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# 12GA & 20GA SEMI-AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN INSTRUCTION MANUAL



#### **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 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 target and have decided to fire.





#### **General Warnings**

- 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.

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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. Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun is gas operated. The gas created from firing a live shot shell operates the action. Once the first shell has been fired, the next shell in the magazine will automatically cycle into the chamber, and this cycle will continue (each time the trigger is pulled) until all shells loaded in the magazine have been fired. The bolt will remain locked in the open position after the last shell is fired. This technologically advanced gas metering system allows you to shoot 2 3/4 " and 3" shells interchangeably with any ammunition of the proper gauge for your shotgun will be a source of pride and pleasure for years to come. For 3 1/2" models the metering system allows you to shoot heavy 2 3/4", 3" and 3 1/2" shells interchangeably.

Mechanical Safety ·

The safety is designed to stop the trigger mechanism.

# DON'T RELY ON YOUR GUN'S SAFETY. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED AND READY TO FIRE.

The Safety on any gun is a mechanical device, and it is not intended as a substitute for common sense or safe gun handling. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

A. The safety is located behind the trigger, and provides protection against accidental or unintentional discharge under normal usage when properly engaged.

B. To engage the safety, push the button so that it protrudes from the right side of the gun and the RED BAND MARKING CAN NOT BE SEEN. The safety should always be in the "on" or "safe" position until you intend to fire the gun (1).

C. When you are ready to fire the gun, press the safety button to the "off" or "fire" position, so that the safety protrudes from the left side of the gun and the RED BAND MARKING IS SHOWING.

DANGER: The gun will fire when the trigger is pulled intentionally or accidentally when the RED BAND MARKING IS SHOWING.



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# Assembling Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

In the packaging, the shotgun is divided into two parts - receiver and barrel group (2).



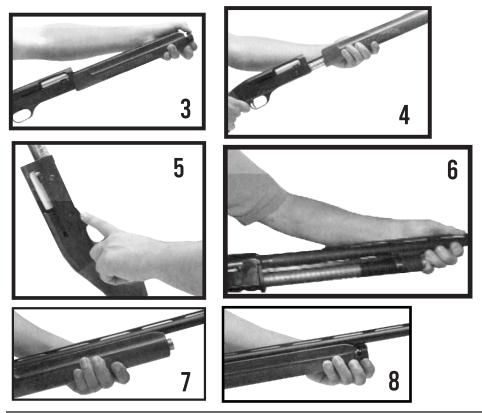
To assemble the gun, follow the steps below:

Unscrew the cap (3) and remove the forend (4).

Pull the bolt hanging latch located on the rear side of the carrier (5).

Assemble the barrel while centering the magazine and the receiver (6).

Reassemble the forend (7) and screw the cap onto the threaded magazine tube (8).



# Loading Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

You can load your shotgun in the following ways:

#### Be certain the safety is in the "on" or "safe" position.

Draw or pull the bolt rearward until it locks in the open position (12). Place a shell into the breach (9). Release the bolt by pressing the button located toward the front of the receiver (10). This chambers a round, and the gun will fire if the trigger is pulled with the safety in the "off" or "fire" position. You can then load additional shells into the magazine by inserting them through the loading port on the bottom of the receiver and pushing them into the magazine (11).





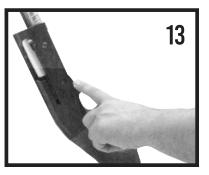


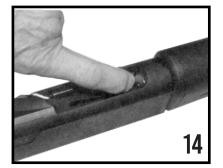


# Unloading Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

Be certain the safety is in the "on" or "safe" position (see the section regarding operation of the safety on page 1). Rapidly draw or pull the bolt rearward to eject any shell in the chamber (12). Lock the bolt open by pressing the button located toward the front of the receiver (13). Lift the carrier and push on the magazine shell latch (14). The shells in the magazine will be ejected.





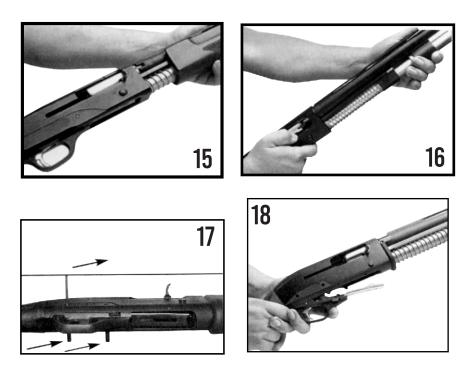


# Disassembling Your American Tactical Scout Semi-Auto Shotgun

Unscrew the forend cap (8).

Take the forend and the barrel off (15).

Take the handle off from the bolt and then all the bolt assembly (16).







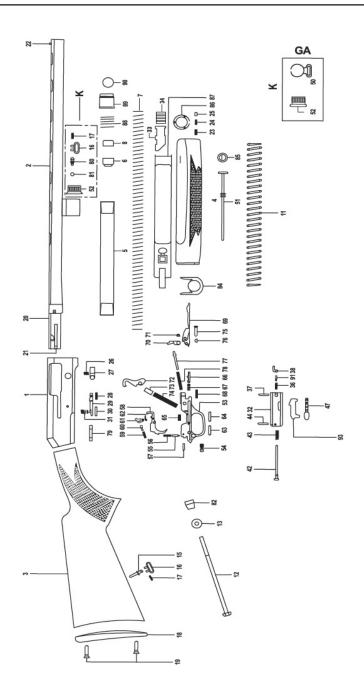
1 Receiver 29 Bolt Release Latch 2 Barrel 30 Bolt Release Latch Pin 3 Stock 31 Bolt Release Latch Spring 4 Forearm 32 Breech Bolt 5 Magazine Tube 33 Arm Pipe 6 Magazine Follower 34 **Connection Rubber** 7 Magazine Spring 36 Extractor Spring Bolt 8 Magazine Spring Retainer 37 Extractor Retaining Pin 11 Action Spring 38 Extractor 12 Stock Bolt 42 Firing Pin 13 Stock Bolt Washer 43 Firing Pin Spring 15 Stock Swivel Stud 44 Firing Pin Retainer 16 Stock Swivel 47 **Operating Handle** 17 Stock Swivel Pin 50 Front Swivel 18 Butt Plate 51 Magazine Plug 19 **Butt Plate Screw** 52 Magazine Cap 20 **Bearing Bolt** 53 Guard 21 Ejector 54 Safety 22 Front Bead 55 Safety Plunger 23 Magazine Cap Spring 56 Safety Spring 24 Magazine Cap Pin 57 Safety Plunger 25 Magazine Cap Screw 58 Trigger 26 Bolt Release Spring 59 Sear Spring 27 Bolt Release 60 Sear Plunger 28 Bolt Release Pin 61 Sear

- 62 Sear Pin Trigger Pin 63 64 Trigger Pin 65 Trigger Spring Carrier Plunger 66 67 **Carrier Spring** 68 **Carrier Retaining Pin** 69 Carrier 70 Carrier Latch Carrier Latch Pin 71 72 Hammer 73 Hammer Plunger 74 Hammer Spring **Trigger Assembly Pin Sleeve** 75 Trigger Assembly Pin Retainer 76 77 Carrier Latch Plunger Carrier Latch Spring 78 79 Trigger Guard 80 Swivel Stud Swivel Stud Retainer 81 82 Stock Bolt Receiver Plate 84 85 Magazine Plug Retainer Magazine Cap Support 86 87 Action Bar 88 Gas Piston Spring Gas Piston 89 90 Rubber Gas Ring 91 Extractor Spring
- 93 Locking Block



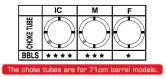


Spare Parts



#### USAGE OF CHOKE TUBES

The choke is what controls the openness or tightness of the pattern of your shotgun. The chart below lists the chokes available (from open to tight), and the corresponding marks that indicate the choke of your specific shotgun.



Never fire or run gun cleaning tools through a barrel that uses choke tubes without having a choke tube installed. The threads of the choke tube and the internal threads of the barrel should be cleaned after each use and before installation of the tube. To install a tube, insert the tube into the barrel and tighten with your fingers. Once the tube is finger tightened, tighten with the appropriate choke-tube wrench until the tube is snug. DO NOT over tighten or forcefully tighten with wrench.

#### MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

#### Caution: Make sure the gun is unloaded.

1. Make sure that the broad, polished, finely fitted mating surfaces of the breech block and receiver are especially clean and lightly oiled with a high quality gun oil. Do not use pure silicone or lanolin.

2. Run an oil patch through the bore with a cleaning rod starting from the breech end. To prevent leading, use a cleaning solvent and brass brush to clean the bore periodically. Follow this cleaning with one or two clean oil patches. Important: If your gun is equipped with choke tubes, do not use a brass brush to clean the barrels unless a choke tube is installed in each barrel. Barrels that utilize choke tubes must also have the choke tubes removed to clean and oil the threads inside the barrel and the choke tubes themselves. This will protect the threads from being damaged by cleaning tools and also prevent a dirt build up that would cause the choke tubes and barrel when attempting to remove sticky choke tubes. Never fire your gun without choke tubes snuggly tightened in barrels. Do not over tighten choke tubes. Wipe all exposed metal surfaces with an oiled cloth before storing. Do not squirt or pour oil into the inside mechanism because it may hamper proper functioning and will soak the wood. After extended periods of heavy use, your gun should be taken to a qualified gunsmith to have the action disassembled for professional cleaning and lubrication.

3. Care for your wood stock and forearm the same way you would a piece of furniture with the same finish.

#### STORAGE

Clean thoroughly and oil your gun before storage. Store the gun in a case to prevent scratches and dents. Store in a dry place to prevent corrosion. Store the gun away from children and in place where it cannot be accessed by those unauthorized to use it. Always store gun unloaded and separately from any ammunition.

#### IMPORTANT

#### USAGE OF STEEL SHOT

The choke (bore constriction) in all modern shotguns has been established based on the pattern performance of shot shells loaded with lead shot. When using the steel shot shells, you will notice a different performance in pattern density versus the established lead shot pattern, because the steel shot is harder and lighter than lead shot.

You should be aware of the following differences and cautions:

Never shoot steel shot loads in a full choked barrel or full choke tubed barrel. To do so may cause the barrel to swell or rupture. In general, steel shot fired with a modified choke will produce the equivalent of a lead full choke pattern. This will be true of all steel shot sizes up to and including no. 2. The established improved cylinder chokes will produce the equivalent of a (lead) modified choke pattern. All steel shot sized larger than no. 2, should be used only with improved cylinder chokes. These steel shot sizes, when used in improved cylinder chokes, will produce patterns equivalent to (lead) full choke patterns. The established cylinder choke or bore will produce the equivalent of a modified (lead) pattern.





#### INSTALLATION OF MAGAZINE PLUG

Some Federal, State and local hunting regulations may require that a shotgun be limited to a maximum shell capacity of three (3) rounds. Your shotgun has been packed with a magazine plug for this purpose.

Installation:

- 1. Remove the forend screw cap, the forend and the barrel.
- 2. At the threaded end of the magazine tube (where the forend screw cap fits), you will locate a black snap ring.
- 3. A large blade screw driver should be used to remove the snap ring.

CAUTION: The snap ring will be under pressure from the magazine spring. Do not remove the snap ring in a manner where the ring could fly out and strike you or anyone else causing injury, particularly to the eye.

4. Compress the magazine spring into the magazine tube, and insert the magazine plug (small end first). Push the magazine plug and insert the snap ring so the snap ring end is flush with the end of the tube.



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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Fax Number:	(830) 773-5893	
Phone Number:	(800) 290-0065	
E-mail Address:	customerservice@americantactical.us	
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	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<sup>™</sup> 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.





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.



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# **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 stillsubjecttothe 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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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