



Honor Defense, LLC

Safety & Instruction Manual



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YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

WARNING! You must follow all instructions and safety rules in this manual to ensure the safe use of your firearm. Failure to do so, can cause serious personal injury or death to you or others, and cause damage to property.

The first priority of every firearm owner should be safety, regardless of the situation. As a gun owner, you are accepting a very serious responsibility. Your ability to safely operate a firearm can be the difference between life and death. If you are uncertain about the operation of your firearm for any reason, please contact Honor Defense, LLC at (678) 943-8035 before proceeding with its operation.

There is **NO** excuse for careless handling of your firearm. **ALWAYS** handle a firearm with respect for its potential danger.

This owner's manual is designed to assist you in learning how to properly use and care for your Honor Defense, LLC pistol. Only after you are certain that you fully understand this manual and can properly follow its instructions, are you prepared to practice loading and firing your firearm with live ammunition.

Having a firearm in your possession is a serious job; you cannot guess and you cannot forget. You must know how to use your firearm safely. If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use this firearm safely, you should seek supervised, professional instruction. Contact your firearms dealer, local law enforcement agency, and/or your local sportsman's club for further information on safe gun handling.

Most importantly, ALWAYS follow the common-sense rules of safe gun handling.

THE RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING

The following rules should be followed at all times. They must govern your actions wherever and whenever you are involved with firearms. Please take the time to review and understand these rules. If you do not understand something, please contact Honor Defense, LLC.

1. Always Keep the Muzzle Pointed in a Safe Direction.

Never allow your firearm to be pointed at anything you do not intend to shoot. A safe muzzle direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself or others. Be especially careful when you are loading or unloading. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded. Know where your muzzle is pointed at all times, even when your firearm is unloaded. No one should be injured by an accidental discharge if you keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.

2. Firearms Should be Unloaded When Not Actually in Use.

An unloaded firearm cannot cause an accident. Load your firearm only after you are in the field or on the target range and ready and intending to fire. Unload your firearm as soon as you are finished shooting—this means before you bring it into your car or home. Unload your firearm completely—this means there is **NO** ammunition in the chamber or in the magazine. Before handling a firearm, passing it to someone else or storing it, visually check the chamber and magazine to be certain they do not contain ammunition. Never assume a firearm is unloaded even if you were the last person to use it. You must **ALWAYS** check for yourself!

- Safe storage of a firearm is just as important as safe handling. Never store a firearm loaded. Be sure to keep your firearm in a secure place where unauthorized persons and children cannot gain access without your knowledge. Take extra precaution if there are children nearby. Store your firearms in a locked safe or some other location that physically prevents unauthorized persons and children from gaining access.
- Ammunition should be stored and locked in a location separate from your firearm. Never leave an unsecured firearm or ammunition in a car, closet, dresser, or under the bed. It is your responsibility to make sure that children and others unfamiliar with firearms cannot access your firearm and ammunition.

3. Do Not Rely on Your Firearm's Safety.

Treat every firearm as if it can fire at any time, regardless of whether there is intentional pressure on the trigger, and regardless of whether the safety is in the "ON" or "SAFE" position ("S"). A safety is a mechanical device and can therefore fail. But human errors are a more likely reason for a firearm safety to fail. By mistake, you may think the safety is "ON" when it really is not. The safety may have been disengaged without your knowledge. Or you may think your firearm is unloaded when there is actually a cartridge in it. A mechanical safety is never a substitute for common sense. It's only a supplement to your proper and safe handling of a firearm.

Never touch the trigger on a firearm until you are ready and intending to shoot. This means that you must keep your fingers away from the trigger when you are loading or unloading. And even if the safety is "ON" or in the "SAFE" position ("S") do not pull the trigger. Even when the safety is "ON," control the direction of the muzzle. Never rely on your safety to justify careless handling. If your firearm's internal mechanisms are broken, poorly maintained or have been altered, your firearm could fire even when the safety is "ON." Regardless of the situation, you and your safe firearm handling practices are your firearm's most important safety.

NOTE: Not all Honor Defense, LLC pistols have a manual safety.

4. Be Sure of Your Target and What Is Beyond It.

Before you pull the trigger, you must be absolutely sure of your target and what is behind it. Make sure the shot has a solid backstop such as a constructed barrier, bank of a hill, or dense material like sand or dirt. You cannot stop a shot in mid-air, so never fire unless

you know exactly where your bullet is going and what it will strike if you miss your target. Bullets can travel great distances with tremendous velocity.

5. Use Proper Ammunition.

Your Honor Defense, LLC pistol is designed to use a particular caliber ammunition. The proper caliber is permanently engraved on the pistol; never attempt to use ammunition of any other caliber. Using the wrong ammunition, mixing ammunition or using improperly reloaded ammunition can cause serious personal injury or death. It only takes one cartridge of the incorrect caliber or that has been improperly reloaded, to destroy your firearm or cause personal injury or death. Refer to this instruction manual to find out the specific requirements of your firearm. Always read and follow the instructions on ammunition boxes.

NOTICE: The Honor Guard series of pistols are designed to withstand the ammunition pressures generated by +P rounds as identified by SAAMI. Honor Guard pistols are also proof-tested with +P rounds or "Plus-P". Plus P ammunition generates pressures in excess of the pressures associated with standard ammunition. Such pressures may affect the wear characteristics and may result in the need for more frequent service.

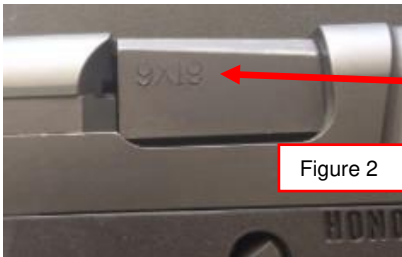
"Plus-P-Plus" or (+P+) ammunition must **NOT** be used in Honor Defense, LLC firearms. NEVER use ammunition with (+P+) markings. This marking indicates that it exceeds established industry standards. This ammunition may vary significantly as to the pressures generated and could be DANGEROUS.

NOTICE: You may wonder why there is a fired cartridge case with your new pistol. We have included the "PROOF ROUND CASING" used to demonstrate that your pistol has been proofed tested and exceeds SAAMI/ANSI standards. Every Honor Defense pistol is proof tested for 9mm Luger +P in accordance with SAAMI/ANSI Standard Z299.3.

WARNING! Do **NOT** use the enclosed casing for reloading purposes. This casing has been used with a proof load which exceeds normal casing capability.

NOTICE: Some brands of ammunition may create difficulty in extracting spent cartridge cases from the chamber. If this situation occurs, thoroughly clean the chamber with solvent. If this condition persists, we recommend changing to another brand of ammunition.

Check all ammunition before you load it to make sure it matches your firearm's specifications. Every cartridge and shell is head-stamped with its caliber for easy identification. You will find the caliber of your pistol imprinted on the barrel.



Note the caliber markings on the barrel for the correct caliber. (See Figure 2.)

CAUTION: Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, bent, or damaged. Do not oil cartridges. Do not spray or use any lubricants, preservatives, or cleaners directly onto cartridges or where excess spray may flow into contact with cartridges. Lubricants or other foreign matter on cartridges can cause potentially dangerous ammunition malfunctions. Be sure to wipe the chamber clean of any oil or preservative before shooting.

WARNING! Never use reloaded, remanufactured, hand-loaded, or other non-standard ammunition. Use of these voids all warranties. Improperly loaded ammunition can be extremely dangerous, and can cause damage to your firearm, personal injury and death.

You are responsible for using ammunition that meets SAAMI industry standards and is appropriate in type and caliber for this firearm. Honor Defense, LLC recommends using only new commercially manufactured ammunition with internal ballistic pressures which are in strict accordance of SAAMI specifications. Specifications are outlined by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI): www.saami.org.

6. If Your Firearm Fails to Fire When the Trigger is Pulled, Handle With Caution.

If for whatever reason the ammunition does not fire when you pull the trigger or something seems wrong with the ammunition, stop and follow the First Rule of Safe Gun Handling—keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Use common sense. Keep your face away from the action, then put the safety “ON,” carefully open the action, unload the firearm, and carefully dispose of the cartridge. It is important to remember that anytime there is a cartridge in the chamber, your firearm is loaded and ready to use. Even if you tried to shoot and your firearm did not fire, treat your firearm as if it could still discharge. Again, safely control the direction of the muzzle and do not touch the trigger.

7. Always Wear Eye and Ear Protection When Shooting.

Wear shooting glasses to help guard and protect your eyes from powder residue, ruptured cartridge cases, and also branches and bushes in the field. Also wear eye protection when you are disassembling, cleaning or reassembling a firearm so that tensioned parts (like springs) and cleaning solvents and oils do not come in contact with your eyes. Hearing protection is critical while shooting because continued exposure to shooting noise can permanently damage your hearing. Therefore, learn to use ear protection at all times, whether you are on the firing range or in the field.

8. Be Sure the Barrel is Clear of Obstructions Before Shooting.

Barrel obstructions can destroy your firearm, and cause severe injury and even death. Before loading your firearm, open the action and make sure there is no ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Check the barrel for any obstructions or debris. Even a small amount of debris, mud, excess lubricant, or grease in the barrel can dangerously increase pressure and cause the barrel to explode when firing. Use a cleaning rod and patch to wipe away residue or obstructions in the barrel. Never try to shoot out an obstruction by loading another shell and firing. If the noise, report or recoil of your firearm seems weak, stop what you're doing, unload your firearm and be sure nothing is lodged in the barrel. Bullets that fail to fully exit the barrel are known as “squib” loads, which are extremely dangerous because they create a bore obstruction.

9. Do Not Alter or Modify Your Firearm and Have It Serviced Regularly.

An improperly altered, modified or poorly maintained firearm is a dangerous firearm. Your firearm has been designed to operate according to particular factory specifications. Never alter or modify your firearm in any way. You will jeopardize your safety and that of others around you by attempting to alter its trigger, mechanical safety or other mechanisms.

Like all mechanical devices, a firearm is subject to wear. It should be maintained and periodically serviced to ensure optimum safety and performance. Only the Honor Defense, LLC or a qualified gunsmith should service, repair or modify your firearm. Contact Honor Defense, LLC for instructions on how to send your firearm to the factory.

Proper cleaning and lubrication are also important to firearm maintenance and are necessary to ensure accuracy, safety and reliability. Before cleaning, always make sure that your firearm is completely unloaded. And always clean the barrel from the chamber end towards the muzzle end whenever possible. Periodically inspect the internal workings of your firearm to be sure they are clean and free of rust, unwanted dirt, and debris. It is especially important to clean your firearm after it has been exposed to conditions such as sand, rain, dirt, mud, snow, sleet, or saltwater.

Use only recommended lubricants on your firearm and NEVER over-lubricate. Excessive use of a non-recommended lubricant could adversely affect the function and safe operation of your firearm. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearm. Failure to properly maintain your firearm can damage your firearm, and expose you and others to unnecessary risks of personal injury or death.

10. Learn the Mechanics and Handling Characteristics of Your Pistol.

Not all pistols are alike. They have different mechanical characteristics that impact how you should carry and handle them. Anyone who plans to use an Honor Defense, LLC pistol should first familiarize themselves with the pistol and the safe handling procedures for loading, unloading, carrying, shooting, and storing it. Before you ever load your Honor Defense, LLC pistol, read this instruction manual from cover to cover and familiarize yourself with the different component parts of the firearm.

ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE!

WARNING! Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead, a substance known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, cancer, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash your hands thoroughly after exposure to your firearm, ammunition or cleaning supplies.

WARNING! Never shoot while intoxicated or on drugs. To effectively follow the rules of safe gun handling, you must shoot sober. Firearms and alcohol/drugs are a deadly combination. Never consume anything that could mildly impair your judgment or physical coordination when using a firearm.

MODEL & FEATURES IDENTIFICATION



NOTE: Different variations of Honor Defense, LLC pistols are fitted with distinct features, including a manual safety. See the sections of this manual that detail each of these features.

INSPECTING YOUR PISTOL BEFORE USE

WARNING! Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

WARNING! Always ensure that the pistol is unloaded before inspecting.

1. To remove the magazine, grasp the pistol with your finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard. Next, point the muzzle in a safe direction, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine. (Figure 5.)

Figure 5



2. To remove a cartridge from the chamber, point the muzzle in a safe direction and grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear with your thumb and fingers as shown in Figure 6. Next, draw the slide fully rearward in order to extract any cartridge from the chamber. **DO NOT** obstruct the ejection port because doing so can interfere with ejection of a cartridge.

Figure 6



3. Lock the slide in the open position by allowing the slide to move slightly forward from the rearmost position while pressing upward on the slide catch (Figure 7).

Figure 7



4. Check the barrel chamber to verify it is unloaded by looking through the breech end. (From the rear as indicated in Figure 8.) NEVER look down the muzzle to look for any obstructions.

Figure 8



5. Check the safety lever to verify it is in the SAFE position. The manual safety is in the "ON" or "SAFE" position ("S") when the lever is in the "up" position. (Figure 9.)

NOTE: NOT ALL MODELS ARE EQUIPPED WITH THIS FEATURE.

Figure 9



6. Examine the breech face to ensure that the firing pin is not protruding. If the firing pin is protruding, do not attempt to load or fire the firearm. Bring it to a qualified gunsmith for service on your Honor Defense, LLC firearm. (Figure 10.)

Figure 10



7. Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointed in safe direction, away from yourself and others. Press each cartridge forward and out of the magazine. (Figure 11.)

Figure 11

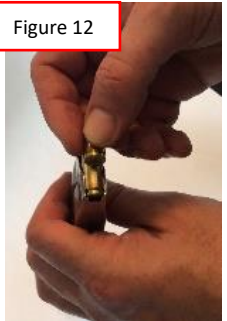


PREPARATION FOR FIRING (Loading)

- Honor Defense, LLC has provided you with a magazine designed to operate in your specific model of pistol. **DO NOT** interchange magazines from one model pistol to another model pistol.
- Follow instructions in this manual and any other specific instructions which may be marked on, or accompany, a magazine. Failure to use the particular type of Honor Defense, LLC magazine specified for your model and caliber of pistol may result in a malfunction.

1. Load the magazine by pressing a cartridge head (rear of cartridge) downward on the forward portion of the magazine follower (or downward on the case of the previously loaded cartridge) and sliding the cartridge fully under the lips of the magazine until the cartridge head is against the rear wall of the magazine. Repeat this procedure for the number of cartridges you wish to load, up to the magazine capacity. (Figure12.)

Figure 12



WARNING! Do not use excessive upward force when inserting a loaded magazine into the pistol. Excessive force can cause the slide to move forward, chambering a round and inadvertently arming the pistol. Do not attempt to load your magazine with more than the specified number of cartridges because doing so can cause feeding problems.

2. Make sure that the magazine is fully and securely inserted in the pistol, apply some removal pressure to the exposed portion of the magazine floor plate.
3. Pull the slide fully rearward and then release it. The slide should return to a fully forward position. This action is designed to strip a single cartridge from the magazine and seat that cartridge in the chamber of the barrel. The pistol can now be fired by pulling the trigger rearward.
4. Always load a round into the chamber by feeding it from the magazine. Never attempt to load the pistol by inserting a round into the open ejection port.

WARNING! If a cartridge fails to strip from the magazine or fully seat in the chamber, immediately stop the loading process. Remove the magazine, lock the slide open and verify that the chamber is empty.

5. To restore the magazine to full capacity, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine from the pistol. Remember that there is a round in the chamber; therefore, the weapon should be holstered or safely secured during this process without touching the trigger. Load one cartridge into the magazine to replace the cartridge that was chambered.
6. Re-insert the loaded magazine into the magazine well of the pistol until it is locked in place. To ensure that the magazine is fully and securely inserted in the magazine well, apply moderate removal pressure to the exposed portion of the magazine floor plate.
7. After having completed the above steps, your pistol and its magazine are now fully loaded and will fire when the trigger is pulled. Remember to keep your pistol's muzzle pointed in a safe direction under all circumstances and always keep your finger or any other object away from the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready and intending to discharge your pistol. Never leave a loaded firearm out of your direct control.

WARNING! The specific ammunition cartridge suitable for use in your firearm is marked on the barrel. Different cartridge types and calibers are not interchangeable.

WARNING! Do not load the pistol until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.

FIRING YOUR PISTOL

WARNING! Never point the firearm at any object that you do not intend to shoot.

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready and intending to fire.
2. If your pistol has a manual safety, move it to the "OFF" or "FIRE" position ("F").
3. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
4. While firmly holding the grip, pull the trigger fully to the rear. Pulling the trigger with the safety in the "OFF" or "FIRE" position ("F") will discharge the pistol. A trigger pull causes a release of the striker, which in turn translates forward to contact the cartridge primer. Each shot will be fired in the striker fire action mode.
5. When a cartridge discharges, the slide is forced rearward and extracts the spent cartridge. The slide then returns forward feeding the next cartridge from the magazine into the barrel chamber.
6. After each firing of a cartridge, you must allow the trigger to return to the forward position before you can fire another shot. **DO NOT** hold the trigger in the pulled position. Failure to release the trigger and permit the trigger to reset will prevent the firearm from fully cycling. In other words, if you hold the trigger in the pulled position, you will not be able to fire another shot. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready and intending to fire another cartridge.

7. After the last cartridge from the magazine is discharged, the magazine follower will exert upward pressure on the slide catch causing it to engage the slide and to hold it in the “open” position.

WARNING! Never stage a trigger in anticipation of firing a shot. “Staging” is the act of pulling the trigger rearward – stopping just short of the point where the pistol fires. Such manipulation of the trigger can reduce the user’s control of the pistol and can result in an unintentional discharge. Furthermore if the user decides not to fire, release of the trigger from a position close to the firing point in the staging process could result in an unintentional discharge.

CLEARING MISFIRES AND CHECKING FOR “SQUIB” LOADS

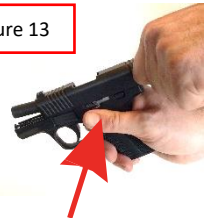
WARNING! If your pistol gives any indication that it is not performing properly, fails to discharge a cartridge, there is a muffled report, or the operation of the pistol has changed, stop firing immediately. If a cartridge fails to fire, wait thirty (30) seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

1. If a cartridge fails to fire, wait thirty (30) seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
3. Remove the magazine.
4. Grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear and briskly pull the slide fully rearward to eject the misfired round. (Figure 12.)
5. Do not obstruct the ejection port, and do not attempt to catch the round by placing your hand over the ejection port. Remember that any time you release the slide while a magazine containing cartridges is in the pistol, you will have reloaded the chamber.
6. To lock the slide in the open position, allow the slide to move slightly forward from the rearmost position while pressing upward on the slide catch. You are now able to safely check the barrel chamber and bore visually for any obstructions. You must be certain there are no cartridges in the chamber or obstructions in the barrel. (Figure 13.)

Figure 12



Figure 13



LODGED BULLET OR BARREL OBSTRUCTION

WARNING! Never attempt to shoot out an obstruction in your barrel. Bullets can become lodged in the barrel under the following conditions:

- If the cartridge has been improperly loaded without propellant powder, contains insufficient powder, or if the powder fails to ignite. Note: Ignition of the cartridge primer but not the powder in the cartridge case will push the bullet out of the cartridge case, but usually does not generate sufficient energy to expel the bullet completely from the barrel.
- If the bullet is not properly seated in the cartridge case. When such a cartridge is extracted from the chamber without being fired, the bullet may be left behind in the bore at the point where the rifling begins. Subsequent chambering of another cartridge may push the first bullet further into the bore.

WARNING! If there is any reason to suspect a bullet, object or debris of any type is obstructing your barrel, immediately unload the firearm to check whether the bore is obstructed. It is not sufficient to merely look in the chamber. A bullet may be lodged down the barrel where it cannot be easily seen. If the bullet can be removed with a cleaning rod, do so and also clean any unburned powder from the bore and chamber before resuming shooting. If the bullet cannot be dislodged by tapping it out with a cleaning rod, have qualified gunsmith repair the firearm or send it to Honor Defense, LLC.

UNLOADING YOUR PISTOL

WARNING! Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

WARNING! Never store your firearm in a loaded condition.

1. Point the muzzle in a safe direction. Make sure your finger is away from the trigger and out of the trigger guard. Depress the magazine release and remove the magazine. (Figure 14.)
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and keep your finger away from the trigger and outside the trigger guard. Grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear with your thumb and fingers. (Figure 15.) Briskly pull the slide fully rearward to extract any cartridge from the barrel's chamber and clear it from the pistol.
3. Lock the slide in the open position by allowing the slide to move slightly forward from the rearmost position while pressing upward on the slide catch. (Figure 16.)

Figure 14



Figure 15

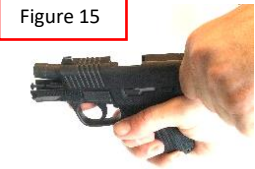


Figure 16



4. Do not obstruct the ejection port because doing so can interfere with ejection of a cartridge. Visually check the barrel's chamber to be sure it is empty.
5. Look into the chamber and down through the magazine well. Verify that no ammunition remains in the pistol.
6. Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine.

FIELD STRIPPING & DISASSEMBLY

WARNING! Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

WARNING! Make sure your firearm is completely unloaded before attempting any field stripping or disassembly.

WARNING! Always wear safety glasses when field stripping or during disassembly of your pistol.

1. Point the pistol in a safe direction. Make sure your finger is off the trigger and out of the trigger guard. Depress the magazine release, and remove the magazine. (Figure 17.)

Figure 17



2. Starting with the slide in the closed position, remove a chambered round as follows:

With the barrel pointing in a safe direction, and with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear with your thumb and fingers. Briskly pull the slide fully rearward to extract any cartridge from the barrel and chamber and clear it from the pistol. (Figure 18.)

Figure 18



3. Pull the slide fully rearward (Figures 18 and 19.) Press upward on the slide catch while letting the slide move slightly forward thereby locking the slide open.



Figure 19

4. Make certain that the chamber is empty. (Figure 20.)

Figure 20



5. For models with a manual safety: Move the safety lever down to "Fire" position ("F"). (Figure 21.)

Figure 21



6. For all models: Rotate the take down lever 90 degrees clockwise. (Figure 22.)

Figure 22



7. A key safety feature of the Honor Guard Pistols is that by rotating the Takedown Lever, you have now deactivated the sear.

NOTICE: DO NOT PULL THE TRIGGER!

Figure 23

8. With the Takedown lever rotated (Figure 23), grasp the slide from the top as shown. Pull the slide slightly rearward to disengage the slide catch. Then push and remove the slide forward, clearing it from the frame. Take precaution to retain the recoil spring and guide rod assembly.



9. While wearing safety glasses, carefully remove the recoil guide rod and spring.

Figure 24



WARNING! Use caution as the springs are under pressure.

10. Remove the barrel from the bottom of the slide. (Figure 25.)

Figure 25



11. The picture to the right depicts the separated components after field stripping. (Figure 26.)

Figure 26



WARNING!

Never disassemble your pistol beyond the field stripping process outlined in this manual. Never manipulate internal components beyond what you are specifically instructed to do in this manual. Failure to follow this warning can result in improper function of your pistol, and/or serious injury or death to you or others.

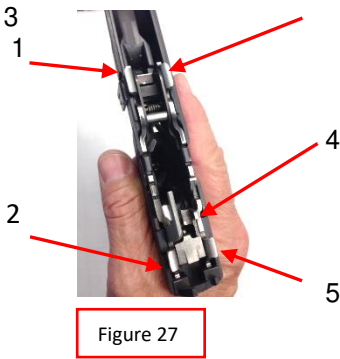
WARNING! Do not alter, modify or replace any of the parts of your firearm unless the work is performed by a qualified gunsmith using genuine Honor Defense, LLC parts. Failure to follow this warning can result in improper function of your pistol, and/or serious injury or death to you or others.

LUBRICATION OF YOUR PISTOL

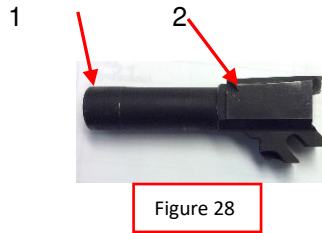
WARNING! Proper maintenance, including regular lubrication, of your pistol is critically important to its ability to function reliably and safely.

- There are seven total lubrication points; five on the lower assembly (Figure 27) and two on the barrel (Figure 28). A single drop of high-quality firearms lubricant should be applied at each lubrication point. Care should be taken to avoid over-lubrication. **NOTICE:** Excess lubricant can collect quantities of unburned powder and carbon residue, which can interfere with the proper functioning of the pistol.

FIVE Chassis lube points



Two Barrel lube points



RE-ASSEMBLY AFTER FIELD STRIPPING

WARNING! Incorrectly assembling the firearm can result in damage to your firearm, personal injury or death to you or others. The firearm owner and user must accept full responsibility for correct reassembly and function of the firearm after disassembly.

1. With the bottom of the slide turned up, replace the barrel in the slide so the muzzle is flush with the end of the slide and the barrel lug is facing up. (Figure 29). Next, place the spring on the end of the guide rod and insert the recoil guide rod spring assembly into the slide (muzzle end). The tip of the rear of the assembly fits into the notch on the barrel lug (Figure 30). Make sure the recoil guide rod assembly is properly centered.



Figure 29



Figure 30

2. Fit the rear portion into the ledge on the barrel and make sure that the springs are NOT visible from the top. (Figure 31.)

Guide Rod correctly installed. (Figure 31.)

Figure 31



Guide Rod correctly installed. (Figure 32.)

Figure 32



View of rear springs only from the side.

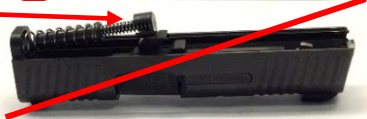
INCORRECT. Springs are showing on rear portion (Figure 33.)

Figure 33



INCORRECT. Guide Rod not seated properly. (Figure 34.)

Figure 34



3. With recoil spring assembly in place and the take down lever in the down position, place the rear of the slide onto the front frame rails. (Figure 35.)

Figure 35



4. Move the slide rearward until it engages the rear frame rails. Push the slide to the rear and engage the slide catch. (Figure 36.)

Figure 36



5. With the Slide in the locked back position, rotate the takedown lever 90 degrees counter-clockwise (Figure 37).

Figure 37



6. Once the Takedown Lever is horizontal, you can allow the Slide to move to the closed position. The sear is now reactivated and the firearm can be used. (Figure 38.)

Figure 38



7. You can now replace the empty magazine into firearm. (Figure 39.)

Figure 39



8. Check for proper functioning by drawing the slide fully rearward, at which point the slide catch should move up and hold the slide open.

FUNCTION TEST

CAUTION: With your pistol fully assembled, you should always complete a full function test to make sure your pistol is properly operating **BEFORE** loading or discharging the pistol. If your pistol does not function as described below, it is **NOT** safe to shoot and you should immediately contact Honor Defense, LLC.

WARNING! Your firearm should be completely unloaded prior to and during a function test. Always wear eye protection when completing a function test. Always safely control the direction of your muzzle.

1. Always point your pistol in a safe direction during the function test.
2. Remove the magazine by pressing the magazine release button.
3. Move the slide fully rearward, and ensure the firearm is **NOT** loaded. Then release the Slide to the fully forward position.
4. With the Slide forward, hold the pistol with your shooting hand and then, if equipped with a manual safety, move the safety to the “F” position (see Figure 44).
5. Pull the trigger. You should hear the click of the Striker traveling forward and coming to a stop at the firing pin stop.
6. While keeping the trigger in the rearward position, pull the Slide fully rearward to re-cock the mechanism. Release the slide. The Striker should not travel forward.
7. With the slide fully forward, release the trigger, and then pull the trigger again. Now the Striker should again release and fall fully forward.
8. If your firearm is equipped with a Manual Safety, engage the safety by moving the safety to the “S” position.
9. Hold your pistol normally with your shooting hand, and attempt to pull trigger. The trigger will move slightly, but not release the striker.
10. Release the trigger and disengage the safety by moving it to the “F” position. Again, the firing pin should remain in the fully cocked position.
11. Pull the trigger. You should hear the click of the Striker traveling forward and coming to a stop at the firing pin stop
12. Return the safety to the “S” position.
13. Store your firearm safely until ready to use.

WARNING! Never incorrectly re-assemble your pistol, and never modify or alter the components in any way. Failing to follow these rules can result in damage to your pistol, personal injury, or death to you or others. As the pistol owner, you are responsible for correctly re-assembling and functioning your pistol and ensuring that you never install modified or altered components.

SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

WARNING! Make sure that your firearm is unloaded before adjusting your sights.

WARNING! Never point your firearm at an object that you are not prepared to shoot at, even if you believe your firearm is unloaded.

NOTE: The front sight is not adjustable. No attempt should be made to move the front sight on your pistol. Removal of the sight and replacement should only be performed by a qualified gunsmith who is familiar with Honor Defense, LLC products. Only your rear sight can be adjusted. The rear sight can be moved left or right to adjust for windage.

1. Move the rear sight in the direction that you wish the group to move on target. For example, if the group should move to the right, move the rear sight to the right (as viewed from the rear). Use a professional tool, brass drift or punch to prevent marring the sight when moving it.

BACKSTRAP ADJUSTMENT

The Honor Guard comes with two different sized back straps to allow you to customize the fit of your firearm.

Back straps can be changed in 3 easy steps.

1. Push out the roll pin located near the base of the grip.
2. Slide the backstrap down and off the grip frame
3. Slide on the preferred backstrap and replace the pin.

Be careful not to mar your firearm when replacing your back strap and save the extra back strap in case you would like to change in the future.

MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY & RE-ASSEMBLY

WARNING! Always wear safety glasses during disassembly and assembly of your magazine.

WARNING! Make sure your magazine is unloaded before disassembling it.

WARNING! Your Honor Defense, LLC pistol is not equipped with a magazine disconnect. The pistol can be fired when the magazine is removed from the pistol. Therefore, make sure that the pistol's chamber has been unloaded whenever the magazine has been removed from the pistol.

CAUTION: Your magazine spring is under pressure. Be sure to control the spring and

follower so they do not fly out and cause injury or become lost.

To Disassemble:

1. Using a pointed tool, depress the floor plate catch through the hole in the floor plate (Figure 40).
2. Slide floor plate forward off of the tube while holding floor plate catch in the tube (Figure 41) against spring pressure.
3. Remove floor plate catch, spring and follower through bottom of tube.
4. Turn the tube right side up, and remove spring and follower through bottom of the tube.

Figure 40



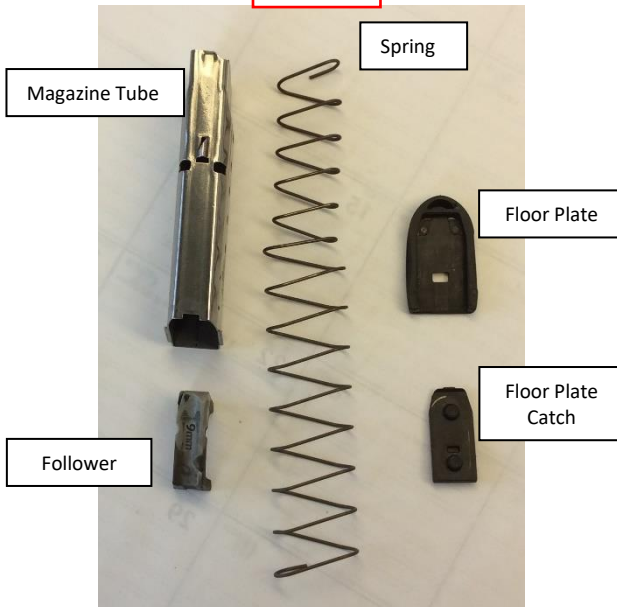
Figure 41



To Re-assemble:

1. Inspect all parts and ensure they are clean (Figure 42). Install magazine spring, follower and floor plate catch (front to back) into the tube in exactly the same orientation as they were before they were removed during disassembly.
2. Holding floor plate catch in the tube, slide the floor plate onto the tube's base so that the projection of the floor plate catch engages the floor plate. Verify that the floor plate is locked in place by exerting some pressure on the floor plate, as if trying to slide it off the tube.

Figure 42



ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Some Honor Defense, LLC pistols are equipped with a manual thumb safety lever. (Figures 43 and 44.)

- The safety prevents the sear from actuating when the thumb safety lever is in the “ON” or “SAFE” position (“S”).

- Push the thumb safety lever fully upward to put it in “ON” or “SAFE” position (“S”).

Figure 43



- Lower the thumb safety lever fully to put it in “OFF” or “FIRE” position (“F”). In this condition, the pistol can be fired when the trigger is pulled.

- The slide can still be opened and closed regardless of the position of the safety lever.

- **CAUTION:** The magazine can be removed and installed in the pistol regardless of the position of the safety lever.

Figure 44



- **CAUTION:** The pistol can be loaded and unloaded regardless of the position of the safety lever.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE TIPS

WARNING! Proper maintenance of your pistol is critically important to its ability to function reliably and safely.

WARNING! Always wear safety glasses when cleaning your pistol.

WARNING! Make sure your firearm is unloaded before cleaning your pistol.

CAUTION: Before using your firearm for the first time, it should be cleaned. Your firearm was treated at the factory with either a preservative or oil to protect it against corrosion during shipping and storage. Preservative and oil should be wiped from the bore, chamber and exposed areas using a clean swab or patch before using the firearm.

1. Never disassemble your firearm beyond the instructions in the Field Stripping and Inspection sections of this manual.
2. Purchase cleaning supplies from your firearms dealer which are specifically designated for your type and caliber of firearm. Follow the instructions provided with your cleaning supplies.
3. Remove any gun cleaning solution, oil and fingerprints from the outside surfaces of the firearm. (Finger moisture, if left on the firearm, could cause corrosion.)
4. Remove excessive firing residue from the bore and chamber using a properly fitted brush. Clean the exterior of the firearm using a non-abrasive cleaning cloth.

5. After cleaning, lightly coat the metal parts, both internal and external, with a high quality gun oil. This will help prevent rust and corrosion.

NOTICE: Whenever your firearm has been exposed to debris, sand, mud, dust, extreme humidity, water or other adverse conditions, it must be cleaned and lubricated. If your firearm will be used in a cold climate, be sure to use an oil of an appropriate weight so that it will not congeal in cold temperatures, causing the interaction of important parts to be slowed or halted.

NOTICE: Some cleaners can cause damage to your firearms. You should avoid prolonged solvent immersion and ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Ammoniated solvents or other strong alkaline solvents, should not be used on any Honor Defense, LLC firearm. Damage to a firearm's finish may occur if these cautions are ignored.

MAINTENANCE BEFORE STORAGE

CAUTION: Do not encase your firearm in anything that will attract or hold moisture, for example, leather or heavy cloth. If your pistol is to be stored for an extended period, the bore, chambers and internal working mechanism should be oiled with a high quality lubricating oil or preservative intended for firearms.

CAUTION: The external working mechanisms and barrel should be coated with an anti-rust oil. Before using your firearm again, be sure to clean it. Every time you clean your firearm, check it for signs of wear. If wear is noted, do not use the firearm. Return it to Honor Defense, LLC for service or have it checked by a qualified gunsmith.

OWNERSHIP RECORD AND NOTES:

SERIAL #:

DATE OF PURCHASE:

Limited Lifetime Warranty

(For Owners within the United States)

Honor Defense warrants that the enclosed firearm was originally manufactured free of defects in material, workmanship and mechanical function. For the lifetime of the original purchaser, Honor Defense agrees to correct any defect in the firearm for the original purchaser by repair, adjustment or replacement, at Honor Defense' option, with the same or comparable quality components (or by replacing the firearms at Honor Defense's option); provided, however, that the firearm is returned unloaded and freight prepaid to Honor Defense at 2295 Skelton Rd D-1, Gainesville, GA 30501.

This limited warranty is null and void if the firearm has been misused, damaged (by accident or otherwise), fired with handloaded, reloaded or improper ammunition, fired with an obstruction in the barrel, damaged through failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance as described in the manual accompanying the firearm, or if unauthorized repair or any alteration, including of a cosmetic nature, has been performed on the firearm. This limited warranty does not apply to normal wear and tear of any parts.

Subject to the foregoing, this limited warranty confers the right to have the covered firearm or its parts repaired, adjusted or replaced exclusively upon the original purchaser, which right is not transferable to any other person. No implied warranties of any kind are made herein, and this warranty does not apply to any accessory items attached or appurtenant to the firearm.

In no event shall Honor Defense be liable for any incidental or consequential damages arising from or in connection with this limited warranty.

In the event of an emergency (repairs needed by law enforcement, an upcoming match or hunting trip), call 678-943-8035 and ask for Law Enforcement and Competition Priority Repair Service. Immediately upon receipt, your firearm will be given priority. After the work is completed, we will return your Honor Defense, LLC firearm via overnight delivery.

CONTACT & SHIPPING FOR SERVICE

(For Owners within the United States)

CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE

Tel: 678-943-8035

E-mail: sales@honordefense.com

RETURNS FOR SERVICE

Honor Defense, LLC

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Gainesville, GA 30501

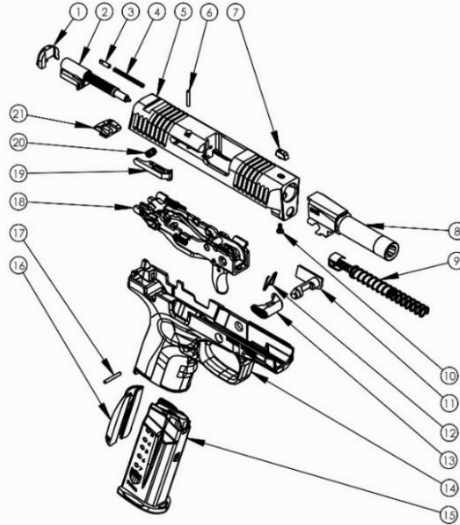
Should your Honor Defense, LLC firearm require service, it should be returned to the Honor Defense, LLC factory.

- Call or e-mail Customer Service for authorization and shipping instructions.
- Ensure that the firearm is unloaded, and Safety Chamber Flag is inserted in the barrel.
- Do not attempt to ship a firearm via US Postal Service; only federally licensed dealers may ship a firearm by US Postal Service.
- **DO NOT SHIP ANY AMMUNITION.**
- Enclose a letter which includes your full name and address (no P.O. Boxes, please), daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the serial number of the firearm, and details of the problem experienced (stating the brand and type of ammunition used when the problem occurred) or work desired.
- Record the serial number before shipping, in case you wish to check on the repair status of your firearm.
- Please remove all custom parts and accessories, such as grips and special sights, from your firearm before returning.
- Place the firearm in its original case or a similarly secure container and pack it securely.
- The package must **NOT** bear any markings which indicate the identity of the contents.
- It is most important that you comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The following guidelines are meant to help, but you must seek assistance from the appropriate authorities if necessary.
- If your firearm must be replaced, it may be necessary to ship the replacement to a dealer rather than directly to you. You will be requested to furnish a signed FFL (Federal Firearms License) from your dealer in such an instance.
- Warranty repair work will begin upon receipt and examination of the firearm. In the case of repairs or work not covered by the warranty, a quotation covering the cost of the work plus round trip transportation charges will be sent to you. Repairs or modification will begin upon receipt of payment.

Patent and Trademark Information

This product may be covered by one or more patents and/or trademarks. Visit www.uspto.gov for further information.

EXPANDED VIEW OF FIREARM



ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	SLIDE BACK PLATE
2	STRIKER ASSEMBLY
3	SLIDE BACK PLATE RETAINER
4	SLIDE BACK PLATE RETAINER SPRING
5	SLIDE
6	EXTRACTOR PIN
7	FRONT SIGHT
8	BARREL
9	RECOIL SPRING ASSEMBLY
10	FRONT SIGHT SCREW
11	TAKEDOWN LEVER
12	MAGAZINE CATCH SPRING
13	MAGAZINE CATCH
14	GRIP FRAME
15	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY
16	BACK STRAP
17	BACK STRAP PIN
18	CHASSIS ASSEMBLY
19	EXTRACTOR
20	EXTRACTOR SPRING
21	REAR SIGHT

