

# CLASSIC DERRINGER SAFETY & INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## **READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE OPERATING THIS FIREARM**

### **SAFETY WARNINGS!**

**Safety is your responsibility.** The safety warnings in this manual are critical to know before using your new firearm. The number one concern of every firearm owner should be safety. As you heed the precautions described herein and by understanding the dangers inherent in the use of any firearm, you can enjoy safety in the use of your Bearman Industries Classic Derringer. Failure to follow any of these warnings can lead to severe damage to the firearm and property and result in serious injury to you or others. Read and understand all the precautions and instructions herein before removing the firearm from its package. This firearm is a mechanical device designed to function reliably with knowledgeable use and proper care. If you do not have a full or sufficient understanding of the power and function of the firearm after reviewing these instructions, we recommend that you seek proper training. The Bearman Industries Classic Derringer's incorporated safety features do not absolve you from **your personal responsibility to safely handle the gun. See Youth Safety Warnings at end of document.**

### **NOTICE OF LIABILITY**

BEARMAN INDUSTRIES, and any affiliated business or partner, ("BEARMAN INDUSTRIES"), shall not be responsible, either in whole or part, for injury or death to persons or damage to property resulting from intentional or accidental discharge of this firearm, or from its function, when used contrary to any instruction herein, or subjected to any modification, treatment, or purpose for which it was not designed. Moreover, BEARMAN INDUSTRIES will not be responsible for injury or death to persons or damage to property resulting from criminal or negligent use of this firearm. BEARMAN INDUSTRIES will not honor claims involving our firearms which result from careless or improper handling, after-market modifications, unauthorized adjustment, re-manufacturing, neglect, corrosion, or use of nonstandard, defective, improper, or reloaded ammunition, bullets, or any combination of the above. At BEARMAN INDUSTRIES discretion, claims made by a second or subsequent owner may or may not be honored.

### **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

**Safety Warning: This product contains lead from test firing. Wash hands after handling pistol.**

1. BEFORE handling a firearm, understand its operation.
2. Always handle your firearm as if it were LOADED.
3. Put in Half-Cock and engage crossbolt safety BEFORE loading. Never load your firearm without the safety on. Place your finger on the trigger ONLY

when you are ready to fire.

4. Always point your firearm in a safe direction. NEVER point a firearm at another person or yourself.
5. Always be certain that your target and the surrounding area are clear and safe before firing.
6. Always check to make sure the firearm is UNLOADED before passing it to or receiving it from another, and before storing it.
7. Never make any modifications to the firearm and never disassemble your firearm beyond the procedures outlined in this manual as death or injury can occur if gun is not reassembled correctly.
8. Never use firearms while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. NEVER leave a loaded firearm unattended.
10. DO NOT rely on the safety to prevent accidental discharge. The safety may not prevent an accidental discharge due to dropping, jarring, or bumping a gun.
11. Discharge the firearm only in an adequately ventilated area and wash hands thoroughly after use or exposure. Cleaning, discharging, or handling ammunition in a poorly ventilated environment may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury.

**NOTE: If your pistol is accidentally dropped and the impact was on the hammer, internal damage may have occurred. Please contact BEARMAN INDUSTRIES for return of service instructions.**

## **AMMUNITION**

1. Always inspect your ammunition.
2. Your firearm has been designed for Rimfire Ammunition. The proper caliber and cartridge type can be found on the side of the barrel. Do not use any other ammunition than that specified on the barrel of your firearm and only use factory-made ammunition of the proper type and caliber for your gun that are in strict accordance with the specifications of the Sporting Arms & Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI). (+P) Plus P ammunition generates pressures in excess of standard ammunition and is unsafe for the Classic Derringer design. DO NOT use (+P) load in any BEARMAN INDUSTRIES manufactured Classic Derringer.
3. Never use non-standard or reloaded ammunition, or damaged, dirty, or corroded cartridges. Using an incorrect type or caliber of ammunition may cause failure to fire or generate excessive pressure which can damage or even rupture your firearm, causing personal injury, death, or property damage. Failure to engage the safety before loading rimfire ammunition can result in damaging the primer which is inside the cartridge rim compromising the primer and creating a dangerous condition.
4. Do not alter the barrel or chamber.
5. Ammunition varies among manufacturers. If you experience misfires or accuracy problems, or if the spent cartridge cases have difficulty extracting from the cylinder or chamber, we recommend trying different brands of the same caliber ammo and or cleaning the barrel

chambers with solvent.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **USE OF CROSSBOLT SAFETY**

**Safety Warning: Always keep your fingers away from the muzzle and the gun pointed in a safe direction. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER.**

To engage the safety to the "ON SAFE" position:

1. Grip the firearm with the muzzle pointing away from you.
2. Pull back on hammer one click, to Half-Cock but not to Full-Cock, then slide crossbolt safety from the LEFT to the RIGHT side of the gun.
3. Crossbolt safety will now block the hammer from reaching the firing pins. This does not prevent the hammer from being cocked or released by pulling the trigger, intentionally or otherwise. NOTE: Do Not intentionally release the hammer under full tension onto the safety. **REPEATED DRY FIRING ONTO THE SAFETY WILL COMPROMISE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE SAFETY.**

To disengage the safety to the "ON FIRE" position:

1. Grip the firearm with the muzzle pointing away from you.
2. Slide crossbolt safety to the LEFT side of the gun.
3. Gun is now ready to fire.

## **LOADING**

**Safety Warning: Hammer must be in the HALF-COCKED position. Engage the manual crossbolt safety by sliding the safety to the "ON SAFE" position. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER while loading the firearm.**

1. Ensure that the hammer is in the "HALF-UNCOCKED" position with the Crossbolt Safety engaged.
2. Push locking lever handle down and swing barrel away from frame.
3. Insert the proper cartridge for the chamber into each barrel.

**Safety Warning: Use only factory loaded ammunition. Never carry the firearm cocked and loaded.**

4. Be sure to always keep your fingers and hands away from the end of the barrel. Hang the cartridge edges on the extractor and then slide the extractor down inserting the shells into the chambers. If needed, you can push the extractor up with your thumb and load both barrels then slide the extractor and bullets down.
5. Carefully close the barrel back to the frame and carefully close the gun into the locked position while pointing the end of the barrel away from you and others in a safe direction and use lock lever to lock the barrel.
6. Ensure that the lock lever is engaged and that the barrel is secure.
7. The locking lever handle should be parallel to the barrel.
8. Keep your finger away front the trigger until it is ready to fire.

## **FIRING**

1. Always engage the **Crossbolt Safety in the "ON SAFE"** position until you are ready to fire.

2. Always wear safety glasses and hearing protection while firing and ensure that others nearby do the same.
3. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
4. Make sure that your firearm is in good working order and that the barrel is clear of dirt and obstructions before firing.
5. Do not put your hand or other body part in front of the barrel or muzzle when loading, unloading, or firing.
6. Do not place your fingers along the side of the barrel or in front of the barrel when firing.
7. Placing the index finger of the non-shooting hand on the barrel (as in the Weaver hold) is NOT recommended.
8. When ready to fire, pull back hammer to the full cock position and push the crossbolt safety to "ON FIRE" position.
9. Aim firearm at the target. Align the two sights and squeeze the trigger to fire.
10. Immediately after firing remove your finger from the trigger and trigger area to prevent accidental discharges.
11. If the firearm fails to fire; engage safety, point in a safe direction, and then carefully unload it. From the breech end now inspect the barrel for obstructions. If the bore is open, ensure that safety is still on before reloading the gun. It is not a guarantee that the primer will ignite the gun powder.
12. Reload the gun and engage the safety. Completing these steps, you can now fire the gun.
13. If your handgun has changed the way it feels or sounds, STOP firing, make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction and unload it. Have the gun inspected and test fired by a qualified gunsmith before firing it again.
14. The BEARMAN INDUSTRIES Classic Derringer is a short-range handgun. The effective range is from 15 to 25 feet. Because the barrels are at different distances from the top of the shooting hand, the bullet fired from the top barrel will diverge from the bullet fired from the bottom barrel.
15. Never cross obstacles such as a fence or stream with a loaded firearm.
16. Never run with a loaded gun. Never shoot at a hard or liquid surface to avoid a ricochet and possible serious personal injury to yourself or a bystander.

## **TRIGGER PULL**

The trigger pull is between 5 and 7 pounds, which is typical for a single action pistol. Classic

Derringers, being small compact pistols, require the user to operate the gun in a specific manner.

1. With the hammer in the full cock position, grasp the grip with your shooting hand and make sure that your hand is NOT touching the cocked hammer. Any amount of pressure applied to the cocked hammer by your hand will increase the trigger pull substantially and slow down the hammer potentially causing a light strike.
2. Rock the trigger downward as you pull it.

## **UNLOADING**

**Safety Warning: Always point the firearm in a safe direction.**

1. Ensure that the crossbolt safety is in the "ON SAFE" position.
2. Check that the hammer is in the half-cocked position. If necessary, hold the hammer with your thumb and release the trigger to the half-cock position.
3. Push lock lever handle down and swing barrel away from frame.
4. Remove spent cartridge cases from the barrel breech. Slide extractor away from the barrel to eject cases if necessary. (Barrels for rimless rounds do not have an extractor. There is a clearance cut in the breech of the barrel to allow the shooter to extract the rounds with a fingernail or tool.)
5. Close the barrel back to frame and engage the lock lever.

## **TRANSPORT AND STORAGE**

1. ALWAYS transport your firearm unloaded. ALWAYS carefully unload the gun before entering a motor vehicle or a dwelling. NEVER load in the house or vehicle.
2. Obey all state and federal laws relating to the transportation of firearms.
3. Always store your ammunition separately and unloaded firearm in places not accessible to unauthorized persons.
4. Do not store your firearm in an air-tight container.
5. If your firearm is to be stored for an extended period, apply a thin layer of oil on the outside of the pistol. Keep your firearm clean and from time to time lubricate the mechanical parts. Be careful not to over-lubricate which can cause a lighter trigger pull.

## **MAINTENANCE CLEANING**

**Safety Warning: Ensure that your gun is not loaded.**

After each shooting, clean the barrel bore from the rear (breech end) with a bore cleaning solvent and cotton patches or a brass bore brush. Never clean the barrel from the muzzle and do not use steel brushes. Use a suitable cleaning rod. When the bore is clean, push a lightly oiled patch through the bore. After each use, wipe all external metal surfaces with a lightly oiled cloth. Use only cleaning supplies specifically designed for your type and caliber of firearm. These supplies can be purchased from most firearm dealers. Follow the instructions provided with your cleaning supplies.

NOTE: Keep barrel locking mechanism, cartridge extractor, crossbolt safety and the hammer area inside of the frame free of dirt and other foreign matter. Failure to do so may render the hammer inoperative.

## **CHANGING GRIPS**

BEARMAN INDUSTRIES offers multiple grips for your pistol. When changing the grips, first make sure that the pistol is unloaded. Use a 1/16" Allen key to remove the grip screw of the existing grips. Install the new grips.

## **WARRANTY**

**Safety Warning: NEVER ship a loaded gun or ammunition with your**

**gun when sending in for service and do not write anything on the shipping box or package that references you are shipping a firearm.** For repair or service, you must first complete the online form and obtain an RMA number from customer service, which if you do not have, your gun will be returned to you. After you obtain an RMA number, we will send you a shipping label that you will use to return the gun to us. Ship the gun using a "small flat-rate box" (approx. 8.5 x 5.5 x 1.75 in size). Your gun should fit neatly in the box, and you should include packaging paper or material to protect the gun from moving around. If you use a box that is larger than the recommended flat-rate box, it will be returned to you and the warranty voided. Shipping in an oversized box can damage the firearm from bouncing around in the box. You, the customer, will be responsible for the return shipping cost.

**WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS.** The warranty applies only to the original owner. BEARMAN INDUSTRIES is not responsible for issues resulting from corrosion, abuse, neglect, ordinary wear and tear to the finish, or unreasonable use. Disassembly of the gun beyond the instructions in this manual, unauthorized adjustments or modifications made, careless handling or criminal misuse will result in voiding the warranty. BEARMAN INDUSTRIES reserves the right to determine what is normal wear and tear.

## **FACTORY SERVICING**

If you have issues with your firearm, ensure you are using the correct ammunition and follow all firing instructions. If you have followed all the instructions above and believe your BEARMAN INDUSTRIES Classic Derringer requires factory service, contact us, and describe the problem. **BEFORE RETURNING YOUR PRODUCT FOR WARRANTY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE TO RECEIVE AN RMA #. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN RMA # YOUR GUN WILL BE RETURNED AND SENT BACK.**

## **FAQ' S**

Can my barrel shoot different CARTRIDGES in the same chamber? **No.**

Will other barrels fit on the BEARMAN INDUSTRIES Classic Derringer?

**YES. 22 Magnum, contact Customer Service to ensure proper fit.**

Is it okay to dry fire on the manual crossbolt safety in the "ON SAFE" position? **NO.** The crossbolt safety should be used as an emergency device to keep the gun from firing unintentionally. It can be harmful to the gun to repeatedly snap the hammer down on the crossbolt safety.

Is it okay to carry the BEARMAN INDUSTRIES Classic Derringer cocked and or loaded? **NO. This is very unsafe.**

## **YOUTH SAFETY WARNINGS**

**YOUTH HANDGUN SAFETY NOTICE.** The misuse of handguns is a contributor to juvenile violence and fatalities.

1. Safely storing and securing firearms away from children will help prevent the possession of handguns by juveniles, stop accidents, and

save lives.

2. Federal Law prohibits, except in certain limited circumstances, anyone under 18 years of age from knowingly possessing a handgun, or any person from selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under 18.
3. A known violation of the prohibition against selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under the age of 18 is, under certain circumstances, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

#### **FEDERAL LAW**

The Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C Chapter 44, provides in pertinent part as follows:

#### § 922. Unlawful Acts

- (x)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer to a person who the transferor knows or has reasonable cause to believe is a juvenile—
- (A) a handgun; or
  - (B) ammunition that is suitable for use only in a handgun.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person who is a juvenile to knowingly possess—
- (A) a handgun; or
  - (B) ammunition that is suitable for use only in a handgun.
- (3) This subsection does not apply to—
- (A) a temporary transfer of a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile or to the possession or use of a handgun or ammunition by a juvenile if the handgun and ammunition are possessed and used by the juvenile—
    - (i) in the course of employment, while ranching or farming related to activities at the residence of the juvenile (or on property used for ranching or farming at which the juvenile, with the permission of the property owner or lessee, is performing activities related to the operation of the farm or ranch), target practice, hunting, or a course of instruction in the safe and lawful use of a handgun.
    - (ii) with the prior written consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm, except—
      - (I) during transportation by the juvenile of an unloaded handgun in a locked container directly from the place of transfer to a place at which an activity described in clause (i) is to take place and transportation by the juvenile of that handgun, unloaded and in a locked container, directly from the place at which such an activity took place to the transferor; or
      - (II) with respect to ranching or farming activities as described in clause (i), a juvenile may possess and use a handgun or ammunition with the prior written approval of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian and at the direction of an adult who is not prohibited by Federal, State or local law from possessing a

firearm;

(iii) the juvenile has the prior written consent in the juvenile's possession at all times when a handgun is in the possession of the juvenile; and

(iv) in accordance with State and local law;

(B) a juvenile who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard who possesses or is armed with a handgun in the line of duty;

(C) a transfer by inheritance of title (but not possession) of a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile;

or

(D) the possession of a handgun or ammunition by a juvenile taken in defense of the juvenile or other persons against an intruder into the residence of the juvenile or a residence in which the juvenile is an invited guest.

(4) A handgun or ammunition, the possession of which is transferred to a juvenile in circumstances in which the transferor is not in violation of this subsection shall not be subject to permanent confiscation by the Government if its possession by the juvenile subsequently becomes unlawful because of the conduct of the juvenile, but shall be returned to the lawful owner when such handgun or ammunition is no longer required by the Government for the purposes of investigation or prosecution.

(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term "juvenile" means a person who is less than 18 years of age. (6) (A) In a prosecution of a violation of this subsection, the court shall require the presence of a juvenile

defendant's parent or legal guardian at all proceedings.

(B) The court may use the contempt power to enforce subparagraph (A).

(C) The court may excuse attendance of a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile defendant at a proceeding in a prosecution of a violation of this subsection for good cause shown.

#### § 924. Penalties

(a) (6) (A) (i) A juvenile who violates section 922(x) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both, except that a juvenile described in clause (ii) shall be sentenced to probation on appropriate conditions and shall not be incarcerated unless the juvenile fails to comply with a condition of probation.

(ii) A juvenile is described in this clause if—

(I) the offense of which the juvenile is charged is possession of a handgun or ammunition in violation of section 922(x) (2); and

(II) the juvenile has not been convicted in any court of an offense (including an offense under section 922(x) or a similar State law, but not including any other offense consisting of conduct that if engaged in by an adult would not constitute an offense) or adjudicated as a juvenile delinquent for conduct that if engaged in by an adult would constitute an offense.

(B) A person other than a juvenile who knowingly violates section



922(x)–

(i) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both; and

(ii) if the person sold, delivered, or otherwise transferred a handgun or ammunition to a juvenile knowing or having reasonable cause to know that the juvenile intended to carry or otherwise possess or discharge or otherwise use the handgun or ammunition in the commission of a crime of violence, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

If you have any further questions about these codes, contact:

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