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ADAMS ARMS AA19 OPERATION MANUAL

***PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS WITHIN THIS
MANUAL WITH EXTREME ATTENTION BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM***

STATE WARNINGS

Certain states have laws that their own specified warning notices, in larger-than-normal type, be conspicuously included by the manufacturer, distributor, or retail dealer with firearms to be sold in that state. Adams Arms sells its products in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Please determine any current regulations and heed all state warnings.

CALIFORNIA: WARNING “Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.”

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

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

MAINE: “ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IS A CRIME. IF YOU LEAVE A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINE, IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATE. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION LOCKED UP. USE TRIGGER LOCKS.”

MARYLAND: “WARNING: Children can operate firearms which may cause death or serious injury. It is a crime to store or leave a loaded firearm in any location where an individual knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would gain access to the firearm. Store your firearm responsibly!”

MASSACHUSETTS: “WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventative steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths.” “IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER.”

NEW JERSEY: “IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR.”

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

NORTH CAROLINA: Any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parents or a person having charge of the minor and the minor: (1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14- 269.2(b) (2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner; (3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense; or (4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.

TEXAS: "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO BE AND CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

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

Please contact your licensed retailer, state police, or local police for, any and all, additional warnings, which may be required by your state, local law, or regulation.

THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

- 1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.***
- 2. Do NOT point this or any firearm, loaded or unloaded, at any undesired target.***
- 3. Always be sure of what lies behind and beyond your target and verify the safety of bystanders, before shooting.***
- 4. Check to be sure that the barrel is clear of obstructions.***
- 5. Always use dry factory-made ammunition of the proper type and caliber for your firearm.***
- 6. Ear and eye protection should always be worn when shooting.***
- 7. Never shoot at a flat surface or water.***
- 8. Firearms and ammunition should be stored separately, and locked if possible, beyond the reach of children and unauthorized users.***
- 9. NEVER drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting.***
- 10. NEVER fire your firearm near an animal unless it is trained to be around shooting; the sound may startle or injure the animal.***

WARNING

Before starting an inspection, be sure to clear the weapon.

- ***Do NOT squeeze the trigger until the weapon has been cleared.***
- ***Inspect the chamber to ensure that it is empty and no ammunition is in position to be chambered.***
- ***Do not keep live ammunition near work area.***

To be considered SAFE before disassembly, cleaning, inspecting, transporting, or storage; the weapon must be cleared.

ALTERATIONS

This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or substitute any parts or accessories not manufactured by ADAMS ARMS HOLDINGS LLC.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

Always wear safety glasses and ear plugs or “ earmuff” type protectors whenever you are shooting. Always make certain that persons close to you are similarly protected. Unprotected eyes may be injured by powder, gas, carbon residue, lubricant, metallic particles, or similar debris which may emanate occasionally from any firearm in normal use. Without ear protection, repeated exposure to shooting noise may lead to cumulative, permanent hearing loss.

AMMUNITION

Warning - IMPROPER AMMUNITION CAN DESTROY FIREARMS

Death, serious injury, and damage can result from the use of wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads, or incorrect cartridge components. Always wear shooting glasses and hearing protectors. ADAMS ARMS HOLDINGS SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY WHATSOEVER OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, OR AS A RESULT OF, THE USE IN ANY ADAMS ARMS FIREARM OF FAULTY, NONSTANDARD, “REMANUFACTURED” OR HAND LOADED AMMUNITION, OR CARTRIDGES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THE FIREARM WAS ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED.

Use only ammunition of the caliber for which your firearm is chambered. The proper caliber is permanently engraved on your firearm’s barrel; never attempt to use ammunition of any other caliber. Please only use high quality, original, factory-manufactured ammunition. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, bent, or damaged. Do not oil cartridges. Do not spray aerosol-type lubricants, preservative, or cleaners directly onto cartridges or where excess spray may flow into contact with cartridges. Lubricant or other foreign matter on cartridges can cause potentially dangerous ammunition malfunctions. The use of reloaded, remanufactured, hand-loaded, or other non-standard ammunition voids all warranties. Shooting ammunition that is improperly loaded can be extremely dangerous. Severe damage and injury to the firearm and to the shooter or others may result. Always use ammunition that complies with the industry performance standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute, Inc. of the United States (SAAMI) or ammunition manufactured to military specifications.

AA19 Pistol Set

ADAMS ARMS AA19 pistol includes the following:

- **2 magazines**
- **Pistol case for storage and transport**
- **Cable lock**
- **The Basic Rules of Firearm Safety Brochure**



AA19 Pistol Nomenclature



- 1. Muzzle/Barrel**
- 2. Front Sight**
- 3. Slide**
- 4. Barrel**
- 5. Optic Plate**
- 6. Rear Sight**
- 7. Mounting Rail**
- 8. Trigger**
- 9. Trigger Safety**
- 10. Trigger Guard**
- 11. Slide Lock**

AA19 Pistol Nomenclature (Cont.)



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- 11. Magazine Release**
- 12. Slide Stop Lever**

AA19 Pistol Functioning

When the pistol is in the ready to fire condition – fully loaded with a round in the chamber and a loaded magazine inserted – the trigger is in the forward position with the trigger safety positively protruding from the trigger, the firing pin spring is under partial tension, and the drop safety is engaged. The trigger safety prevents the trigger from being moved rearward and the firing pin safety blocks the firing pin from moving forward.

When the trigger safety is disengaged by depressing it until it is even with the trigger, the trigger can be pulled rearward. When the trigger slack is taken up to the first pressure point by pulling it rearward, the trigger bar raises and disengages the firing pin safety and the firing pin is placed under additional tension.

When the trigger is pulled fully to the rear, the trigger bar separates from the end of the firing pin and drops down, causing the firing pin to release and move forward under pressure to strike the primer of the cartridge in the chamber. This then causes the pistol to fire.

AA19 Pistol Functioning (Continued)

The recoil created after a round is fired moves the slide backward. After the slide moves rearward, the locking action between the barrel and the slide is released. The barrel then swings downward over the locking block and is retained in this position

The slide then continues to move fully rearward, and during this process, the fired cartridge case is pulled out of the chamber of the barrel by the extractor, and is thrown out to the right by the ejector.

The ramp in the slide rails then separates the connector from the trigger bar causing the trigger bar to be lifted by the trigger spring and brought back into the path of the firing pin lug. The recoil spring then brings the slide forward, loading the next round into the barrel's chamber. Each round is automatically loaded until the magazine is empty. After the last round in the magazine has been fired, the slide will remain locked open in the rearward position by the slide stop lever.

AA19 Pistol Loading

After the magazine has been loaded and inserted into the pistol, a cartridge can be loaded into the chamber. This can be done in one of two ways.

If the slide is in the forward position, hold your pistol with your firing hand and, while keeping your finger off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard, grasp the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pull the slide fully back and then release it, allowing it to return to the fully forward position.

If the slide is locked in the rearward position, either press the slide stop lever down to release the slide and return it to the fully forward position or grasp the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pull the slide fully back and then release it, allowing it to return to the fully forward position.

The pistol is now loaded and ready to be fired by pulling the trigger.

Firing your AA19 Pistol

With a loaded magazine inserted into the pistol and with a loaded cartridge in the chamber, it can be fired by pulling the trigger fully to the rear. After firing the last cartridge in the magazine, the slide will remain locked open in the rearward position.

Unloading your AA19 Pistol

To unload your pistol, remove the magazine by pressing the magazine. Next, while holding on the grip with your firing hand, and with your finger off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard, grasp the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pull the slide fully back to eject any cartridge that may be in the chamber. You MUST proceed in this order.

Next, lock the slide in the rearward position by pushing up on the slide stop lever and slowly releasing the slide from the fully rearward position until it locks in the open position. Once the slide is locked to the rear, both visually and physically, inspect the chamber and the magazine well of the pistol to be sure that no ammunition remains in either place. Release the slide to return it to the forward position by either pressing the slide stop lever down or grasping the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pulling the slide fully back and then releasing it. With the muzzle of your pistol pointed in a safe direction (a safe direction is one in which no one can possibly be injured in the event of an unintentional discharge) pull the trigger.

Field stripping your AA19 Pistol

To field strip (disassemble) your pistol for cleaning, ensure that your pistol is unloaded; remove the magazine by pressing the magazine catch. While holding the grip with your firing hand, and with your finger off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard, grasp the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pull the slide fully back to eject any cartridge that may be in the chamber. Lock the slide in the rearward (open) position by pushing up on the slide stop lever and slowly releasing the slide from the fully rearward position until it locks in the open position. Once the slide is locked to the rear, both visually and physically (with your finger) inspect both the chamber and the magazine well of the pistol to be sure that no ammunition remains in either place. Release the slide to return it to the forward position by either pressing the slide stop lever down or grasping the rear of the slide at the serrations with your other hand and pulling the slide fully back and then releasing it. With the muzzle of your pistol pointed in a safe direction (a safe direction is one in which no one can possibly be injured in the event of an unintentional discharge), pull the trigger. (Note: The trigger must be in the rearmost position to remove the slide).

Fieldstripping your AA19 Pistol (Continued)

Hold your pistol with your firing hand, with your fingers across the top of the rear of the slide in front of the rear sight and your thumb on the rear of the frame. Using your fingers, retract the slide about 1/8 in and hold it in this position. (Note: If you pull the slide too far to the rear, it will reset the pistol's trigger to the forward position. If this happens, pull the trigger again while keeping the muzzle of your pistol pointed in a safe direction). Using the thumb and index finger of your nonfiring hand, pull the slide lock down evenly on both sides. While holding the slide lock down, push the slide forward and off of the frame. Press the recoil spring assembly toward the front (muzzle end) of the slide while pulling it up to remove it from the slide. Holding the barrel by the barrel locking cams, lift it and push it toward the front of the slide and then pull it up and toward the rear to remove it from the slide.

Maintaining your AA19 Pistol

Like all mechanical devices, your pistol must be properly maintained to ensure reliable functioning and long service life. Taking proper care of your pistol will also preserve its value. Although your pistol is highly resistant to adverse conditions, you should follow a regularly scheduled maintenance program to ensure that it is properly cleaned and lubricated to prevent corrosion and to remove accumulated dirt and debris that can affect the action and operation of your pistol. You should plan to service your pistol before and after each time it is fired, as well when needed, determined by your weather and storage conditions.

To clean your pistol, first disassemble it into its five main components; the slide, barrel, recoil spring assembly, frame, and magazine. To clean the barrel, wet a cleaning patch with lubricant and run it through the barrel, from the chamber end, several times using a cleaning rod. Wet another cleaning patch with lubricant and run it through the barrel once, from the chamber end, with the cleaning rod and examine it. If it is not clean, repeat steps 2 and 3 until the patch remains clean after being run through the barrel. Run a clean patch through the barrel, from the chamber end, using the cleaning rod. Lightly wet a clean patch with gun oil or lubricant and run it through the barrel from the chamber end. Before firing your pistol, run a clean patch through the barrel, from the chamber end, using the cleaning rod. Repeat this procedure until the patch comes out of the barrel with no gun oil or lubricant on it.

Maintaining your AA19 Pistol (Continued)

To clean the slide, wet a nylon bristle brush with lubricant and thoroughly brush the rail cuts in the slide where it meets the slide rails on the frame. Wipe the rail cuts in the slide with a clean patch and examine it. If it is not clean, repeat steps 1 and 2 until the patch remains clean. Wet a nylon bristle brush with lubricant and, while holding the slide with the muzzle end facing down, brush the breech face and the area under the extractor claw. While holding the slide with the muzzle end facing down, wipe the breech face and the area under the extractor claw with a clean patch and examine it. If it is not clean, repeat steps three and four until the patch remains clean. Check all other exposed areas of the slide for cleanliness. If any dirt or debris is found, remove it with lubricant using a nylon bristle brush, patch, or a clean, soft cloth. Wipe the exposed areas of the slide that you have cleaned in step 5 with a clean patch and examine it. If it is not clean, repeat steps 5 and 6 until the patch remains clean.

Next, clean the frame by wiping the exposed parts with a patch or cloth with a light lubricant. Afterwards, wipe those same exposed parts with a clean cloth until no lubricant is left.

Last, lubricate your pistol using a slightly damp patch with gun oil or lubricant on the outside of the barrel, and inside top of the slide. Place a drop of gun oil or lubricant where the rear of the trigger bar touches the connector, and spread one drop along the entire length of the slide rail cut.

Reassembling your AA19 Pistol

To reassemble your pistol, hold the barrel by the barrel locking cams, insert it into the slide. Insert the recoil spring assembly into the slide by placing the small end of the recoil spring assembly in the indentation in the front of the slide and pressing the other end of the recoil spring assembly down, to compress the spring until the large end of the recoil spring assembly rests in the second notch on the barrel locking cams. Holding the frame in your firing hand, with your finger off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard, place the slide on top of the frame in front of the slide rails and push the slide towards the back of the frame until the slide lock snaps up to lock the slide into place.

After this, you should inspect it to ensure that it is working properly by performing a trigger safety test. Start by confirming that your pistol is unloaded by making sure the magazine is not inserted in the pistol and visually and physically (with your finger) checking to make sure that there is not a cartridge in the chamber. Cycle the slide to reset the trigger to the forward position. With the muzzle of your pistol pointed in a safe direction (a safe direction is one in which no one can possibly be injured in the event of an unintentional discharge), grasp the sides of the trigger (without touching or depressing the trigger safety) and attempt to pull the trigger to the rear. The trigger safety should prevent rearward movement of the trigger, and the pistol should not dry fire. **IF THE TRIGGER SAFETY FAILS TO KEEP THE TRIGGER FROM MOVING REARWARD, DO NOT LOAD OR FIRE YOUR PISTOL AND SEEK REPAIR BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH.**

Transportation and Storage

When transporting your firearm to and from shooting activities, keep it unloaded for your safety and for the safety of others. When storing your firearm, keep it separated from ammunition, under lock and key if possible, and out of the reach of children and other inexperienced or unauthorized persons.

Never place or store any firearm in such a manner that it may be dislodged. Firearms should always be stored securely and unloaded, away from children and other unauthorized users. Use the locking device originally supplied with this firearm for storage. The use of a cable locking device or safety lock is only one aspect of responsible firearms storage. For increased safety, firearms should be stored unloaded and locked in a location that is both separate from their ammunition and inaccessible to children and any other unauthorized person.

Cable lock and Youth Safety

Your AA19 pistol comes standard with a cable lock. The cable must be installed on an unloaded pistol with the slide locked in the rearward position. The cable must be placed through the ejection port and out of the magazine well. Insert the end of the cable into the lock and make sure it is locked into place.

Never leave your AA19 pistol where it could be accessed by a child or other unauthorized person. Store the key to the cable lock separately from your pistol.

The misuse of handguns is a leading contributor to juvenile violence and fatalities. Safely storing and securing firearms away from children prevents the unlawful possession of handguns, stops accidents, and saves lives.

. 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. A knowing 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.

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