

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR THE FREEDOM ARMS® MODEL 2008 SINGLE SHOT HANDGUN

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**⚠ WARNING** Do not assume that you know how to operate this handgun. Read and understand this instruction manual before loading or shooting your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

It is your responsibility to learn how to properly operate and safely use this firearm. If you have any questions or comments please contact us at:

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We are very interested in hearing your comments about the firearm you have purchased. Please feel free to contact us at any time. The warranty registration card is attached to the back cover of this instruction manual. Please fill in the requested information, detach and mail it to Freedom Arms, Inc. to validate the limited warranty on your handgun.

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**SAFETY WARNINGS & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this instruction manual and the warnings contained in it before loading or using your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. This instruction manual explains the function and the handling of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun and warns of the potential dangers, including death and serious personal injury, that can result from the unsafe use of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

This instruction manual should always accompany your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun and be transferred with your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun if it is sold or loaned to another person.

We want you to enjoy shooting your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, but we want you to enjoy it safely. Whether you are an experienced shooter or have never handled a firearm before, you must READ THIS ENTIRE MANUAL CAREFULLY before loading or firing your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. This manual gives basic instructions on the proper handling and functioning of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. Your safety and the safety of others depends on you following the instructions and warnings in this manual and constant use of safe firearms practices. If you are unfamiliar with firearms, take a course in the safe handling of firearms run by a qualified firearms instructor, your local gun club, or a similar qualified organization. If there is anything about your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun that you do not understand after reading this instruction manual, please contact us for clarification before attempting to load or fire it.

This manual contains several safety warnings and instructions preceded with **▲WARNING**, **▲CAUTION** or **NOTICE**. These signal words are designed to draw your attention to important safety information.

cost return the firearm to the original retail purchaser (limited to United States addresses). All repairs to a firearm covered under this limited warranty shall be undertaken only at the Freedom Arms, Inc.'s headquarters unless specific written authorization is first received from Freedom Arms, Inc. authorizing the repair of the firearm at another facility.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR  
FREEDOM ARMS MODEL 2008 SINGLE SHOT HANDGUN**

Please record for your future reference.

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Caliber(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Price \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased From \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Special Feature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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To validate the warranty on your Freedom Arms, Inc. Model 2008, fill in and return the warranty registration card within 30 days of purchase.

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been repairs not specifically authorized by Freedom Arms, Inc.; (3) Freedom Arms, Inc. reasonably determines the firearm has been the subject of misuse, negligence, improper care, accident, or excessive or extraordinary wear; or (4) the firearm has been sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of by the original retail purchaser.

As an additional condition of this limited warranty, the original purchaser shall, within thirty days from the purchase date, complete the Warranty Registration Card and mail it to Freedom Arms, Inc. at the address appearing on the card. The fulfillment of this additional condition is required to validate the warranty coverage described herein.

The failure of the original retail purchaser to timely comply with the responsibilities/conditions imposed by the terms of this limited warranty shall relieve Freedom Arms, Inc. of any obligation with regard to any defect otherwise covered under the terms of this limited warranty. Any questions regarding the proper procedures to be followed under the terms of this warranty should be directed to Freedom Arms, Inc. in writing or by telephone.

Any and all liabilities or obligations of Freedom Arms, Inc. arising from the manufacture, sale or use of any firearm covered under the terms of this limited warranty shall terminate upon the expiration of the specified warranty period or sooner upon the occurrence of one of the conditions set forth previously in this limited warranty.

Freedom Arms, Inc. assumes no liabilities or obligations other than those expressly set forth in this limited warranty and no other person or entity is authorized to assume any other obligation or liability on behalf of Freedom Arms, Inc. in connection with any firearm manufactured by it.

Any implied warranties, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to one year from the date of original retail purchase. Consequential or incidental damages and/or expenses, or any other expenses are not covered by this warranty.

In the event that any defect in material or workmanship occurs or appears within the warranty period, the original retail purchaser shall contact Freedom Arms, Inc., 314 Hwy. 239, Freedom, WY 83120, (307) 883-2468 within ten days after the first appearance or occurrence of such defect. Upon notification, Freedom Arms, Inc. shall advise the original retail purchaser of the appropriate action to be taken in order to remedy the defect. If requested to do so by Freedom Arms, Inc., the original retail purchaser shall, at his own expense, return the firearm to Freedom Arms, Inc. In the event the defect in material or workmanship occurred within the warranty period, and in the further event that the warranty has not become void or inapplicable for one or more of the reasons specified above, Freedom Arms, Inc. at its discretion, shall repair the firearm at its own cost and shall also at its own

**⚠ WARNING** Failure to follow the safety information and safety instructions in this instruction manual could result in death, serious personal injury and/or property damage.

**⚠ WARNING** Always seek a doctor's advice if you are taking medication to be sure that you are able to shoot and handle a firearm safely. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or while shooting. Your vision and judgment could be seriously impaired, making your firearm handling unsafe.

**⚠ WARNING** If your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun or any other firearm is carelessly or improperly handled, you could cause a negligent discharge, which could result in death, serious personal injury and/or property damage.

**⚠ WARNING** Always handle your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun as if it is loaded so that you never fire it negligently.

**⚠ WARNING** Never point your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun at anything you do not intend to shoot.

**⚠ WARNING** Never take anyone's word that a firearm is unloaded; always check for yourself, with the firearm pointed in a safe direction and your finger off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard.

**⚠ WARNING** Always make sure your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is unloaded and the action is open before handing it to another person.

**⚠ WARNING** Only use cartridges of the same caliber for which the barrel of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is chambered. Never attempt to load or fire a cartridge of a different caliber because this could cause death or serious personal injury. The barrel of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is marked with the specific caliber for which it is chambered.

**⚠ WARNING** Only use high quality commercially manufactured ammunition. Reloaded or hand loaded ammunition may not meet applicable SAAMI standards and could be unsafe.

**⚠ WARNING** Always carry your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun unloaded, with the hammer in the safety position. Select a holster that securely holds and protects the firearm. Make sure the holster is equipped with an adequate retention strap, that fits tightly around the hammer while it is in the safety position, to securely hold the firearm in the holster, and make sure you use the strap.

**⚠ WARNING** Before loading your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun check the chamber and bore of the barrel to ensure they are clean and free of debris and obstructions. Also make sure the rest of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is clean. Excess debris can restrict the barrel and top slide

from closing completely, which can cause misfires resulting in possible serious personal injury and/or damage to your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**▲WARNING** Do not load your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun until you are ready to fire it.

**▲WARNING** Never cock the hammer until you are ready to fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**▲WARNING** Never pull the trigger or put your finger on the trigger or in the trigger guard until you are ready to fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**▲WARNING** Your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun does not have a manual safety and will fire if the trigger is pulled when the hammer is cocked.

**▲WARNING** Although various safety features have been incorporated into your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, designed to prevent an unintentional discharge if it is dropped or hit, the proper and safe function of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun depends on it being used for its intended purpose and not being altered or modified. Like any other mechanical device, if your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is subjected to unusual and extreme forces a part failure can occur. Therefore, safe firearm handling practices and the instructions and safety warnings in this instruction manual must always be followed to minimize the risk of accidents.

**▲WARNING** Use safety glasses and hearing protection when firing your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. This will protect your eyes from possible flying debris and your hearing from loud noises. Any bystanders should be well behind the person shooting and should also use eye and ear protection.

**▲WARNING** Always be sure that your backstop is adequate to stop and contain bullets before firing so that you do not hit anything outside of the shooting range area. A bullet could travel through or past your target as far as 2 miles (approximately 3km). If in doubt, do not shoot.

**▲WARNING** Never shoot at a hard surface, such as a rock, or a liquid surface, such as water, because a bullet may ricochet and travel in any direction, striking you or someone else.

**▲WARNING** If, when firing, you hear a weak or abnormal sound, or experience a misfire, keep the barrel pointed towards the target for at least 30 seconds in case of a “hangfire” (a delay between when the hammer falls and the cartridge discharges). If a “hangfire” has occurred, the cartridge should fire within approximately 30 seconds. If the cartridge has not fired, remove it from the chamber and examine its primer. If the firing pin indentation is

ensure that your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun functions correctly. The following steps are recommended for cleaning your unloaded Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun:

1. Push patches and/or a bronze brush lubricated with a high quality gun cleaning solvent through the barrel from the chamber end;

**NOTICE** Always use cleaning patches and brushes of the proper size for the caliber of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**NOTICE** If using a brush, never reverse the direction of the brush within the barrel.

2. Push dry patches through the barrel until they come out clean;
3. Apply a light coat of oil to the interior of the barrel;

**▲WARNING** Do not allow excessive oil to remain in the interior of the barrel because it could obstruct the barrel and prevent your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun from firing properly and result in death or serious personal injury and/or damage to your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

4. Wipe down the outside of the firearm with a dry cloth followed by a light coat of oil to prevent rust or corrosion;
5. Place a drop of oil on each side of the hammer, on the hammer end of the firing pin, and on the top and bottom dovetail of the chamber end of the extractor with the barrel open; and

**NOTICE** Do not over lubricate your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun because too much lubricant can collect unburned powder and other debris and prevent your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun from functioning properly.

6. Check all screws to ensure they are tight.

#### **LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY AND REMEDY**

Freedom Arms, Inc. hereby warrants that your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun shall be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for the lifetime of the original purchaser. This warranty is limited to labor costs, parts cost and return freight to an address within the United States.

Wear caused by use is not covered by this warranty. The term “original retail purchaser” means the person who first purchased the firearm in a new and unused condition from a retail dealer.

This limited warranty shall become void and shall no longer apply if: (1) the firearm has been altered, customized or modified in any way; (2) there have

3. Place your index finger on the trigger and squeeze it until your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun fires.

### **UNLOADING THE MODEL 2008**

**NOTICE** To open or close the action, the hammer must be in the safety position.

To unload your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, keep the muzzle of the barrel pointed in a safe direction and your finger and/or other objects off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard and complete the following steps:

1. Open the action, by grasping the forend with your weak hand and with your strong hand either: (a) grasp the top slide and pull it rearward or (b) push the optional top slide lever down with your thumb, while pivoting the muzzle end of the barrel down with your weak hand to fully open the action;
2. Pull the cartridge case out of the chamber with your fingers;

**NOTICE** Rimless cases can also be removed with the action fully open by tipping the chamber end of the barrel down, then pressing the front end of the extractor towards the barrel to release the cartridge case and allow it to fall out of the chamber.

3. Visually and manually check the chamber to ensure that your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is unloaded; and
4. Close the action, by holding the grip securely in your strong hand while pivoting the muzzle of the barrel upwards with your weak hand until the top slide is completely closed.

### **CLEANING AND MAINTAINING YOUR MODEL 2008**

**WARNING** Always wear safety glasses when cleaning your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun to protect your eyes from cleaning materials.

**WARNING** Always make sure that no ammunition is located in the area where you clean your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. Cleaning solvents can affect the primer and powder in ammunition and cause it to malfunction. This could result in a bullet being pushed into the barrel of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun and getting stuck. Firing another round with a bullet stuck in the barrel could cause the barrel to burst and result in death or serious personal injury, in addition to damaging your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

Clean and lubricate the main parts of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun after you fire it or whenever it becomes exposed to sand, dust or water (including humidity or condensation). Proper maintenance is important to

light, off-center, or non-existent, have your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun examined by Freedom Arms, Inc. authorized personnel. If the firing pin indentation on the primer appears normal (compared to similar previously fired cartridges) the cartridge may be defective. Separate the cartridge from other live ammunition and empty cases and dispose of it in accordance with the ammunition manufacturer's instructions. Check the barrel for obstructions and if it is clear, reload your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun and resume firing.

**CAUTION** Be prepared for the recoil of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun before firing it. Being unprepared or unable to handle the recoil, which will vary depending on the caliber for which your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is chambered, could result in personal injury.

**CAUTION** Be careful if touching the barrel immediately after firing because it may be hot and could cause burns.

**CAUTION** Never fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun near a domestic animal unless it is trained to accept that noise. An animal's startled reaction could injure it, or cause an accident.

**CAUTION** 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.

**NOTICE** Always put a responsible and competent person in charge to maintain safety, discipline and control when a group is firing at a range, to reduce the likelihood of a negligent discharge.

**NOTICE** Inexperienced shooters must first receive competent instruction in operating, holding and firing the Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. The person training inexperienced shooters must make sure the shooter is mentally and physically capable of handling not only the firearm, but also the recoil of the cartridge being shot.

**NOTICE** To store your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, first unload it. Then, after checking to make sure that it is unloaded, place it in a suitable locked container.

**NOTICE** Always store and transport your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun unloaded and locked in a suitable container, out of the reach and sight of children or other unauthorized persons.

**NOTICE** Never store or transport ammunition in the same container as your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**NOTICE** Do not dry fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun because this may damage the firing pin. Always use a “snap cap” when practicing firing your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun to cushion and protect the firing pin from damage.

### **MAIN FEATURES OF THE MODEL 2008**

The Model 2008 is a single-action, single shot, break open handgun with a rebounding hammer.

It is made from stainless steel with a matte finish.

The grip and forend are made from impregnated hardwood.

The frame is designed to accept interchangeable barrels chambered in different calibers.

It has a positive extractor for use with both rimmed and rimless cartridges.

An optional top slide lever to facilitate opening the action is available for either the right or left side of the receiver.

The barrels have a pocket machined into them with screw holes for mounting Freedom Arms, Inc. scope mounts. Install your preferred scope mount using the three screws provided, then mount your scope according to the scope manufacturer’s instructions.

Adjustable silhouette sights are available on some barrels, and a front sight hood is optional. To adjust the rear sight for elevation turn the large head screw on top clockwise to move the sight down or counterclockwise to move the sight up. For windage turn the side screw clockwise to move the sight to the left or counterclockwise to move the sight to the right. Move the rear sight in the direction you want to move the point of impact of the bullet.

Optional bench rest and silhouette forends are available, as are sling studs and swivels that attach to the butt of the grip and the forend.

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With the muzzle of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun pointed at the target that you have decided to shoot, complete the following steps to fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun:

1. While keeping your finger and/or any other objects off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard, place the hammer in the full cock position by securely gripping the hammer with your thumb while pressing it down and back as far as it will go;
2. Slowly release your thumb pressure on the hammer, ensuring that it is locked back in the full cock position before removing your thumb from the hammer; and

- Close the action, by holding the grip securely in your strong hand while pivoting the muzzle of the barrel upwards with your weak hand until the top slide is completely closed.

**NOTICE** When closing the barrel some cartridges may require holding the top slide partially open until the cartridge is in line with the top slide. Once the cartridge is in line with the top slide, lower the top slide onto the cartridge head which will help push the cartridge into the chamber. Using the optional top slide lever makes this easier to accomplish.

### FIRING THE MODEL 2008

**WARNING** Never point your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun at anything you do not intend to shoot.

**WARNING** Never cock the hammer until you are ready to fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**WARNING** Never pull the trigger or put your finger on the trigger or in the trigger guard until you are ready to fire your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

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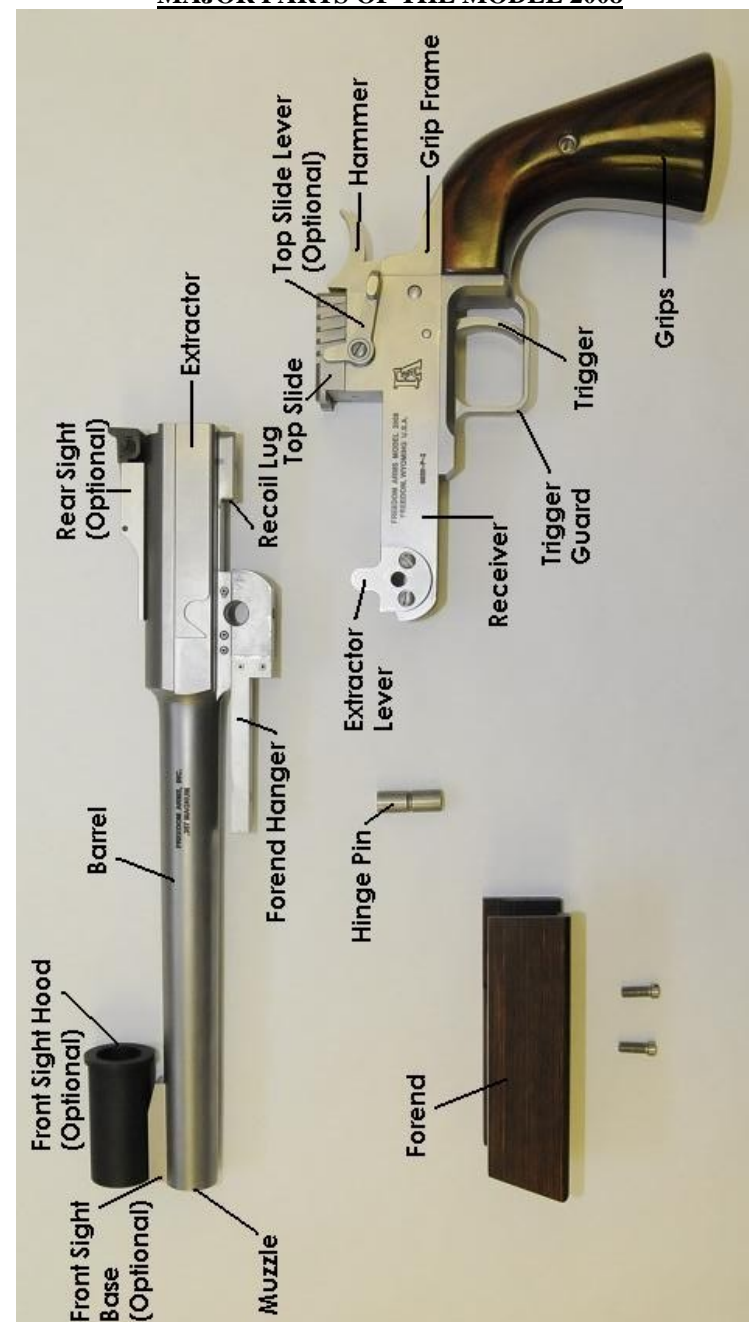
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### MAJOR PARTS OF THE MODEL 2008



## OPENING THE ACTION

**▲WARNING** Practice until proficient with opening and closing your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun before attempting to load it.

**NOTICE** To open or close the action, the hammer must be in the safety position.

To open the action, grasp the forend with your weak hand. With your strong hand, grasp the top slide and pull it rearward while pivoting the muzzle end of the barrel down with your weak hand to open the action as shown in the photograph below.



To open the action with the optional top slide lever, grasp the forend with your weak hand and the grip with your strong hand. Push the top slide lever down with the thumb of your strong hand while pivoting the muzzle end of the barrel down with your weak hand to open the action as shown in the photograph below.



To close the action, hold the grip securely in your strong hand while pivoting the muzzle of the barrel upwards with your weak hand until the top slide is completely closed.

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from closing completely, which can cause misfires resulting in possible serious personal injury and/or damage to your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

**▲WARNING** Before loading your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, cycle the hammer and trigger through their various positions to ensure that they are functioning properly and open and close the action to ensure that the top slide fully locks the barrel closed.

**▲WARNING** Do not force the barrel closed. If the barrel will not close easily, there is something wrong, such as an improperly seated primer in the cartridge. Forcing the barrel closed could cause the cartridge to discharge with the action unlocked, which could result in death or serious personal to the shooter or bystanders.

**▲WARNING** The Model 2008 Single Shot is designed for interchangeable barrels therefore it is extremely important you select the correct ammunition for the installed barrel. The use of incorrect ammunition or improperly loaded ammunition can cause injury or death to the shooter as well as bystanders and can cause damage to the firearm. The cartridge the barrel is chambered for is marked on the left side of the barrel.

**▲WARNING** Only use high quality commercially manufactured ammunition in the same caliber as your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun. Reloaded or hand loaded ammunition may not meet applicable SAAMI standards and could be unsafe.

**NOTICE** A key factor in the performance of the Model 2008 is the close fit of the cartridge in the chamber. Therefore it is important to keep the chamber clean and only use clean, high quality ammunition.

To load your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun, keep the muzzle of the barrel pointed in a safe direction and your finger and/or other objects off of the trigger and outside of the trigger guard and complete the following steps:

1. Open the action, by grasping the forend with your weak hand and with your strong hand either: (a) grasp the top slide and pull it rearward or (b) push the optional top slide lever down with your thumb, while pivoting the muzzle end of the barrel down with your weak hand to open the action;

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2. Insert a cartridge of the same caliber marked on the barrel into the chamber until the cartridge rim is seated against the extractor; and

**NOTICE** On rimless cartridges the case must be pushed into the chamber until the extractor drops into the case extractor groove.

1. With the handgun upside down (trigger guard facing up) unscrew and remove the two screws under the forend that attach it to the barrel;
2. Remove the forend from the forend hanger by pulling it up and off;
3. Remove the hinge pin by pushing it out from left to right with a punch or screwdriver; and
4. Lift the barrel up and away from the frame.

Complete the following steps to install another barrel:

1. While lining up the extractor lever to the cutout in the extractor, insert the barrel hinge lug into the receiver and roll the barrel down into the closed position;
2. Insert the hinge pin by pushing it in from right to left;
3. With the handgun upside down (trigger guard facing up) place the forend on the forend hanger with the screw holes lined up; and
3. Insert and screw the two screws to secure the forend to the forend hanger.

**NOTICE** The barrels are fit to each individual receiver and are marked with the serial number of the receiver to which they were fit. Therefore it is important to only install the barrel on the receiver with the matching serial number.

**NOTICE** There will be some movement in the fit between the receiver and barrel. This is intentional. Equate it to having a free floating stock on your rifle.

### LOADING THE MODEL 2008

**WARNING** To minimize the risk of a negligent discharge, only load live ammunition into your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun when you are ready to fire it.

**WARNING** Your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun should never be carried loaded in the field, regardless of the method of carry.

**WARNING** Your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun does not have a manual safety and will fire if the trigger is pulled when the hammer is in the fully cocked position and there is a round in the chamber.

**WARNING** Before loading your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun check the chamber and bore of the barrel to ensure they are clean and free of debris and obstructions. Also make sure the rest of your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is clean. Excess debris can restrict the barrel and top slide

slide. Once the cartridge is in line with the top slide, lower the top slide onto the cartridge head which will help push the cartridge into the chamber. Using the optional top slide lever makes this easier to accomplish.

### HAMMER/TRIGGER OPERATION

The Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun operates similar to a single action revolver. This means the hammer must be drawn back to its full cocked position before each shot is fired. There are two hammer positions, safety and full-cock:

#### Safety Position

In the safety position the top front face of the hammer is approximately 1/8" away from the back of the top slide when the top slide is in its full forward position. The hammer will automatically move to this position after firing. When the trigger is released after firing, a block, which is part of the trigger, will block the hammer from moving forward against the firing pin. The safety position of the hammer is shown in the photograph below.



**WARNING** If the hammer does not automatically move back to the safety position after firing (with the trigger released), unload your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun and return it to Freedom Arms, Inc. to be inspected and repaired if necessary. Failure to do so may result in death, serious personal injury, and/or property damage.

## Full Cock Position

**⚠ WARNING** Be certain that the hammer is locked back in the full-cock position before releasing it from your grip.

**⚠ WARNING** When your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is loaded, never place the hammer in the full cock position until you are fully prepared to shoot at your target.

**⚠ WARNING** Never carry or store your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun with the hammer in the full cock position.

In the full cock position the hammer is as far back as it will move. To place the hammer in the full cock position, keep your finger and/or any other objects off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard, and securely grip the hammer with your thumb while pressing it down and back as far as it will go. Then slowly release your thumb pressure on the hammer, ensuring that it is locked back in the full cock position before removing your thumb from the hammer. The full cock position of the hammer is shown in the photograph below.



When the hammer is in the full cock position, pulling the trigger will cause the hammer to fall and strike the firing pin. When your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is fired, the upper front face of the hammer will momentarily be against the top slide before it automatically moves back to the safety position. Accordingly, when the trigger is released the hammer will be blocked from moving forward into the fired position.

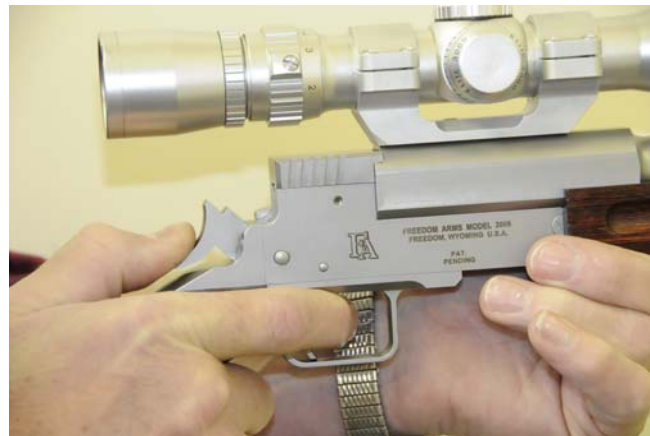
**⚠ WARNING** If the hammer will not remain in the full-cock position, carefully lower the hammer down to the safety position, unload the firearm and have it inspected by a competent gunsmith or return it to Freedom Arms, Inc. for inspection.

## DECOCKING THE HAMMER

**⚠ WARNING** Use extreme care when lowering the hammer. If your thumb slips off the hammer while the trigger is pulled, the firearm will discharge resulting in possible death or serious personal injury to you or a bystander.

With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, the hammer can be placed in the safety position from the full cock position through the following steps:

1. Hold the grip in your strong hand and securely grip the hammer with your thumb, then pull it fully rearward;
2. Pull the trigger and, while keeping the trigger pulled, slowly lower the hammer slightly;
3. Remove your finger from the trigger and trigger guard; and
4. Finish lowering the hammer to the safe position.



**NOTICE** Practice placing the hammer in the different hammer positions until fully proficient before loading your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun.

## CHANGING BARRELS

**⚠ WARNING** Check to ensure that your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is unloaded before changing barrels.

Your Model 2008 Single Shot Handgun is designed to accept interchangeable barrels chambered in different calibers.

To remove the existing barrel, complete the following steps: