

INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL FOR
D & L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOLS
SERVICE MODEL, PROFESSIONAL MODEL,
LONGSLIDE MODEL, & CR-45



This manual should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of possession. Please read and understand this owner's manual and all safety rules before handling, manipulating and/or firing your D & L Sports, Inc. firearm. It is vital to your safety and to the safety of others that you accurately follow the information contained in this manual, as well as the information supplied by reputable ammunition manufacturers. If you have any questions, please contact D & L Sports, Inc. Keep your firearms and ammunition secured separately, and out of the reach of children and other unauthorized personnel.

OVERVIEW OF THE D & L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOL

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CAUTION: PRIOR TO USING YOUR D & L SPORTS, INC. FIREARM, READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, CONTACT D & L SPORTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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MAKE: D & L Sports, Inc. MODEL: _____ SERIAL NUMBER: _____

Congratulations! You have just acquired a premium grade 1911 style pistol. Your new D & L Sports, Inc. 1911 Auto Pistol has been handcrafted by Dave Lauck of D & L Sports, Inc. Years of development, research and testing have all been factored into the features and reliable operation of this pistol. This instruction manual has been provided to give you an overview of the operation and maintenance of the pistol for safe and proper use. Following these instructions will help ensure the pistol performs properly for years to come. Prior to handling, loading and/or firing your new pistol, be sure to read and understand all safety rules and instructions completely. Failure to do so could result in serious injury, death, or property damage.

Caliber: 45 ACP

Barrel Length: 3 ¼ inches, 5 inches, or 6 inches

Overall Length: 7 inches (CR-45) 8.5 inches (5" model) 9.5 inches (6" model)

Overall Weight: (unloaded) approximately 34 – 42 oz. Depending upon model

FIREARMS SAFETY – IMPORTANT WARNINGS

READ THIS SECTION! DO NOT PROCEED WITHOUT FIRST READING THE SAFETY SECTION!

As the owner or custodian of a firearm, it is your responsibility to ensure the safe handling and storage of all your firearms and ammunition. The following is a brief list of basic safety rules. For additional safety information, refer to a qualified firearms instructor, the NRA, the D & L Sports, Inc. website at WWW.DLSPORTS.COM or contact D & L Sports, Inc. directly.

- 1. ALL GUNS ARE ALWAYS LOADED! TREAT THEM WITH THIS IN MIND AT ALL TIMES!**
- 2. NEVER COVER ANYTHING WITH THE MUZZLE THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY!**
- 3. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON TARGET AND YOU ARE READY TO FIRE.**
- 4. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND! ASSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT TARGET AND A SAFE BACKSTOP!**
- 5. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY EQUIPMENT; EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AND BALLISTIC PROTECTION!**
- 6. IF YOUR FIREARM FAILS TO FIRE, KEEP IT POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION FOR ONE MINUTE PRIOR TO CLEARING THE CHAMBER IN CASE OF DELAYED FIRING (HANGFIRE)!**
- 7. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL DO NOT MIX WITH FIREARMS!**
- 8. STORE YOUR FIREARMS IN A QUALITY GUN SAFE AND KEEP YOUR AMMUNITION LOCKED UP SEPERATELY! KEEP YOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SECURED AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. DO NOT STORE LOADED FIREARMS!**

9. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR FIREARM UNATTENDED!**
10. **SELECT A PROPER FIRING RANGE WITH A SAFE BACKSTOP AND PROPER VENTILATION. DO NOT SHOOT AT SURFACES WHICH MAY CAUSE RICOCHETS, UNSAFE BULLET SPLATTER, OR FRAGMENTATION!**
11. **KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT AND ITS CAPABILITIES, AS WELL AS YOUR OWN!**
12. **ALWAYS USE PROPER SPECIFICATION AMMUNITION, QUALITY MAGAZINES, AND CONDUCT ROUTINE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE.**
13. **DO NOT KEEP OR CARRY FIREARMS FOR SELF DEFENSE OR OTHERWISE WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY!**
14. **ALWAYS SAFELY CHECK THE CONDITION OF ANY FIREARM YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH! OBTAIN COMPETANT ASSISTANCE IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF AN UNFAMILIAR FIREARM!**
15. **TO AVOID LEAD INGESTION, DO NOT EAT OR DRINK DURING SHOOTING ACTIVITIES. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER SHOOTING AND BEFORE EATING OR DRINKING!**

DO NOT SACRIFICE SAFETY FOR ANY PERCEIVED ADVANTAGE!

Good safety habits will become second nature if they are always observed. Safe habits are especially important in high-stress situations; unintentionally shooting yourself or someone else will do little to help you complete the task at hand. *Make safety a habit at all times!*

Formal firearms training from a knowledgeable and competent firearms instructor should be obtained before using any firearm.

Anyone who possesses a firearm for defensive purposes needs to understand the legalities of defense situations. Consult the legal authority in your jurisdiction.

Feel free to contact D & L Sports, Inc. with any questions about the safe operation of your firearm, for information about gun safety, or to obtain additional firearm locks or security equipment. Additional copies of this manual are also available from D & L Sports, Inc.

ADDITIONAL FIREARMS SAFETY RULES, NOTICES, AND WARNINGS

1. Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure, and before eating or drinking.
2. Always be sure the gun is safe to operate and the barrel is clear of any obstruction. Seek professional assistance as needed.
3. Your D & L Sports, Inc. pistol is equipped with effective and well designed safety devices. However, you should never completely rely on any mechanical safety, firearm, or other mechanical device. All mechanical devices have the potential of unexpected and/or unforeseen failures. If you carry a firearm for defensive and/or duty purposes, have it routinely professionally inspected for safety and function, and perform routine preventative maintenance. Acquire regular firearms training from a qualified instructor skilled in your area of activity. Carry additional devices to help assure your survival if this device should fail. Wear adequate ballistic protection.
4. **NO SAFETY MECHANISM IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PROPER AND SAFE GUN HANDLING.** Any safety mechanism can break down or malfunction. **YOU AND YOU ALONE ARE THE ULTIMATE SAFETY MECHANISM.**
5. Using the wrong ammunition can result in malfunctions, serious injury, or death. Catastrophic damage could occur. Loading the wrong ammunition in your magazine or chamber can allow a cartridge or casing to move ahead of the chamber, and a live cartridge to chamber and fire behind it. This could cause catastrophic damage, injury, and/or death. Do not allow ammunition or cartridge cases to be intermixed. Your D & L Sports, Inc. firearm is not designed for, nor should you use overpressure, +P, or reloaded ammunition in your firearm. Doing so can cause catastrophic damage, injury, and/or death, as well as violate your service agreement.
6. Always be sure of your target and backstop as well as the maximum range and penetration of the ammunition that you are using. Consider the possibility of overpenetration before you fire.
7. If a bullet is stuck in the bore, do not attempt to shoot it out by using another cartridge, or by blowing it out with a blank or cartridge with the bullet removed. This can generate excessive pressure, damage the firearm and cause serious personal injury, or death. Consult a qualified gunsmith.

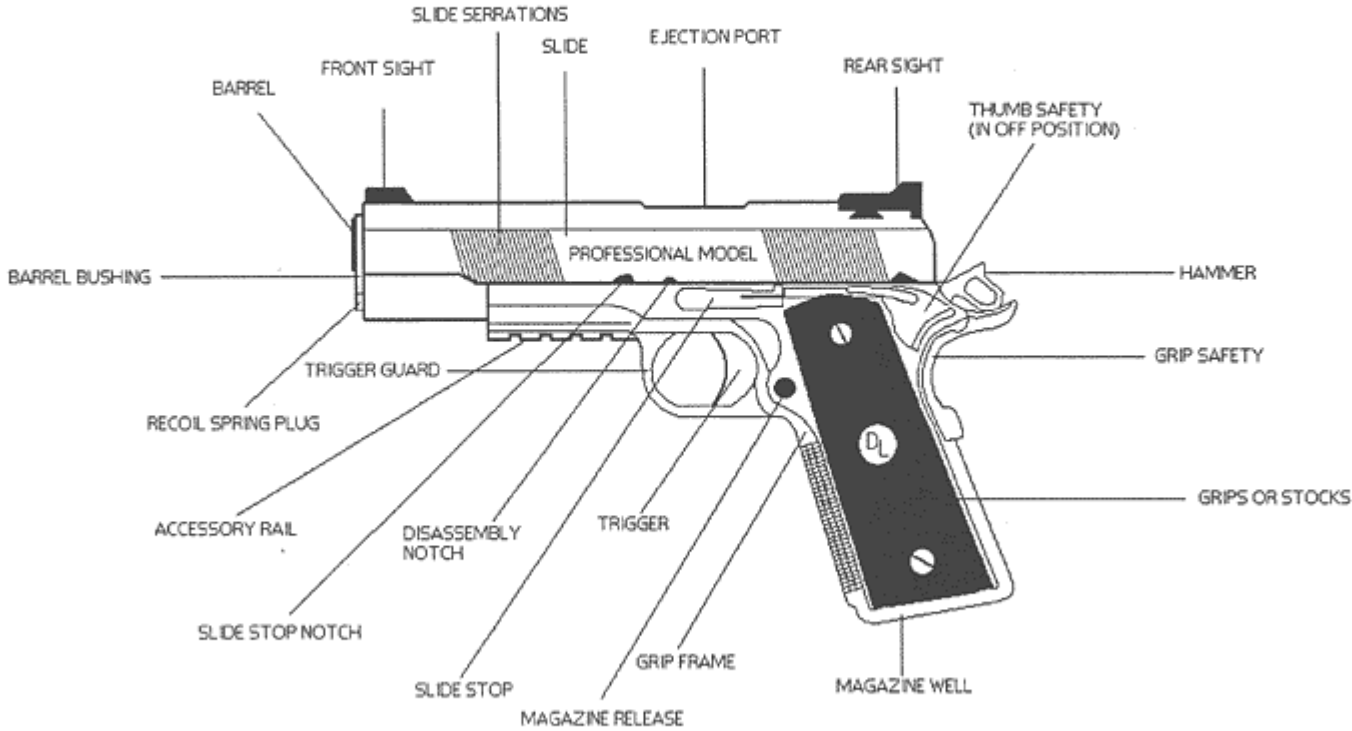
8. Before performing any cleaning or maintenance, make sure the pistol is completely unloaded. This includes the magazine and chamber. Allow no live ammunition in your work area. **WARNING:** Firearms are still capable of discharging when the magazine is removed.
9. Before performing any disassembly of the pistol, make sure you are wearing eye protection.
10. PRIOR TO SHOOTING, MAKE SURE THE BORE IS DRY, CLEAN, AND UNOBSTRUCTED.
11. You understand it is your personal responsibility to make final determination as to whether D & L Sports, Inc. products are suitable for your intended uses. You assume all liability for making such determination.
12. If you attempt to fire your firearm and it does not result in the normal loud bang, an improperly charged cartridge may have stuck a bullet in the barrel. Do not attempt to fire again. Have the firearm checked by a competent gunsmith for barrel obstructions.
13. All D & L Sports, Inc. firearms come with gun safety locks. Be sure to use them whenever added security is needed. Contact your local gun store or D & L Sports, Inc. directly if you misplace your gunlock for a replacement. Firearms safety is your responsibility.
14. All D & L Sports, Inc. products must be used for legal purposes only or criminal penalties will result.

Based on the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, D & L Sports, Inc. offers no express warranty on its products, provides no written warranty card, and disclaims any and all express and implied warranties. However, D & L Sports, Inc. is concerned about delivering professional service to owners of D & L Sports, Inc. products. D & L Sports, Inc. continues to honor all requests for service which D & L Sports, Inc. considers reasonable.

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GENERAL PARTS OF THE 1911 AUTO PISTOL



AMMUNITION SELECTION FOR THE D & L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOL

All models of the D & L Sports, Inc. 1911 Style Auto Pistols are chambered in 45 ACP. *Only factory loaded ammunition from a reputable company in this caliber should be used in the operation of this pistol!* Reloaded ammunition should not be used in your pistol. D & L Sports recommends the use of standard velocity, factory loaded, service ammunition only. Not +P ammunition. Below is a list of acceptable ammunition. Failure to use proper ammunition is extremely dangerous and could cause serious injury or death, damage to your firearm, or cause your firearm to malfunction.

RECOMMENDED AMMUNITION

D & L Sports – Special Ball 230 grain FMJ (full metal jacket)

Federal – Gold Medal Match 230 grain FMJ **NOTE:** Do not confuse this load with Federal's 185 grain target wadcutters which are not recommended.

Federal – American Eagle 230 grain FMJ

Remington – Golden Saber 230 grain JHP (standard velocity jacketed hollow point)

Black Hills – new manufactured 230 grain FMJ

Different ammunition has different characteristics. It is your responsibility to test reliability, penetration, and other characteristics to assure they are well suited to your needs. No ammunition should be used for serious purposes without first successfully completing a 500 round minimum reliability test while using the exact magazines you plan to employ.

Always conduct a final, personal inspection on all ammunition prior to loading. Check for missing, damaged, or inverted primers, cartridge corrosion, overall cartridge weight variations, and general deformities. Do not load any improper or defective ammunition.

NOTE: Swaged lead, cast lead, and exposed lead tip bullets are not recommended for use in your pistol.

WARNING: Keep your stored firearms and ammunition locked up separately and out of the reach of children and unauthorized personnel.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Many people will cycle the first couple rounds in their magazine in and out of their firearm on a regular basis when loading and unloading the firearm for a variety of reasons. This is not recommended. Cycling a cartridge into the chamber of a semi auto firearm causes the bullet to impact the feedramp with notable force. With poorly designed ammo this can set the bullet back in the case all at once or incrementally during each cycle. This could cause a failure to feed at some point, or dangerously excessive pressure if a cartridge with a set back bullet is fired. When loading/unloading always cycle in a new cartridge. This minimizes the chances of a problem, and allows used cartridges, which may be lube contaminated, to be properly disposed of. Always use a chamber gauge to check your ammo for proper dimension and a scale to check overall cartridge weights. Choose reliable ammo that functions properly, and durable ammo that cycles without impact set back problems.

MAGAZINE SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Premium quality magazines are critical to the reliable functioning of your pistol. Only magazines designated by D & L Sports, Inc. are recommended for use in your pistol. (Consult WWW.DLSPORTS.COM for more information.)

Magazines tend to be handled roughly during shooting activities. It is important that you periodically inspect and care for your magazines. Avoid dropping and stepping on magazines as this can lead to irreversible damage which will affect the reliability of your pistol.

If your magazines are left loaded, the springs should be replaced every 3 months with high quality replacements designated by D & L Sports. You should service your magazines every time you clean your pistol. Servicing includes, cleaning out dirt and debris, and keeping your magazines clean and dry. **DO NOT** put oil on or in your magazines or on the magazine spring. Oil in the magazine attracts dirt and debris and can cause ammunition contamination and malfunction.

Magazine Disassembly: **CAUTION: Be sure to wear your safety glasses. Springs are under pressure and can come out with force!** Holding the magazine upside down, insert a small punch into the hole in the base pad of the magazine. Push down on the punch to depress the retaining plate inside the magazine. Slide the base pad off the front of the magazine. (You will need to push the base pad forward while the punch is inserted to move the hole in the base pad past the retaining tab on the retaining plate. Remove the punch and finish removing the base pad.) **CAUTION: The retaining plate is sitting on top of the spring which is compressed. After removing the base pad, the spring and retaining plate may come out with force if not retained by you. Use Caution!**

After slowly releasing the spring pressure, remove the retaining plate and spring. Tip the magazine upright and remove the follower from the bottom of the magazine tube if you are disassembling a D & L 8 round magazine. The WR #47 magazine follower comes out in front of the top feed lips by tilting it prior to removal. Your magazine is now fully disassembled.

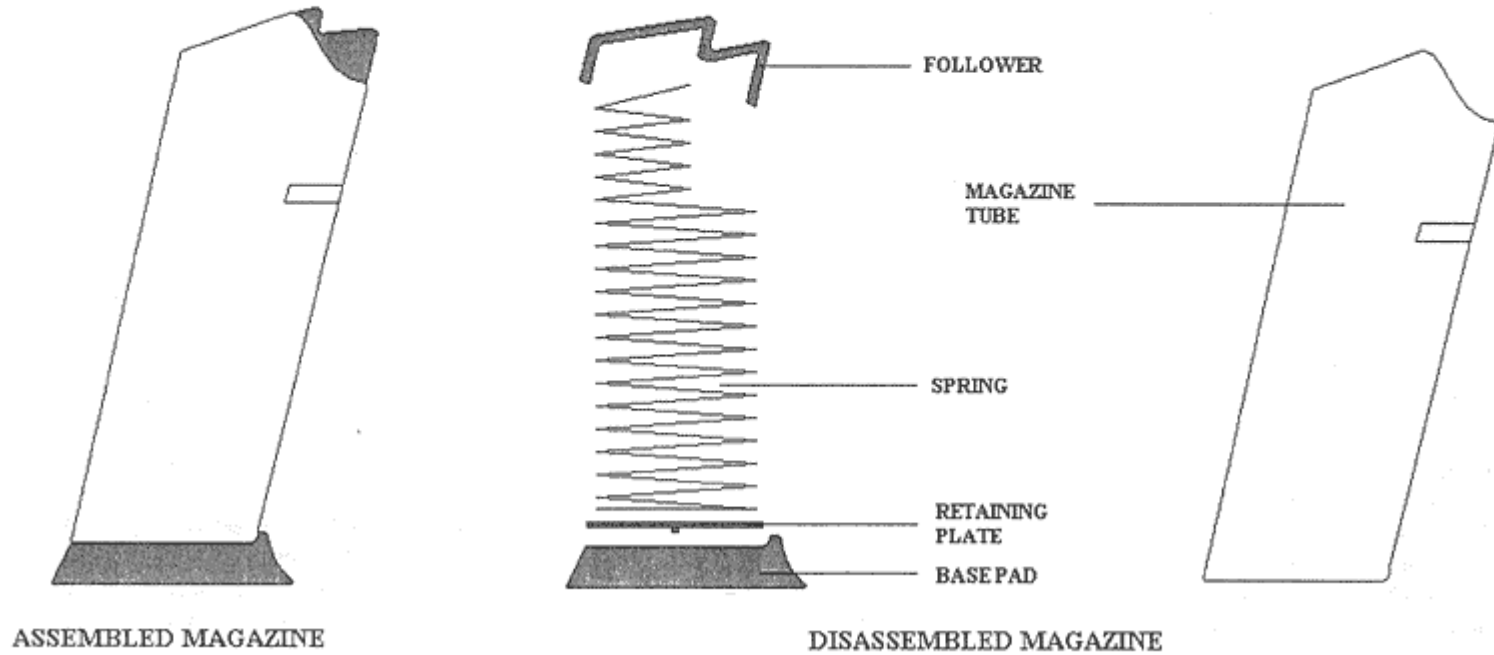
During the cleaning process, inspect your magazines for bent lips, cracks, deformities, and rough operation. Be sure to discard damaged magazines. All of your magazines should be initialed and numbered to assist in tracking any problems and/or servicing.

Magazine Cleaning: Using an aerosol degreaser, such as RemClean, spray the inside of the magazine tube. Brush the tube out with a small, soft bristled brush to remove all dirt, debris, and fouling. When finished scrubbing, spray again with the aerosol degreaser and blow out with low pressure compressed air. Using a bore mop on a short cleaning rod, wipe out the inside of the magazine tube until it is clean and dry. Wipe off the spring, retaining plate, base pad, and follower with a clean dry rag. If needed, use a small, soft bristled brush to clean off all dirt, debris, and fouling. Once all parts are clean and dry, you are now ready to reassemble.

If it is time to replace the spring in the D & L – 8 round magazine, discard the old one and obtain a new high quality replacement (available from D & L Sports, Inc.). Insert the magazine follower into the magazine tube. Insert the spring with the small coils up. (Note: the WR #47 seven round magazine spring has only one size of coils throughout its length.) The upward angle of the spring should match the upward angle of the follower. Invert the magazine and place the retaining plate on the bottom of the spring. Push the spring and retaining plate down and slightly below the bottom of the magazine tube. Slide the base pad on the retaining lips of the magazine. Push on until the retaining tab “clicks” into the hole on the base pad. Double check to be sure it is locked in place.

Always perform a function test any time that you disassemble and reassemble your magazines and/or pistol. To do this, load the magazine to full capacity with dedicated dummy cartridges and then remove the cartridges making sure there is no binding. The follower should move freely up and down in the magazine tube without being sluggish. A final function test should be to live fire the magazine and pistol at a designated safe range location. Do not attempt to load a magazine with more than it was designed to hold. The only 8 round magazines recommended for use in this pistol are those available from D & L Sports, Inc. Other 8 round magazines have not proven to be sufficiently reliable.

D & L - 8 ROUND MAGAZINE DIAGRAM



Your ammunition and magazine choices are critical to the reliability of your pistol. Quality ammunition produced by a reputable factory is a must. A cannelured cartridge case is highly recommended to minimize the chances of bullet push back during the feeding cycle. A rounded, well designed bullet nose, loaded to the correct overall length should be chosen to help assure feeding reliability. If you chose a bullet shape with a more blunt nose, and a shorter overall cartridge length, such as many hollow points and wadcutter style bullets have, you may reduce the reliability of your pistol. IT IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THOROUGHLY TEST YOUR FIREARM WITH THE AMMUNITION AND MAGAZINES YOU INTEND TO USE TO ASSURE THEIR COMBINED RELIABILITY IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR INTENDED PURPOSES. A 500 ROUND TEST FIRE WITH ZERO MALFUNCTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE MINIMUM TEST FOR AMMUNITION, MAGAZINES, AND A FIREARM.

LOADING / UNLOADING

NOTE: These procedures should first be practiced with safety or “dummy” cartridges prior to using live ammunition.

Your new pistol has been shipped after being test fired and zeroed at D & L Sports, Inc. It is now ready for you to personally test fire and zero. Make sure the pistol’s reliability and zero meet your requirements before serious use. The following instructions are given to provide you with a safe method for loading and unloading ammunition. Failure to follow these directions could result in serious injury, death and/or damage to your firearm.

TWO IMPORTANT 1911 OPERATION RULES:

1. **DO NOT** load cartridges directly into the chamber and close the slide over them. This can bend, break, or otherwise damage your extractor. Always load the chamber by firmly seating a loaded magazine in the pistol, then, with your finger off of the trigger and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, briskly cycle the slide to feed a cartridge from the magazine into the chamber.
2. **DO NOT** snap the slide down on an empty pistol. This unnecessarily batters the pistol.

LOADING

CAUTION: Wear your safety glasses!

1. Loading the magazine.
 - Hold the magazine in either hand
 - With the other hand, place the rear of the 45 ACP cartridge on the front portion of the magazine follower.

- While putting a slight downward pressure on the magazine follower, push the cartridge to the rear of the magazine. Be sure that the cartridge slides under the feed lips of the magazine. Forcing a cartridge into the feed lips could cause damage to the magazine which will cause unreliable functioning.
 - For the remaining cartridges, repeat the above procedure. The rear of the cartridge will now be placed on the case of the already loaded cartridge prior to pushing down and rearward.
 - Continue this until the magazine is fully loaded. **DO NOT** attempt to load the magazine with more than it is designed to hold. Doing this will cause damage and/or deformation to the feed lips.
2. Seating the loaded magazine into the firearm.
- Be sure the firearm is pointed in a safe direction.
 - Place the top of the loaded magazine into the magazine well. The bullets should be facing the same direction as the muzzle.
 - Firmly push the magazine into the firearm until the magazine catch locks the magazine into place. Failure to lock the magazine in will result in the magazine falling out of the pistol or the failure to feed a cartridge into the chamber.
3. Chambering a cartridge.
- Be sure the firearm is pointed in a safe direction and your finger is off of the trigger.
 - While holding the grip frame of the firearm, firmly grasp the slide with your other hand. Be sure not to cover your hand or fingers with the muzzle. Do not allow your hand to cover the ejection port.
 - Pull the slide to the rear as far as it will go and release it. Do not keep your hand on the slide as it goes forward. Let it return freely. By doing this, the slide will strip the top round from the magazine and feed it into the chamber of the barrel. Immediately place the thumb safety in the “on” or “up” position.

NOTE: Any time the hammer is cocked, the thumb safety should be engaged unless firing. **WARNING:** When a cartridge is in the chamber, your firearm will fire when the thumb safety is disengaged and the trigger is pulled. Your pistol will fire with or without a magazine in place in the magazine well.

NOTE: The trigger pull on a 1911 style pistol may be shorter, and may be lighter than some other pistol designs you may be familiar with. Obtain training which is 1911 design specific.

NOTE: The thumb safety on your 1911 is not designed to go on/up unless the hammer is fully cocked. Do not use or carry your 1911 with the hammer set on the intermediate cock notch.

CAUTION: If you are new to the 1911 pistol design, be aware that it takes thousands of repetitions to become reasonably familiar with the design and thumb safety operation. Obtain professional training and become highly skilled with this firearm prior to serious use. Firing the 1911 pistol should be accomplished with the operator's thumb on top of the thumb safety to assure that the safety is not inadvertently engaged during firing. The operator should grip the pistol in a manner which does not interfere with slide or slide stop operation.

4. Topping off the magazine with another cartridge.
 - After chambering a round in the firearm and placing the safety on, you now have the option to replace the top cartridge that was stripped off of the magazine and fed into the chamber.
 - With the thumb safety on and your finger off of the trigger, press the magazine release button and remove the magazine.
 - Either safely holster the firearm with your finger outside of the trigger guard or safely place the pistol with the muzzle pointing downrange.
 - Load a single cartridge in the magazine using the method previously described.
 - Pick up the firearm and firmly seat the magazine to assure it properly locks in place. Your firearm is now fully loaded.

UNLOADING

1. Remove the magazine.
 - With the firearm pointed in a safe direction, your finger off of the trigger, and the thumb safety in the on position, press the magazine release button and remove the magazine.

WARNING: Your 1911 pistol can still fire the round in the chamber when the magazine is removed! Keep your finger off of the trigger and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction!

2. Unloading the chamber.

- keeping the firearm pointed in a safe direction and your finger off of the trigger, place the thumb safety in the “off” or “down” position.
- Grasp the slide, being sure not to place your hand in front of the muzzle or over the ejection port.
- Pull the slide completely to the rear, ejecting the round out of the chamber on to a soft surface. Do not try to capture the ejecting cartridge in your hand. Binding the cartridge in the ejection port area can cause cartridge ignition and severe injury. – **Always wear your safety glasses!**
- Visually check the chamber to be sure that the firearm is completely unloaded. Next, with the slide all to the rear, push up the slide stop and lock the slide open. Visually and manually “peek and poke” the magazine well and chamber with your finger to confirm an empty firearm. **CAUTION:** Do not release the slide on your finger! Your firearm is now confirmed to be empty.

Remember, SAFETY FIRST!

FIRING YOUR 1911 AUTO PISTOL

After completely familiarizing yourself with the safety rules, pistol design features, loading/unloading procedures, and obtaining proper factory 45 ACP ammunition and professional training, you will be ready to fire your 1911 Auto Pistol. Remember, all safety rules apply. You are responsible for all of your actions, and accept all risks associated with shooting activities and this firearm.

Eye, ear, and ballistic protection is mandatory for live fire shooting!

Be sure your range location and targets are safe for centerfire pistol usage.

Your D & L Sports 1911 Auto Pistol was properly zeroed following construction. You will need to confirm the zero is correct for you and your ammunition selection. This zero check should be accomplished from a solid rest to minimize human error. You may determine that you need to slightly adjust the zero for your personal sight hold.

NOTE: Do not decide to re-zero your pistol until you are a skilled marksman. Newer shooters will often have trouble grouping a firearm when they are still developing their shooting skills. Seek competent assistance anytime you have questions.

Primary fundamentals of accurate shooting include proper sight picture, sight alignment, and trigger control.

SIGHT PICTURE



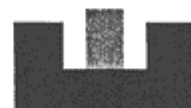
SHOT RIGHT



SHOT LEFT



**CORRECT SIGHT
PICTURE**



SHOT HIGH



SHOT LOW

Once you see and understand the sight picture, you will need to align this sight picture with the target. Maintaining the sight picture, and its alignment with the target throughout your trigger pull, will allow for consistent shot placement.

TRIGGER CONTROL

Prior to live fire, it is best to practice dry firing your pistol with a snap cap in the chamber to learn the trigger's pull weight, travel distance, and how the trigger "feels". (Only load the chamber with a snap cap by cycling it into the chamber from the magazine.) Dry fire only at a live fire range with the pistol pointed downrange at a safe backstop. Never "dry fire" at a backstop which is not capable of containing a live bullet. Remember the safety rules! Continue to dry fire practice under instructor observation until you feel comfortable with the pistol.

Trigger pull should be a controlled movement. It is often times referred to as a squeeze or press. There should be no jerking of the pistol due to anticipation of the shot. The shot should not be a surprise. You should know exactly when the pistol will fire. This is learned by getting the feel for your trigger from dry fire practice.

To begin your live firing, load the magazine and pistol as previously described. After chambering a live round into the chamber, immediately place the thumb safety on and keep your finger off of the trigger until your sights are on target and you are ready to fire. Always keep a firm grip on the pistol.

When firing live ammunition, the pistol will automatically eject the spent casing, re-cock the hammer, and reload the next live round into the chamber. This occurs during the recoil process which means the pistol is ready to fire again after each shot. This process will continue until the pistol is empty. At this point, the slide will lock back in the open position.

To reload the pistol from this condition, remove the empty magazine, insert a loaded magazine into the magazine well and firmly push up until it locks into place. With the thumb of your weak hand, release the slide stop lever by pushing it downward. The slide will briskly move forward and chamber a cartridge. Keep a firm grip on the pistol. Immediately place the safety in the on/up position. Be sure to keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction and your finger off of the trigger during this process.

If you stop shooting prior to all of the live rounds of ammunition being fired, immediately place the thumb safety on, keep your finger off of the trigger, and decide if you want to unload the pistol or resume firing.

When you have completed firing, remove the magazine from the pistol and the cartridge from the chamber. Check to be sure it is unloaded, then double check again with the "peek and poke" technique.

PROCEDURE TO ADJUST REAR SIGHT FOR WINDAGE

Step 1: Disassemble the pistol as described in the disassembly section of this manual.

Step 2: Firmly lock the slide in a padded vise. **CAUTION:** Do not over-tighten the vise on the slide.

Step 3: With a pointed scribe or awl, make a small witness line inside the bottom of the dovetail alongside the rear sight base. This line will serve as a reference point and provide indication of the rear sight's movement.

Step 4: In order to move the rear sight, utilize a flat nose brass punch, at least ¼" in diameter. Loosen the set screw(s) in the sight one full turn. To loosen the screw(s), turn counter clockwise with the appropriate size allen wrench.

Step 5: If you want to move your point of impact on target to the right, you will move the rear sight to the right. If you want your point of impact on target to move to the left, you will move the rear sight to the left. **IMPORTANT:** Utilize a small piece of clean cardboard between the sight and flat nose brass punch to avoid marring the sight. Strike the sight on the bottom of the dovetail shaped sight base in the slide's dovetail cut. Tap the sight while checking for movement in comparison to your witness line. A small amount of movement of the rear sight will substantially affect your point of impact on target. Only move your sight in small increments before rechecking live fire impacts on target. Remember, your sight will probably need little or no adjustment if your marksmanship fundamentals are solid. Do not decide to adjust the sight until you are shooting with proper marksmanship skills and are achieving tight shot groups on target. Obtain skilled assistance as needed.

Step 6: Once the desired adjustment is achieved, retighten locking set screw(s).

Pistols equipped with fixed sights and night sight inserts are not operator adjustable for elevation. Plan accordingly by understanding the correct sight hold required to make hits at various distances.

GENERAL OPERATOR LEVEL DISASSEMBLY OF THE D & L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOL

General disassembly of your 1911 Auto Pistol will be required for cleaning and maintenance.

NOTE: No serious force or pounding is required to disassemble your pistol. Call D & L Sports, Inc. if you have any problems or questions before proceeding.

CAUTION: BE SURE THAT YOUR PISTOL IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED PRIOR TO BEGINNING GENERAL DISASSEMBLY! THIS INCLUDES THE MAGAZINE AND THE CHAMBER! DO NOT ALLOW LIVE AMMUNITION IN THE CLEANING AREA! NEVER COVER ANYTHING WITH THE MUZZLE THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY, EVEN DURING SERVICING AND CLEANING!

After completely unloading your pistol and double checking it, find a safe area to disassemble your pistol. If you are conducting maintenance in the field, use a ground cloth below and a retention cloth above to assure that you do not lose any parts. Be sure to wear safety glasses due to the possibility of compressed springs and/or parts coming out with force.

Step 1: With the thumb safety on, place your bushing wrench over the top of the barrel bushing. Press down firmly to compress the recoil spring and push the spring plug down. While retaining the spring plug and recoil spring, turn the bushing wrench clockwise approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ turn. The recoil spring and spring plug are now freed. Slowly release the tension from the recoil spring. Take out the recoil spring plug. Pull out the recoil spring while turning it clockwise in order not to unnecessarily stretch the spring.

NOTE: Field operators should obtain advanced maintenance training to allow for servicing under adverse conditions without tools. They should also consider having a parts kit for their individual pistol consisting of fitted replacement parts for those which may be lost or broken in the field.

Step 2: With the thumb safety off, pull the slide back until the disassembly notch lines up with the rear of the slide stop. Push the slide stop out by pressing the end of the slide stop "pin" located on the ejection port side of the pistol. Remove the slide stop. If difficulty occurs, press the plunger spring inward at the rear of the slide stop with a tiny screwdriver. Next, push the slide all the way forward, removing it from the grip frame.

NOTE: Do not pull the trigger and snap the hammer down while the slide is off of the pistol.

Step 3: Remove the spring guide rod from the slide. Do this by lifting it out from the bottom of the slide. Next place your bushing wrench over the barrel bushing. Turn the barrel bushing counter-clockwise. Pull the barrel bushing out of the front of the slide. To remove the barrel from the slide, place the barrel link in the forward position. Slide the barrel out the front of the slide.

Step 4: Remove the grip panels from the frame, only when the job at hand requires it. Only use the appropriate size allen wrench or you will burr or strip the screws.

You have now successfully completed the general disassembly of your 1911 pistol for standard cleaning and maintenance. DO NOT disassemble the pistol any more than what has been explained. Further detailed disassembly work should be referred back to D & L Sports, Inc.

CAUTION: Improper disassembly and/or reassembly of your 1911 Auto Pistol may create an unsafe or unreliable operating condition, or a nonfunctioning firearm. Safely test fire with live ammunition to confirm proper operation before serious use.

D & L signature six inch longslide pistols generally use a two piece guide rod. After removing the magazine and clearing the chamber, unscrew the front half of the guide rod with the correct size allen wrench from the front of the slide in order to begin disassembly. During reassembly, remember to place one half drop of blue loctite #242 on the threads of the two piece rod connection. Never use red loctite, or loctite more powerful than blue #242.

D & L signature CR-45 pistols use a reinforced spring plug with a retainer. After removing the magazine and clearing the chamber, pull the slide back until the rear of the slide stop aligns with the half moon disassembly notch on the left side of the slide. Push the slide stop out of the frame from right to left. Remove the slide stop, then slide the barrel and slide unit off the front of the frame together. The recoil spring and short spring guide can then be removed from the rear underside of the slide. Then remove the spring plug retainer screw and plate. You can then remove the spring plug from the rear of its slide seat position. The barrel bushing can then be turned and the bushing and the barrel can be removed from the front of the slide. Remember to place one half drop of blue loctite #242 on the spring plug retainer screw during reassembly.. Never use red loctite, or loctite more powerful than blue #242. Be sure the retainer plate is properly positioned against the barrel bushing before re-tightening the retainer plate screw. The top lip of the retaining plate should overlap the barrel bushing just under the barrel.

CLEANING & LUBRICATING YOUR 1911 AUTO PISTOL

After disassembly is completed, you are now ready to clean and lubricate your pistol. The following steps should be followed for proper cleaning and lubrication.

Be sure to wear your safety glasses and work in a well ventilated area!

For proper cleaning and lubricating, the following items will be needed:

1. High quality cleaning rod (a nylon coated or brass rod is recommended).
2. A bronze bore brush designated for 45 caliber.
3. Bore mops designated for 45 caliber.
4. A high quality bore solvent (Shooter's Choice or Hoppes is recommended).
5. A toothbrush with nylon bristles.
6. An aerosol type degreaser (RemClean is a good choice).
7. A high quality lubricant (FP-10 or Break Free CLP is recommended).

Step 1: Using your cleaning rod with the bore brush attached, place a generous amount of bore solvent on the brush. Push the brush through the barrel from the chamber end all the way out the muzzle end, allowing solvent to coat the bore. Perform this process three times. Place the barrel aside and allow it to soak while cleaning other parts.

Step 2: Wipe off the recoil spring, spring guide, barrel bushing, recoil spring plug, and slide stop with a clean, dry cloth. If needed, use a cleaner (either aerosol degreaser or liquid solvent) and a toothbrush to scrub off heavy contamination. Clean all parts until they are free of dirt and fouling. Place parts aside.

Step 3: Using a cleaner (either aerosol degreaser or liquid solvent) and a toothbrush, brush the slide and frame until they are free of dirt and fouling. Avoid solvent contamination of your night sight inserts. Avoid getting solvent and/or lubrication in the firing pin hole. Be sure to clean all of the recesses, especially under the extractor hook and the breech face. Do not bend, scrape, or pry on the extractor hook. Use only a soft bristled tooth brush on the extractor. Make sure that when you are finished, there is no solvent left on any part. If your pistol is extremely dirty, it may require brushing with liquid solvent numerous times. Then use an aerosol degreaser and low pressure compressed air to blow off dirty solvent.

Step 4: After the bore of the barrel has soaked, use your cleaning rod and bronze brush to clean the bore. Brush the barrel working the brush from the chamber all the way out the muzzle and back. Never brush from the muzzle end to the chamber. If needed, apply more solvent and repeat the brushing process. Once you have finished brushing, wipe off your cleaning rod, remove the bronze brush, and place a bore mop on the end. Blow the barrel out with aerosol degreaser and then work the bore mop through the barrel from the chamber end. You will have to replace the bore mop with a clean one as you complete the procedure. When you are finished, be sure the barrel is clean and has no solvent remaining inside.

Step 5: After cleaning the bore, wipe off the outside of the barrel. You may need to use a cleaner (either aerosol degreaser or liquid solvent) and a toothbrush to clean off heavy fouling. Be sure to remove all dirt and fouling. Make sure that the throat and lugs of the barrel and the barrel link are free of fouling. Once this is complete, blow the barrel out again with an aerosol degreaser. Lastly, run a clean bore mop through the barrel again to be sure no solvent is left inside the barrel.

Once all parts are clean and free of dirt, fouling, and solvent, you are ready to lubricate your pistol.

Place a generous coating of FP-10 or Break Free CLP on the following areas:

1. Slide rails and frame rails

2. Outside of the barrel and the barrel locking lugs
3. Inside of the barrel bushing
4. Spring guide rod
5. Recoil spring
6. Slide stop pin
7. Barrel link pin (do not remove this pin, place the oil where the barrel link meets the barrel link pin)
8. Disconnecter tab (protrudes from the top of the frame behind the magazine well when the slide is off)
9. Locking lug recesses inside the slide
10. One drop of oil on the firing pin block plunger (in the underside of the slide)

NOTE: The bore, chamber, breech face, and magazines (inside and out) are to remain dry and free from lubrication, but the aforementioned areas should be kept well lubricated.

A well lubricated pistol is recommended in nearly all environments. If you are operating in conditions of extreme cold, make sure you are utilizing a temperature insensitive lubricant that will not freeze in the gun or make the gun sluggish. If operating in very dirty, dusty, or sandy conditions, lubrication is still recommended, but more frequent cleanings will be required.

If the pistol is kept fully loaded for defense purposes, periodically check the primer area of the chambered cartridge. If you find that lubrication has migrated onto the primer, properly dispose of the cartridge and cycle a fresh cartridge into the chamber from the magazine after wiping off the breech face. Then reload the magazine to the desired capacity. Contaminated primers can cause misfires.

Once all sliding surfaces are lubricated, proceed to the reassembly procedure. After reassembling your pistol, wipe off excess external lubrication.

REASSEMBLY OF YOUR D&L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOL

Note: No serious force or pounding is required to reassemble your pistol. Contact D&L Sports, Inc. if you have any problems or questions before proceeding.

After properly cleaning and lubricating your 1911 Auto Pistol, you are now ready to reassemble the pistol. The following steps should be followed to ensure the pistol is reassembled correctly.

Step 1: Place the slide on a flat surface with the sights down. Take the barrel and push the barrel link into the forward position. Slide the barrel into the front of the slide. Be sure the muzzle end of the barrel is facing forward. Next install the barrel busing and rotate the bushing's locking lug into the locking lug recess inside the slide.

Step 2: Place the spring guide rod into the slide from the rear underside. The spring guide rod sits on top of the barrel with the concave section touching the barrel. Insert the recoil spring in the front of the slide. The closed coil end goes in first and over the spring guide rod. Rotate the spring in a clock wise direction until the spring fully seats onto the spring guide rod. The open end of the recoil spring should be forward and protruding out of the front of the slide.

Note: There can be variations in recoil spring internal coil size, as well as poundage weights. Also, sometimes the open end of recoil springs can have a sharp edge that drags between the full length guide rod and spring plug. If you are using a full length guide rod, be sure that both ends of the recoil spring slide smoothly and drag free over the entire length of the FLGR. For 5 and 6 inch 1911 pistols firing full power 230 grain ball ammo, 18.5 pound Wolf brand variable recoil springs are recommended. If you have a FLGR in your pistol, install the recoil spring with closed end of the recoil spring at the muzzle end of the pistol. If you have a pistol with a short guide rod, about 2 inches long, install the recoil spring with the open end at the muzzle end of the pistol.

Step 3: Pick up the slide keeping the sights facing down. Pick up the grip frame and invert it. Place the front rails of the grip frame into the rear rails of the slide. Gently push the slide and grip frame together until slide is about $\frac{1}{2}$ way on the frame. Then turn pistol right side up before pushing slide all the way onto the frame. If there is heavy resistance, do not force them together.

Note: You may have to push the firing pin block plunger lever in flush with the grip frame to allow the slide to go on completely. This lever is located at the rear top of the frame.

Step 4: Retract the slide on the grip frame to the same point where you removed the slide stop. Look through the slide stop hole and align the hole in the barrel link with the slide stop hole. Once you have accomplished this, insert the slide stop pin and align the rear of the slide stop with the half moon shaped disassembly notch on the slide. Do not allow the slide stop to scratch the frame while positioning it.

You may have to push up and in to get the slide stop into the final position. When fully inserted, the slide stop should be flush against the grip frame. Do not use excessive force. Simply push the spring plunger inward with a tiny screwdriver to allow the slide stop to pass if necessary.

Step 5: Push the slide all the way forward and place the thumb safety on.

Step 6: Place the spring plug over top of the recoil spring. Push the plug and spring down until it is just below flush with the end of the slide. If the spring and plug fail to enter the slide, check to be sure the barrel bushing is turned correctly and the bushing's lug is in the slide's internal lug channel. While holding the spring and plug down, place your bushing wrench over the barrel bushing and turn the bushing counter-clockwise until it locks into place with the spring plug. Use a cloth or your hat as a cover during this process to assure you don't lose your spring plug during this segment. High spring pressure can launch the plug if you slip off of the plug. Plug loss in the field can make your pistol inoperable, be sure to have an extra.

Step 7: If required, replace the grip panels.

Step 8: Manually operate the slide several times, then wipe off any excess external lubrication.

After completing reassembly, do a function/safety test with a safe backstop in front of the muzzle. No magazine or ammunition should be in the pistol. To do this, operate the slide causing the hammer to cock on a completely empty gun. Place the thumb safety in the on position. While depressing the grip safety, gently attempt to pull the trigger. The hammer should not fall. Next place the thumb safety in the off position. Without depressing the grip safety, gently attempt to pull the trigger. The hammer should not fall. Next, with the thumb safety in the off position, depress the grip safety by holding the pistol in a firing grip and pull the trigger. The hammer should now fall.

Next, manually move the slide back and forth. The slide should move freely without locking up. Next place an empty magazine in the pistol. Pull the slide back. The slide should now lock back in the open position.

Your final function test should be to live fire a magazine of proper ammunition through the pistol. This will assure that the final assembly process was correct and the pistol is functioning properly before serious use. It will also allow you to complete a live fire zero check on target.

If you experience any problems during the reassembly procedure, do not force anything. Consult D&L Sports, Inc. for further assistance. If any concerns arise during the function/safety check, contact D&L Sports, Inc. for further information. **DO NOT** fire, carry, or otherwise use your firearm if there are any concerns during the function/safety test.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE D & L SPORTS, INC. 1911 AUTO PISTOL

For optimum performance, your pistol should be properly cleaned and lubricated following the directions in this manual after each live fire session, when exposed to environmental conditions (ie; rain, snow, dusty conditions, etc.), or when it has been stored without use for an extended period of time. Even if you have not fired your pistol since the last time you cleaned it, a maintenance cleaning may be required if the pistol has been exposed to contamination. Your pistol will also need periodic lubrication even though it may not have been fired. Lubrication tends to disappear and needs to be occasionally reapplied when the pistol appears dry. Do not allow your ammunition to be contaminated by exposure to solvents, oils, water, or moisture which can lead to misfires.

Anytime operational concerns arise with your firearm, or at 10,000 round intervals, an inspection by D & L Sports, Inc. is recommended. D & L Sports, Inc. will inspect for internal wear that is not visible during general disassembly and cleaning sessions. This is also the proper time to have internal springs replaced. Preventative maintenance and periodic inspections are necessary to maintain safety and reliability.

NO alterations or modifications are authorized to be performed on D & L Sports products outside of D & L Sports, Inc. Improper or inexperienced work on your firearms can cause safety and reliability problems.

After each 1,000 rounds of ammunition fired, it is recommended that the owner/operator replace the recoil spring to assure proper functioning. The recoil spring should be of premium quality as designated by D & L Sports, Inc. Rubber buffer washers are not recommended. Proper recoil spring replacements will protect your pistol. Rubber washers, which can come apart in your pistol and shorten the slide stroke of your pistol, may cause reliability problems.

If at any time you notice a potential problem with your pistol, immediately stop shooting, completely unload the pistol in a safe manner and contact D & L Sports, Inc. for guidance.

Proper maintenance of your 1911 pistol will help assure many years of reliable service from your pistol.

Remember: The reliability and/or safety of any firearm can be compromised if improper magazines or ammunition are introduced, or if improper maintenance procedures are followed. Only use products and procedures recommended by D & L Sports, Inc.

STORING OR TRANSPORTING YOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Firearms and ammunition should be stored in separate locked, fireproof safes. Do not leave any firearms or ammunition in an area that is accessible by unauthorized personnel, especially children. **DO NOT** store loaded firearms or magazines.

Do not store your pistol with the slide locked to the rear. This causes weakening of the recoil spring which could have an adverse affect on proper and reliable functioning.

When transporting, keep firearms and ammunition separate and in locked containers. Always understand and abide by laws regarding the transportation of firearms and ammunition. Abide by concealed carry laws and regulations.

Always use the individual gun locking device or lockable container supplied with your pistol. If your locking device or container becomes unavailable, obtain one from your local sporting goods store or contact D & L Sports, Inc. for a replacement.

WARNING: Gun locks and gun security devices can be defeated. Be sure to store ammunition and firearms in separate, locked containers. Partial disassembly of the firearm and separated locked parts storage is also helpful to prevent unauthorized use.

To install a firearm cable lock: Completely unload the pistol, including chamber and magazine, then double check again. Lock the slide open with the slide stop. Thread the cable through the ejection port and out the bottom of the magazine well. Lock the free end of the cable into the locking device. **GENTLY** let the slide forward. Secure the cable lock keys where they will be inaccessible by unauthorized personnel.

CARRY OPTIONS FOR YOUR PISTOL

There are three on person carry condition options for your D & L 1911 Auto Pistol. (These options may not apply to 1911 style pistols from other manufacturers.) They are as follows:

1. The pistol is unloaded with an empty chamber and the hammer down in a safe holster. An empty magazine is inserted in place. (This helps keep dirt and debris out of the pistol.) This unloaded carry condition is for circumstances where immediate use will not be required.
2. The pistol's chamber is unloaded and the hammer is down in a safe holster. The magazine is loaded and is locked in place in the pistol. This method of carry will require manual operation of the slide before firing. It also requires the manual thumb safety to be engaged after a cartridge is chambered unless immediate firing is required.
3. **FOR PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED AND 1911 EXPERIENCED SHOOTERS ONLY!** The pistol is loaded with a live round in the chamber. The hammer is cocked fully back and the manual thumb safety is on in a safe holster. The magazine is loaded and locked in place.

A sturdy, high quality holster, properly designed for this style of 1911 is recommended for "on the person" carry use. An exposed duty holster should have a hammer blocking retaining device between the rear of the slide and the cocked hammer as an added retention and safety measure. The Safariland SLS style rotating hood holster is a good choice. You should only use holsters specifically designed for your particular type of pistol. Any holster you choose must be safe, secure, and cover the trigger guard area. It must hold the pistol in a manner that does not allow the muzzle to cover yourself or anyone else, and positions the pistol for a proper draw. Your belt should be heavy duty and fit both you and the holster, and feature a sturdy buckle. Your magazine pouch should securely hold and protect extra magazines, yet still keep them accessible. Be sure to obtain professional firearm retention training.

WARNING: At no time should you carry or handle the pistol with a round in the chamber with the hammer partially cocked. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MANUALLY LOWER THE HAMMER ON A LOADED CHAMBER!**

Your pistol should be completely unloaded and locked in a secure gun safe when it is not in your direct possession. All ammunition should be locked away separately.

NOTICE, WARNING, AND DISCLAIMER

Firearms, ammunition and shooting activities can result in death, serious bodily injury, and/or property damage. You are responsible for adhering to gun laws and safety rules and obtaining proper training and safety equipment to minimize the potential for shooting related deaths, injuries, and/or hazards. You have agreed to accept all terms of the site posted D & L Sports, Inc. liability waiver including all liability for death, injuries and/or damages related to the use of, or association with, D & L Sports, Inc. custom or customized firearms, and/or products, even in the event of negligence, or gross negligence on the part of D & L Sports, Inc. D & L Sports, Inc. products are sold "as is" and "with all faults" and are used at your own risk. D & L products are not recommended for any specific task. The end user makes this determination. This is due to the unpredictable environments in which products may be used. D & L Sports, Inc. expressly disclaims liability for incidental or consequential damages. As a condition of sale, any claim arising out of any interaction with D & L Sports, Inc. will be settled in the jurisdiction D & L Sports, Inc. is primarily operating in at the time of the claim. Do not proceed with any firearms activities without complete understanding and agreement of and with the above information. Please take the time to read and understand all information in this manual. Feel free to call with any questions about this manual, gun safety, or mechanical issues before you proceed with any shooting activities. Consult the D & L Sports, Inc. website at WWW.DLSPORTS.COM for further information.

STATEMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

LIFETIME CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

D & L Sports, Inc. would like to relate the following important information:

Customer service, quality products, and after the sale assistance have been and always will be the foundation of D & L Sports, Inc. D & L Sports, Inc. continues this commitment by offering a lifetime assistance program with all D & L Signature firearms. This program is available to all reasonable and ethical D & L Sports, Inc. clients, for all reasonable requests. D & L Sports, Inc. reserves the right to make final determination on what requests are reasonable and what conduct is acceptable. Any anti-American or other behavior determined to be unacceptable by D & L Sports, Inc. will lead to the termination of business and assistance with and from D & L Sports, Inc. The D & L Sports' goal of complete customer satisfaction has been in place for decades. This has created a long list of satisfied, repeat clients. D & L Sports, Inc. looks forward to adding you to this list.

Thank you for your interest in D & L Sports, Inc.

** WARNINGS **

This firearm and all firearms should be inaccessible by children at all times. This firearm should never be stored where children or unauthorized personnel can gain access to it. You are responsible for safe and secure storage of your firearms and related gear. Contact D & L Sports, Inc. if you need assistance in obtaining gun locks, gun safes, or other safety equipment.

1911 style pistols, AR-15 style rifles and carbines, bolt action rifles, shotguns, revolvers, and other custom or customized firearms and gear requires dedicated and specific training for their safe use. You should seek and obtain such training from a competent instructor. When you purchase firearms and gear from D & L Sports, Inc., you are affirmatively representing to D & L Sports, Inc. that you have obtained specific and dedicated training in the use of such items. This includes training related to legal concealed weapon carry and self defense situations.

This firearm will still fire with the magazine removed. If you remove the magazine, but leave a loaded cartridge in the chamber, this firearm will discharge if the trigger is activated. Personal injury or death could result from your failure to understand this.

This firearm incorporates multiple safeties including a thumb safety, a grip safety, and a passive firing pin safety. No safety on this firearm should be removed, disabled, or rendered inoperable. The grip safety should not be pinned or otherwise rendered inoperable. Removing a safety or disabling a safety could result in personal injury or death. Each component of this firearm is critical to proper and safe functioning.

You should not attempt to perform “gunsmithing” repairs or any modifications on this firearm. As indicated elsewhere in this manual, if any concern arises, contact D & L Sports, Inc. immediately.

Individual components in D & L Sports, Inc. firearms, and those customized by D & L Sports, Inc., are professionally fit to operate safely and reliably with that specific firearm. Parts should not be interchanged with other firearms of any make or model. Other components, of any make, should not be installed in D & L Sports, Inc. firearms or D & L Sports, Inc. customized firearms. Doing so may cause the firearm to be unsafe and/or unreliable, which may cause death or injury. Failure to maintain your firearms and related gear in proper working order may result in death or injury. Obtain professional advice and assistance with these matters.

Never allow the muzzle to cover anything or any person that you are not willing to destroy. If you point this pistol at a person or object and discharge the pistol intentionally or accidentally, death or personal injury may result.

This 1911 style pistol is designed to fire every time that you depress the trigger until the firearm is empty.

Never trust any mechanical safety on any firearm. Firearms safety begins in your brain, and you **MUST** pay attention to what you are doing with a firearms at all times. Use common sense.

Never handle a firearm for any reason, without first determining whether the firearm is loaded. You must **ALWAYS** assume that firearms are loaded. You must **ALWAYS** follow **ALL** gun safety rules.

Additional ammunition warnings for 1911 shooters.

High pressure, plus P, Plus P Plus, magnum level ammunition is not recommended for use in the 1911 style auto pistol. Newer frangible ammo, and lead free ammo often uses bullets made of non lead components. The lighter materials often mean ammo loaded with lower bullets weights. In an attempt to keep the recoil impulse similar to heavier bullet loads, pressure and velocity are often increased. Using high pressure light bullet loads is not recommended in your 1911 auto pistols. High pressure loads can slam cycle your pistol enough to cause damage, and rupture cartridge cases, causing additional gun damage, and or injury/death. Over powered ammunition is not recommended. A full power load for .45 ACP is a 230 grain bullet @ 800-850 FPS. If you need a more powerful load, use a magnum handgun.

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MAINTENANCE LOG / NOTES
