## Scout

### 28GA SEMI-AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN INSTRUCTION MANUAL





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### **General Warnings**

Be certain this owner's manual is available for reference and is kept with this firearm if transferred to another party. If the manual is lost or misplaced, contact American Tactical for a free replacement copy.

After performing any work on your firearm such as cleaning, adjustments, disassembly, or installation of any accessory, the firearm should be checked for proper functioning before firing live ammunition.

Firearms are complex mechanisms. Any modification, alteration, or improper fitting of parts may result in a dangerous malfunction, damage to the firearm and injury to the shooter and/or other persons. The firearm's owner is responsible for the correct reassembly and functioning of the firearm after any disassembly or replacement of parts.

If you do not understand any of the material in this manual or have any questions, contact American Tactical or a qualified gunsmith directly.

Do not attempt to load or use any firearm until you have read and understood the information contained in its owner's manual. Before handling your firearm, you should learn how it operates and how to maintain it. This includes knowing its basic parts, how the manual safety and other safety features operate, how to safely open and close the firearm, and how to safely load and unload ammunition from the firearm. Improper use and handling is dangerous and could cause serious injury or death to you or those around you. All users of the firearm must become thoroughly familiar with the warnings and instructions in this manual.

As the owner of a firearm, you must undertake the full-time responsibility of safe firearms handling and storage for your own safety and the safety of those around you:

- Keep all firearms locked at all times.
- Keep all firearms and ammunition out of the reach of children.
- Store your firearms and ammunition separately.
- Never store a loaded firearm.
- · Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.
- Never transport a loaded firearm in a vehicle.
- Unload your firearm when you have stopped shooting and when you have to climb a tree, fence, cross a slippery surface or have to transport it in a vehicle.
- Do not load your firearm before you are in a place where it is safe to shoot, and keep your finger off the trigger until you are on





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target and have decided to fire.

- Never shoot at water, rocks or any hard surfaces. Shots may glance off such surfaces and cause injuries.
- Do not use alcohol or drugs before or while handling firearms.
- Do not touch the trigger while the safety button is being engaged or disengaged.

Always point the muzzle of your firearm in a safe direction, regardless of whether the firearm is loaded or unloaded.

Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded. Give your firearm to someone with the action open and safety fully rearward in the "ON" (SAFE) position, after you verify the firearm is unloaded. Insist on the same procedure when receiving a firearm from someone else. Learn the location of all the safety features of your firearm and how they operate.

Wear eye and ear protection when shooting. Shooting without proper ear protection can cause hearing damage. The use of eye protection during any type of shooting is important to protect your vision.

WE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY WHATSOEVER OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, OR AS A RESULT OF, THE USE OF FAULTY, OR NON-SAAMI STANDARD, OR "REMANUFACTURED" OR HAND-LOADED (RELOADED) AMMUNITION. ADDITIONALLY, WE DISCLAIM ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY WHICH RESULTS FROM ANY MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGES THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THE FIREARM AS DELIVERED FROM THE FACTORY.

Learn to clean your firearm thoroughly and make certain no oil, grease, or other materials are blocking the barrel. Obstructions of any kind can cause damage to the firearm and may result in serious personal injury to the shooter and/or others nearby.

Practice proper firearm maintenance and safety. Make sure all exposed metal surfaces are coated with a thin film of oil, especially after being exposed to damp weather. (See proper section of this manual for cleaning instructions.) Do not plug barrel or store in a fabric-lined case that will absorb lubricants from the firearms. Before using after storage, follow complete instructions stated in this manual for re-familiarization with the firearm. A thorough inspection should be performed before going into the field. Have your firearm periodically checked by a qualified gunsmith.

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Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun utilizes a unique gas system to cycle the action. Once the first round is fired, the bolt will be kicked backwards, ejecting the spent cartridge. Next, the bolt will load the next round from the tubular magazine. The bolt will then remain open, indicating that the gun is empty.

### Mechanical Safety -

The Scout shotgun can reliably cycle most 2.75" and 3" magnum shotgun shells.

Safety switch: Never rely on the safety switch. A safety is a mechanical device and does not take the place of common sense when handling a gun in a safe manner. Keep the safety switch on at all times and never push it to the "fire" position until the gun is mounted to your shoulder and you are sighting your target.

The safety is located behind the trigger guard. (1) To engage the safety, push the button from the left to the right position. When the safety is disengaged by pushing the button to the left position, a red band will be visible indicating that the gun is "Off safe" and ready to fire.

Danger: When the safety is in the full left, "Off safe" position with the red band showing, the gun will fire whether the trigger is pulled







### Assembling Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

When you unpack your new Scout semi-auto shotgun from its original carton, it will be in two pieces - the barrel and the stocked receiver (2). First, remove the end cap (3) on the magazine tube and slide the forend forward and off (4).



Next, slide the barrel into the receiver (5), while the ring of the barrel hanger slides over the magazine tube and fits into the forend. At the forward end, slide the forend over the barrel and magazine tube (6).

(7) Make sure the forend tabs fit fully into the receiver and the forend is flush with the front of the receiver. Then, replace the end cap and tighten snuggly by hand. DO NOT USE TOOLS TO TIGHTEN END CAP! (8).







Cycle the bolt manually several times and make sure that the bolt is going forward to the fully locked position. Refer to the photographs above to ensure that you are assembling your shotgun correctly.







### Loading Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

Make sure the safety switch is in the full right, "safety on" position (9). With the bolt closed in the fully forward locked position, push the live cartridges into the magazine tube through the loading port in the bottom of the receiver (10). Once the magazine is fully loaded, draw the bolt fully rearward which allows a live round to exit the magazine tube onto the shell carriage. As the bolt moves forward, it will load the live round. The gun now has a live round in the chamber and is ready to fire. With the gun pointed in a safe direction, slide one more live cartridge into the magazine through the bottom loading port and your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun is fully loaded (11).







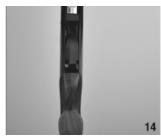
### Unloading Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

Before unloading, make sure the safety is in the "on safe" position (12). Rapidly draw the bolt rearward, ejecting the live round (13). Push the shell release lever, located just forward of the trigger guard. This will allow a live round to exit the magazine tube onto the shell carriage.

Push the bolt release button on the right side of the receiver, and the live round will be loaded into the barrel (14). Pull the bolt rearward, ejecting the live cartridge and repeat the process until all live rounds have been removed from the shotgun. Refer to the photos to insure you understand the proper unloading procedure.





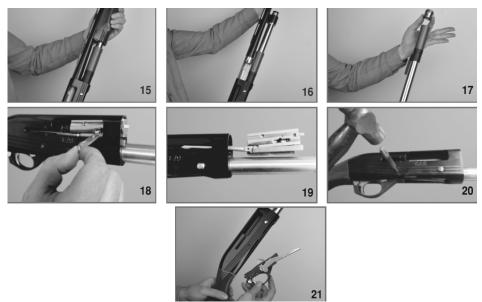


### Disassembling Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

Make sure the gun is unloaded and the safety is in the "on safe" position. Next, unscrew the end cap. Slide the forend off the magazine tube (15) and slide the barrel out of the receiver (16). Next slide the gas piston and action bushing off the magazine tube (17).

Push the bolt head rearward until the bolt handle lines up with the release cut in the bolt body, then pull the bolt handle out of the bolt (18). The bolt handle fits tight and to remove it may require the use of pliers. Make sure the bolt handle is properly aligned with the release cut in the bolt before attempting to pull the bolt handle free.

The bolt can then slide forward out of the receiver (19). Remove the trigger plate pin (20). Remove the trigger assembly by pushing slightly forward and lifting out of the receiver (21). This is as far as you should go in disassembling your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun; any further disassembly should be performed by a factory approved gunsmith.



### Light and Heavy Load Gas Pistons

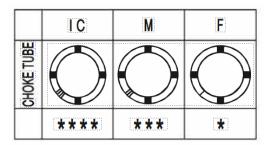
Your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun is shipped with 2 gas pistons (Light and Heavy). For best performance, use the gas piston marked "Light" with target, light field, and heavy field loads. NEVER use the gas piston marked "Light" with any loads marked "Magnum". The gas piston marked "Heavy" should be used with 2  $^{3}\!4$ " and 3" magnum loads, slugs or buckshot.

### Cleaning Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

With your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun disassembled, remove powder fouling and dirt from the magazine tube, gas piston and action bushing. Clean the interior of the barrel hanger and run a small steel wire or 3mm steel pin into the gas port in the barrel hanger to insure that the gas port is clear and clean. Thoroughly clean the bolt, giving special attention to the bolt head to remove any dirt or fouling. The barrel of your shotgun is chrome lined, so any dirt or powder fouling will be easily removed with a proper sized cleaning patch and bore solvent. The interior of the receiver should be cleaned with a soft cloth and bore solvent as well. Once the gun has been thoroughly cleaned, a very light application of oil can be applied to protect against corrosion. However, excess oil will catch dirt and cause your gun to function poorly, so very little oil should be applied.

### Screw-In Chokes and Steel Shot

Your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun comes with three chokes. The forward rim will have three marks indicating improved cylinder (most open pattern), two marks indicating modified (medium pattern) or one mark indicating full choke (tightest pattern). The modified choke will give the best shot pattern for most hunting situations. However, when shooting steel shot, never fire number 2 shot or larger through the modified or full choke. For large size steel shot, use only the improved cylinder choke.



### Magazine Plug Removal

Your Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun is shipped with a magazine plug that restricts the magazine capacity from 4 rounds to 2 rounds. It is located under the magazine cap inside the magazine spring retaining cap. Before you attempt to remove the magazine plug, make sure your gun is unloaded and the safety is on. To remove the plug and increase your magazine capacity to 4 rounds, remove the magazine cap and tilt the gun downward. If the plug does not fall out, gently lift up on the plug with a sharp object.





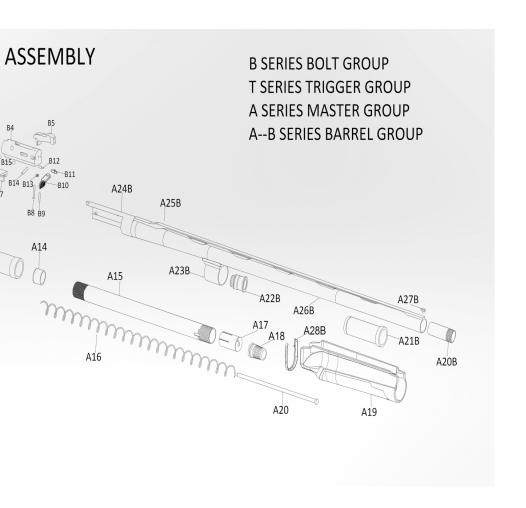
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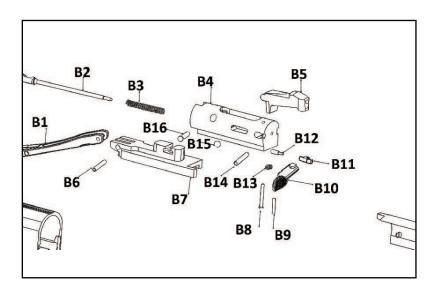
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A2	Stock	T6	Carrier
A3	Stock Nut	T7	Carrier Dog Plunger
A4	Stock Washer	T8	Carrier Dog Spring
A5	Stock Bolt	Т9	Trigger Plate Pin Retainer
A6	Action Follower	T10	Hammer Spring
A7	Action Tube	T11	Safety Spring
A8	Action Spring	T12	Trigger Plate Pin Retainer
A9	Receiver	T13	Hammer Plunger
A10	Shell Latch Pin	T14	Trigger Pin
A11	Shell Latch / Bolt Release	T15	Safety Pin
A12	Shell Latch Spring	T16	Sear Pin
A13	Action Bar Sleeve	T17	Safety
A14	Magazine Follower	T18	Carrier Latch
A15	Magazine Tube	T19	Trigger Plate Pin
A16	Magazine Spring	T20	Trigger Guard
A17	Magazine Spring Retainer	B1	Link
A18	Magazine Cap	B2	Firing Pin
A19	Forend	В3	Firing Pin Spring
A20 A20B	Magazine Plug Choke Tube	B4	Bolt
A21B	Forend Sleeve	B5	Locking Block
	Gas Piston	B6	Link Pin
1	Barrel Hanger	В7	Action Bar Slide
A24B	_	B8	Firing Pin Retaining Pin
	Ventilated Rib	В9	Extractor Pin
1	Barrel	B10	Operating Handle
	Front Sight	B11	Extractor
A28B		B12	Extractor Plunger
T1	Safety Plunger	B13	Extractor Spring
T2	Sear	B14	Bolt Lock Pin
T3	Hammer	B15	Operating Handle Ball
T4	Carrier Dog	B16	Operating Handle Pin
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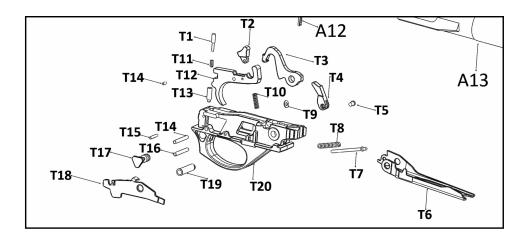
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You MUST email customer service FIRST at techservice@americantactical.us and provide a detailed description of the problem. Be sure to provide make, model, and serial number of the firearm, as well as the owner's name, address (no P.O. boxes please), and phone number. A customer service agent will contact you normally within one business day. You will then receive a service repair tag that must be attached to each firearm by matching the serial number on the tag to your firearm. There will be a claim check number on the tag that must be detached from the tag and taped firmly to the outside of the return package near the shipping label. Returns will be refused without this tag visibly showing on the outside of the package. Also, be sure to carefully follow all instructions listed below:

- Make absolutely certain your firearm is unloaded.
- Do not send ammunition with your firearm.
- Remove all accessories from your firearm such as scopes, slings, mounts, etc.
- Ship your firearm in a suitable container, packaging it securely to prevent parts from shifting and/or harm during shipping.
- It is advisable to place your correspondence inside your shipping container when shipping.
- Tape the control number stub on the outside of the package as described above.

SHIPPING ADDRESS American Tactical Imports 231 Deming Way Summerville, SC 29483

Attn: Service

If you have any questions, please contact the Product Service Center by email at techservice@americantactical.us.





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### TO ORDER PARTS FROM THE FACTORY SERVICE CENTER

To order parts, you can fax, phone, mail, or e-mail your order to us at one of the below numbers/addresses.

Fax Number: (830) 773-5893 Phone Number: (800) 290-0065

E-mail Address: customerservice@americantactical.us

Mailing Address: American Tactical

Attn: Service 231 Deming Way

Summerville, SC 29483

Please provide your name, address, city, state, zip, your daytime phone number and e-mail address. We will need the Model #, Serial #, Gauge/Caliber, Finish, Part # and Part Name.

We accept most major credit cards, money orders, and bank drafts.

Service Outside of the U.S.A.

For American Tactical International firearm parts and service requirements outside of the United States, customers are requested to contact the closest American Tactical International stocking dealer/distributor.

### CLEANING AND LUBRICATION

With proper care and handling, your American Tactical™ firearm will provide you with years of dependable service. Your firearm should be inspected and cleaned periodically to insure that it remains in good condition. Clean your firearm as soon as possible after each use. This is especially important if your firearm has been exposed to moisture.

Use the instructions and equipment provided with a quality gun cleaning kit.

All metal parts should be cleaned with an appropriate gun cleaning solvent and lightly lubricated with gun oil. Over lubrication should be avoided. Use only lubricants specifically designed for firearms. Avoid the use of abrasives, which may damage the metal finish.

Scrub the bores and chambers with solvent and follow with cleaning patches until the barrels are clean. A final pass with a lightly oiled patch will provide a protective coating. Clean and remove any deposits in the barrels.

Lead deposits and residue can be dangerous to your health. We recommend the use of Field Wipes, manufactured by Hygenall and exclusively marketed by American Tactical. Please visit www.AmericanTactical.us for more information.

Be sure not to leave cleaning patches or excessive oil or grease in the bores as they can create dangerous obstructions. Obstructions of any kind can cause damage to the firearm and may result in serious personal injury to the shooter and/or others nearby.

Normal use requires only that the mechanisms be free of excessive shooting residue. Very little lubrication other than a light oiling of internal and external surfaces is needed to prevent rust.

If the firearm is to be stored for a long period of time it should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled. Do not plug the barrel or store the firearm in a fabric-lined case that will absorb lubricant from the firearm.

The barrel and forearm assemblies can be removed from the stock/receiver assembly and the stock can be removed from the receiver assembly, but further disassembly should be performed by the manufacturer, American Tactical and/or a qualified gunsmith only.





AFTER FIRING YOUR RIFLE, clean it as soon as possible to make the job easier and to avoid allowing the development of any corrosion.

When your firearm has not been fired, you should clean it at least once or twice a year if you live in a temperate climate, or as often as once a week in a tropical climate.

If you get your firearm wet, clean it as soon as possible to avoid the onset of corrosion or rust.

Use a high quality rifle cleaning kit that includes a cleaning rod; swab holder; cotton flannel bore patches; pipe cleaners; a small toothbrush; brass wire bristle bore and chamber brushes and a Cleaner/Lubricant/Preservative (CLP in Army terminology).

After you have disassembled the rifle, thoroughly clean, inspect and lubricate all parts according to the techniques described on following pages.



From the time an individual picks up a firearm, that individual shooter becomes a part of a system over which he has complete control. He is the only part of the system that can make a gun safe – or unsafe. Hunting and target shooting are among the safest of all sports. This booklet is intended to make them even safer – by re-emphasizing and reaffirming the basics of safe gun handling and storage and by reminding each individual shooter that he or she is the key to firearms safety. You can help meet this responsibility by enrolling in hunter safety or shooting safety courses. You must constantly stress safety when handling firearms, especially to children and non-shooters. Newcomers in particular must be closely supervised when handling firearms with which they may not be acquainted. Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe anyone violating any safety precautions, you have an obligation to suggest safer handling practices, such a those in this booklet. Please read these rules carefully and follow the safety procedures outlined. Firearms safety is up to you. Make no mistake about it.

- 1. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
- 2. FIREARMS SHOULD BE UNLOADED WHEN NOT ACTUALLY IN USE.
- 3. DON'T RELY ON YOUR GUN'S "SAFETY".
- 4. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT'S BEYOND IT.
- 5. USE CORRECT AMMUNITION.
- 6. IF YOUR GUN FAILS TO FIRE WHEN THE TRIGGER IS PULLED, HANDLE WITH CARE.
- 7. ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING.
- 8. BE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING.
- 9. DO NOT ALTER OR MODIFY YOUR GUN, AND HAVE GUNS SERVICED REGULARLY.
- 10. LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING.







### Registration and Warranty Information

Thank you for choosing an American Tactical firearm.

### Please Register Online!

Please Visit www.AmericanTactical.us/warranty.html to register your firearm and fill out a brief questionnaire.

If you do not have on-line access, use the back of this card Registration will be used for product registry in the event your firearm needs service or repair.

### American Tactical Lifetime Limited Warranty

American Tactical's LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY is in effect for any firearms registered for warranty beginning January 1, 2015. This warranty extends to any and all parts of the firearm as originally sold by American Tactical, but does not extend to firearms altered after their original purchase, firearms damaged through abuse, misuse or lack of proper care and maintenance or firearms used other than for their legal intended purposes. If a firearm cannot be repaired. American Tactical will replace it with a brand new identical firearm. If a replacement firearm identical to the returned firearm is not available, American Tactical will replace it with a firearm of equal value to be determined at our discretion. The American Tactical LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY does not allow for monetary compensation for firearms purchased by the end user at the retail level. Any and all claims for monetary return must be addressed with the retail location from which the end user purchased the American Tactical brand domestic or imported firearm and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the retail locations returns policies.

American Tactical is not liable for any returns or claims policies of independent retailers selling American Tactical brand domestic or imported products.

All firearms registered prior to January 1, 2015 are still subject to the previous 2 Year American Tactical Warranty policy. Once expired, firearms registered prior to January 1, 2015 will be subject to the policy detailed below in the section labeled SERVICES OUTSIDE OF WARRANTY.

NOTE: All American Tactical Omni and American Tactical Omni Hybrid AR receivers have a lifetime warranty regardless of registration date.



### American Tactical Product Registration Card

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First Name:		Date Purchased:			
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O Small Game

O Home Defense

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Please Visit www.AmericanTactical.us/warranty.html to register your firearm and fill out a brief questionnaire. To register by mail, detach and mail this page. Find the address at www.AmericanTactical.us or give us a call at 800.290.0065