the shooting area.

10. AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN SHOOTING.

Don't drink until the day's shooting is over. Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol in any form, or medications that could affect your judgement or coordination, constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.



A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF AN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT: RUGER® FIREARMS

Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc., had its beginning in a small machine shop occupying a rented frame building in Southport, Connecticut. In January, 1949, with an initial investment of only \$50,000 and an idea, William B. Ruger and Alexander M. Sturm started production of a .22 caliber autoloading pistol – a design that was so successful that it became the cornerstone upon which one of the most comprehensive lines of sporting firearms ever made in America was established. After Alex Sturm's death in 1951, William B. Ruger continued to direct the Company until his death in 2002. William B. Ruger, Jr. continued to provide guidance, which helped make this Company a sound and successful enterprise, until his retirement in 2006. The Company has continued to prosper, under new management and guidance from our Board, with new products and fresh perspectives.

Ruger, in this relatively short time, has established itself as a leading small arms design organization, developing a unique and broad line of fine quality sporting, military and police firearms to become one of the world's most famous producers of revolvers, pistols, rifles and shotguns. Since 1949, Ruger craftsmen have built many millions of firearms.

During its five decades of growth and progress under the leadership of William B. Ruger, the Company developed a business philosophy and implemented policies which represent a constructive influence in the life of modern America. From the beginning, Ruger played a positive role in conservation efforts and has supported the interests of shooters through such groups as the National Rifle Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation, and many regional sportsmen's organizations.

The Company has always endeavored to market its firearms for constructive and recreational purposes, to emphasize the traditional and responsible aspects of shooting, to render meaningful public services, and to encourage shooters in constructive, responsible, and safe participation in the shooting sports. Its motto, "Arms Makers For Responsible Citizens®," exemplifies this Company philosophy.

Today, Ruger® is particularly mindful of those elements which have contributed to the creation of its success, and extends heartfelt thanks to its many loyal employees and customers.

The most recent version of this and other instruction manuals for Ruger® firearms can be downloaded from:

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