

## MODEL 2022 Owners Manual

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*Use the space below to record information about your new Model 2022 Montana Rifle or Receiver.* 

Model\_\_\_\_\_

Caliber

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

Purchased from \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Montana Rifle Company would like to welcome you to the select group of individuals who have purchased a premium built rifle. We think you will be pleased with your purchase and look forward to anything we can help you out with in the future. We are extremely proud of the many years of designing and developing that went into crafting this product. The time and effort our designers spent developing this product shows in its superiority and we think you will agree. There is a new tradition in the firearms industry and it begins with you. Thank you, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write or call us at our headquarters.

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This manual covers our current Model 2022 versions. The safety warnings are subject to a completed barreled action with a stock, ready to be fired. Study these instructions carefully to be sure you have covered all the information about your particular Model 2022.

#### SAFETY WARNINGS

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS BE THOROUGHLY STUDIED BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM TO ASSURE PROPER, SAFE FIREARM OPERATION AND HANDLING. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR FAILURE TO OBEY ANY SAFETY WARNING MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH TO YOURSELF OR OTHERS, AND OR CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR FIREARM.

As a firearm owner, you accept a set of demanding responsibilities. How seriously you take these responsibilities can be the difference between life and death. There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of any firearm. At all times handle your Model 2022 and any other firearms with respect for its power and potential danger.

#### FIREARM SAFETY WARNINGS

#### PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE CAUTIONS, PROPER HANDLING PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTION OUTLINED IN THIS BOOKLET BEFORE USING YOUR NEW FIREARM.

1. Do not carry a loaded firearm with a live round in the chamber while walking, running, climbing a tree, crossing a fence or anywhere you might slip, fall or drop the firearm. A firearm that is dropped, bumped, or jarred with a chambered round might accidentally discharge even with the safety on, causing serious injury to you or someone else. When a round is chambered keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

2. Do not rely on the safety to prevent accidental discharge. Many safeties merely block the trigger and prevent firing by pulling the trigger. The safety may not prevent accidental discharge due to dropping, jarring, or bumping a firearm.

3. Use only ammunition for which the firearm is chambered as indicated on the barrel, to prevent catastrophic failure and serious personal injury.

4. Incorrectly reloaded ammunition can cause serious personal injury and damage to the firearm. Reload only

after proper instruction and in strict compliance with instruction and data contained in current reloading manuals.

5. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy. Always keep it pointed in a safe direction in case of accidental discharge.

6. Always check to ensure that the barrel is free of obstructions before loading and using the firearm. If you experience light recoil or off sound, check the barrel for obstruction.

7. Before firing, clean any grease or oil from the barrel with cleaning rod and patch. Grease or heavy accumulation of oil can cause excessive pressure and result in serious personal injury or death and damage to your firearm.

8. Keep barrel, chamber and action free of rust. Rust in the barrel and chamber can cause excessive pressures resulting in serious injury or death and damage to your firearm. A rusted, pitted or eroded barrel should be replaced.

9. Use hearing protection to prevent ear damage from repeated exposure to gunfire.

10. Always use proper shooting glasses to prevent eye injury from flying particles.

# FIREARM SAFETY WARNINGS (CONT)

11. Never carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle or carry one into a dwelling. Never load a firearm in the house or in your vehicle. Always carefully unload the firearm before entering a motor vehicle, a dwelling or an area such as a camp. Always point firearms in a safe direction while loading or unloading to prevent serious injury or death in case of an accidental discharge.

12. Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or at the surface of water to avoid a ricochet and possible serious personal injury to yourself or a bystander.

13. Store firearms in a clean dry place out of reach of children and separated from stored ammunition.

14. Never alter any parts of your firearm after proper instruction and in strict compliance with instruction and data contained in current reloading manuals.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Refer to figures 1A-D for general part descriptions regarding your new firearm. You must become familiar with all part names listed before proceeding

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Your new Model 2022 is one of a number of different versions and configurations offered. The basic operating procedures are the same for nearly all of them. Where there are differences, they are pointed out for your convenience. The Model 2022 is a bolt action design that allows the shooter to load a round by cycling the action and moving a cartridge from a loaded magazine to the chamber.

This can be repeated until the magazine is empty. There are many different versions of the Model 2022. A variety of calibers is offered. Each firearm is designed to shoot a specific centerfire cartridge.

Your Model 2022 is made from the design specifications developed from the imprint of a Model 70 Winchester and a Mauser 98. It has a claw extractor and controlled round feed. Every Model 2022 is equipped with a 3-position safety. This is considered by most to be the safest of all safeties in the firearm industry. With the safety in the middle position, the bolt can be opened and operated. In the middle position the safety remains "on safe."

Magazine configurations vary depending on the cartridge you will be shooting, whether it is a Standard or a Magnum cartridge will determine the Magazine box.

## TERMINOLOGY & DESCRIPTIONS

## **IMPORTANT**

Refer to Figures 1A-D for general part descriptions regarding your new firearm. You must become familiar with all part names listed before proceeding with the rest of the instructions in this manual.

Figures 1-5 cover the general features and benefits of the Montana Rifle Company Model 2022 design.

Descriptions in this manual generally refer to the gun in the historical position, which is the normal firing position. For example, the muzzle is forward or front; the butt stock is rear; the trigger is downward or underneath; the sight is upward or on top. For general parts terminology, refer to Figure 1.

The Montana Rifle Company Model 2022 is also shown disassembled to the extent necessary in order to follow instructions contained in this book (See Figures 2 - 4).







Figure 2



The Model 2022 three-position safety is still the preferred design of most firearm experts – it blocks the firing pin and allows you open the bolt with the safety on.



Model 2022s feature the famous pre-'64 type action with claw extraction.



The field-strippable firing pin mechanism is easy to inspect and service – even in the outdoors. It gives you confidence in extremely cold or dirty conditions.



The Model 2022 Montana Action is Stainless Steel.

## SERIAL NUMBER

The serial number is located on the left side of a right- handed action and on the right side of a left-handed action. Take time now to record your serial number on the front page of this booklet for your records.

## AMMUNITION

#### MAKE SURE YOU ONLY USE THE EXACT AMMUNITION/CALIBER AS LISTED ON THE SIDE OF THE BARREL.

The caliber of your Model 2022 Barreled Action is inscribed on the left side of the barrel on a righthanded action and on the right side of the barrel on a left- handed action. As stated previously, use only ammunition for which your Model 2022 is chambered – as indicated on the barrel – to prevent catastrophic failure and possible serious personal injury or death.

The various Model 2022 actions are able to handle a large variety of different centerfire cartridges. Many cartridges have similar sounding names.

Incorrectly reloaded ammunition can cause serious personal injury and damage to the firearm due to excessive pressure.

Reload only after proper instruction and in strict compliance with instructions and data contained in current reloading manuals.

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.

## **MAGAZINE CAPACITY**

It is important that you know the magazine capacity of your Model 2022. The normal capacity are 5 round for standard cartridges and 3 rounds for magnum cartridges. Under appropriate circumstances – at a range or other suitable shooting location – load your magazine to full capacity and make note of the number of cartridges.

## **OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

# IMPORTANT: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

Prior to using live ammunition, familiarize yourself thoroughly with these operating instructions. Get accustomed to the feel of your new firearm – know the forces required to operate the action. Learn how to pull the trigger and, above all, know the location and operation of the safety. Procedures for disassembly and operation of various components are outlined in the sections below. Please read and study them thoroughly.

In addition, always remember:

#### USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION REFERENCED BY THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BARREL.

BEFORE LOADING YOUR FIREARM BE SURE ALL GREASE AND OIL HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BARREL AND CHAMBER, AND THERE ARE NO OBSTRUCTIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL ARE GIVEN FOR A RIGHT-HANDED FIREARM, MOST PROCEDURES ARE THE SAME FOR RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED RIFLES WITH EXCEPTION OF BOLT OPERATIONS.

### **INITIAL CLEANING**

Some metal parts of your new Model 2022 have been coated at the factory with a rust preventative compound. Before using your Model 2022, clean the anti-rust compound from inside the barrel, receiver, bolt mechanism and the action/chamber areas. A high quality, light firearm oil should be used to remove this compound and to give your new gun its first lubrication. Clean the barrel using a cleaning rod and patch, as explained under "Cleaning and Maintenance Suggestions" found later in this manual.

### **OILING THE ACTION**

Before the first firing of your Model 2022 you should first wipe the mechanism completely clean, clean the bore and apply a few drops of quality oil on the following surfaces (See Figure 8): Lightly lubricate where there is bolt-to-receiver contact as shown in Figure 8. Avoid applying too much oil. Only a light film is necessary.

Figure 8





Figure 9

Figure 10





Figure 11

Figure 12

## **OPERATION OF THE SAFETY**

The safety can only be operated when the firing pin is cocked. To cock the firing pin, lift up on the bolt handle and then return it to the locked position. When the firing pin is cocked, cocking piece is visible at the rear of the bolt (See Figure 9).

**1. Fully On** – This is when the safety is drawn to the most rearward position. Both the firing pin and the bolt are positively locked (See Figure 10).

**2. Intermediate Position** – This is when the safety is in a midway position (visually at a right angle to the bolt). This position locks the firing pin, but not the bolt. The intermediate position also allows for a safe removal of an unfired cartridge from the chamber or magazine (See Figure 11).

**3. Firing Position** – With the safety fully forward, the rifle is ready to fire (See Figure 12). For ease of operation, it is recommended that the safety be operated with the thumb.

The safety mechanism – when engaged – is designed to block the firing pin and disengage the seat to prevent firing. However, this mechanism will not necessarily prevent accidental discharge as a result of jarring or abuse that can occur when a firearm is dropped.

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### **INSTALLING/REMOVING THE BOLT**

The bolt of your action may have been packed separately in the carton in which your action was shipped. You will need to insert the bolt into the action. In addition, it is always a good idea to remove the bolt before cleaning.

#### MAKE SURE THE FIRING PIN IS COCKED (FIRST INSTALLATION)

Before inserting the bolt for the first time, make sure the firing pin is cocked. When in this position, an indicator is visible at the rear of the bolt (See Figure 13). If the indicator is protruding from the bolt shroud a minimum of 1/8", the firing pin is cocked. If the firing pin is not in this position, it means that the bolt is in fired position. To remedy this simply turn the bolt and shroud clockwise when viewed from the indicator end – until the bolt shroud lock engages the notch in the bolt (See Figure 13). On a new firearm where the mating surfaces are not yet burnished from use, it may be difficult to rotate the bolt shroud by hand. If so, carefully grasp the lower section of the cocking piece in a padded vise, pull and turn.

#### IMPORTANT: BE CERTAIN THERE ARE NO CARTRIDGES IN THE MAGAZINE OR CHAMBER.



Figure 13

#### INSTALL

1. Make sure the claw extractor is perfectly lined up with the right-hand locking lug.

2. Insert the bolt into the receiver with the lugs on the bolt aligned with the raceways in the receiver.

3. Push fully forward and lower the bolt handle down to a locked position. The safety can now be operated.

4. Again, make sure the safety is already in (or placed in) intermediate.

#### REMOVAL

- 1. To remove the bolt the firing pin must be in the cocked position. If it already is, proceed to Step 2. If not, first perform the following: With the rifle unloaded and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, cock the firing pin by raising and lowering the bolt handle.
- 2. Place the safety in the intermediate position.
- 3. Again, raise bolt handle and draw the bolt fully to the rear.
- 4. Depress the bolt release mechanism located to the rear of the receiver and remove the bolt (See Figure 14).
- 5. The bolt has been carefully selected and fitted to assure correct headspace (on a barreled action or rifle).

### LOADING PROCEDURES

Use the correct ammunition referenced by the inscription on the barrel. Before loading your firearm be sure all grease and oil has been removed from the barrel and chamber, and there are no obstructions.

1. With the safety in the intermediate position lift the bolt handle and pull the bolt back all the way (see Figure 15). Lay a cartridge in the receiver just forward of the bolt. Press the cartridge down with your thumb until it snaps into the magazine (See Figures 16 and 17).



Figure 14



Figure 15

Press cartridge down until it snaps into the magazine



Figure 16

### LOADING PROCEDURES (CONT)

2. Press each succeeding cartridge similarly into the magazine (see figure 17).

3. With the magazine loaded to capacity, an additional cartridge may be placed directly into the chamber only when you are ready to fire. This is done by opening the action, inserting a round in the chamber, and pressing down on the top cartridge in the magazine as the bolt is closed (See Figure 18).

When loading a cartridge directly into the chamber (bypassing the magazine), you will experience resistance as the bolt is rotated to the locked position, and the extractor clears the cartridge rim.

#### DO NOT CARRY A GUN WITH A CARTRIDGE IN THE CHAMBER TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE.









#### UNLOADING PROCEDURES

Perform the following to remove cartridges from the chamber and magazine on all Model 2022 Montana Actions.

1. Lift bolt handle up and pull the bolt fully back to remove the cartridge from the chamber.

2. With the safety in the intermediate position, open the floor plate by pressing the release mechanism in the front of the trigger guard (See Figure 19).

3. Allow the Floor Plate to swing open (downward). Allow the follower to lower until it is out of the magazine opening. This will allow any cartridges to fall into your hand (See Figure 20).

4. Carefully reposition the follower and magazine spring back into the magazine opening. Close the hinged floor plate and make sure it snaps into place.

5. Recheck the chamber to assure it contains no cartridge. If it does, cycle the action (as explained earlier) to eject the loaded round.







Figure 20

### **UNLOADING - CYCLING THE ACTION**

This unloading method can be used for any Model 2022 but is not recommended.

1. Place the safety in the intermediate position.

2. With the rifle pointed in a safe direction and your finger off the trigger, operate the action (See Figure 21), extracting and ejecting each loaded round from the chamber. Work the action very slowly in order to easily capture the loaded cartridges with your free hand as they are ejected. Do not eject them onto the ground. This will risk damaging them and affecting accuracy.

IMPORTANT—ALWAYS VISUALLY CHECK AND KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOUR RIFLE IS NOT LOADED. DO THIS BY LOOKING DIRECTLY INTO THE CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE WITH THE ACTION OPEN AND BOLT FULLY TO THE REAR.

### FIRING PROCEDURES

1. When ready to shoot, and with a loaded cartridge in the chamber, the safety on, and your finger off the trigger, push the safety fully forward. Your rifle is now ready to fire with a pull of the trigger.

2. Pull the bolt handle up and fully rearward until the fired cartridge is ejected.

3. Push the bolt fully forward, positioning a new cartridge from the magazine into the chamber. Lock the bolt by moving the bolt handle fully down. Your rifle is again cocked and ready to fire. Immediately put the safety in the rear "ON SAFE" position until you are ready to fire again (Refer to Figure 16).







Figure 21

Place the safety in intermediate position. Open

# DISASSEMBLY IN THE CASE OF MISFIRE

CAUTION: IN CASE OF MISFIRE, KEEP THE BARREL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, WAIT 60 SECONDS, CAREFULLY OPEN THE ACTION WHILE AVOIDING DIRECT EXPOSURE TO THE BREECH BY YOURSELF AND OTHERS. REMOVE THE CARTRIDGE FROM THE CHAMBER. LEAVE THE ACTION OPEN AND FULLY UNLOAD YOUR RIFLE, REMOVING ALL CARTRIDGES FROM THE MAGAZINE.

Only rarely will modern factory ammunition experience a misfire. If this ever happens to you when shooting your Model 2022, please follow these instructions carefully.

Carefully inspect the ejected cartridge. If the primer is indented, the cartridge should be disposed of in a manner that would prevent accidental injury to you or others. If there is no indentation, your firearm has malfunctioned and should be serviced by Montana Rifle Company.

#### **BOLT DISASSEMBLY**

One of the unique advantages of a Model 2022 is the ability to "field strip" the bolt for cleaning the firing pin mechanism. Under very harsh weather conditions and in dirty environments just knowing that all the firing pin parts are clean and lightly oiled can add an extra measure of confidence to your hunt.

Make sure you have a clean place to work and a good place to put the bolt components as they are disassembled.

Disassembling the bolt can be done in the field, but remember, there are small parts involved, some of which are under spring tension.

# BE CERTAIN CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE ARE EMPTY.

1. To remove the bolt, the firing pin must be in the cocked position. If it already is, proceed to step 2. If not, first perform the following: With the rifle unloaded and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, cock the firing pin by raising and lowering the bolt handle.

2. Place the safety in the intermediate position.

3. Raise the bolt and remove it from the rifle as explained previously.

4. Depress the shroud lock with your thumb (see figure 23) and turn the bolt shroud to the left (counterclockwise) looking from the rear of the



Figure 23

### **BOLT DISASSEMBLY (CONT)**

bolt. It takes about six turns for the shroud (and the connected firing pin assembly) to unscrew from the bolt. Carefully pull the entire assembly out of the breech bolt.

5. Be extremely careful to leave the safety in the intermediate position.

6. It is not necessary or recommended that you disassemble the firing pin assembly further than this (see Figure 24).

7. Carefully wipe clean and very lightly oil the assembly. Aerosol lubricants are excellent for forcing out any dirt, grit or moisture.

#### REASSEMBLY

1. Screw the firing pin assembly back into the bolt until the shroud lock engages the notch in the bolt.

2. Reinsert the bolt into the receiver as previously explained.





#### **CLEANING PROCEDURES**

#### BE CERTAIN YOUR GUN'S CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE ARE UNLOADED. ALWAYS WEAR PROTECTIVE SAFETY GLASSES DURING ALL CLEANING PROCEDURES, KEEP AMMUNITION AWAY FROM THE CLEANING AREA. DO NOT TEST THE FUNCTION OF YOUR FIREARM WITH LIVE AMMUNITION.

Always place the safety in the intermediate "on" (safe) position before beginning any cleaning procedure. Remove the bolt from your rifle as explained previously.

1. Use a cleaning rod with a jag and patch suitable for the caliber of your firearm's bore. Make sure the patch is large enough for a snug fit in the bore. Insert the rod and patch saturated in solvent into the barrel at the receiver end and run it back and forth several times. Use a crown protector if you are cleaning from the muzzle end of the barrel. Damage to the crown of the barrel can affect the accuracy of your firearm.

2. Inspect the chamber and bore for brass, copper and powder fouling. A normal amount of powder residue can be expected. It can usually be removed by repeating step one, using a patch saturated with solvent. If and/or when fouling should become heavy, it can be removed with a brass bore brush. Dip or spray the brush with solvent and scrub the chamber and bore until the fouling is removed.

To prevent brass bristles from breaking off, the brush should be pushed completely through the bore before being withdrawn.

3. After fouling has been removed the bore should be wiped dry. Then pass a slightly oiled patch through the bore, for preservation. A fine, light gun oil is recommended.

4. Wipe all exposed metal surfaces of the receiver, forearm and barrel with a clean, lightly oiled rag. Finger marks should be removed to prevent corrosion. Any dried oil in the receiver area should also be removed. This is very important and must be done with every rifle, even stainless-steel models. The polished, finely fitted surfaces of the receiver and action mechanisms must always have a thin film of oil. Make sure that the surfaces of the bolt are especially clean and lightly oiled with high quality gun oil. Do not use pure silicone or lanolin.

5. Inspect the barrel and chamber. Make certain that no patches have been inadvertently left in them. Remove any that remain.

6. When transporting, store your Model 2022 in a quality protective case to prevent scratches and debris. Store in a dry place to prevent corrosion. Store away from children.

MAKE SURE YOUR RIFLE IS UNLOADED AND ALWAYS STORE AMMUNITION SEPERATLY.

#### CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SUGGESTIONS

The Model 2022 will function better and more reliably if it is properly maintained and kept clean.

#### BEFORE PERFORMING ANY CLEANING PROCEDURES, ALWAYS MAKE CERTAIN THERE ARE NO CARTRIDEGS IN THE CHAMBER OR MAGAZINE.

You should clean your Model 2022 after every day of shooting and more often if it becomes excessively dirty. If shooting for extreme accuracy your Model 2022 should be cleaned after every 50 shots or even as few as every 25 shots under competitive conditions.

A minimum cleaning includes wiping down the action and oiling key parts. Most regular maintenance will also include cleaning the barrel.

If you encounter a function problem, be sure to give your firearm a thorough cleaning to see if it solves the problem before seeking the services of our service facility.

#### **OTHER CLEANING SUGGESTIONS**

- Never pour large quantities of oil into the receiver or other parts. It can damage the stock and possibly the bedding compound.
- After extended periods of heavy use, your gun should be taken to a qualified gunsmith to have the action disassembled for a professional cleaning and lubrication.

Montana Rifle Company recommends that you ensure the gunsmith is certified. If there is any question, ask to see their credentials. Under no circumstances will MRC be responsible for any warranty work resulting from gunsmith error by modifying or "adjusting" any part or parts of your firearm.

## NEVER ATTEMPT TO TAKE YOUR MODEL 2022 APART FURTHER THAN EXPLAINED IN THIS MANUAL

You may permanently mar it by attempting to disassemble the inner mechanism assemblies. If further disassembly for service or cleaning is required, call the Montana Rifle Company at (810) 392-2181 for instructions on where to take it.

#### **ORDERING PARTS**

To order parts, please contact our service department and provide the following: name, address, and phone number. Please specify the caliber, model, and serial number of your Model 2022.

Once we receive your request, we will send an order form and a parts breakdown with prices or someone will contact you directly.

## **CAUTION:**

PARTS MANUFACTURED BY THE MONTANA RIFLE COMPANY SHOULD NOT BE USED IN OTHER FIREARMS EVEN THOUGH MODELS MAY BE SIMILAR. IMPROPERLY FITTED PARTS MAY BE DANGEROUS.

### **EMAIL PARTS ORDERS TO:**

info@montanarifleco.com

#### MAIL PARTS ORDERS TO:

The Montana Rifle Company 34775 Potter Street Memphis, MI 48041 At Montana Rifle Company, we experience very few returns for warranty repair, however, if you feel there is an issue with your firearm, DO NOT take the firearm to a gunsmith. Immediately contact customer service (810) 392-2181. They will be able to guide you through the Return Authorization Process.

# PLEASE READ THE WARRANTY SECTION CAREFULLY. MONTANA RIFLE COMPANY

Montana Rifle Company ("MRC") warrants to the original owner/purchaser ("Purchaser"), the enclosed firearm was manufactured free of defects in material and workmanship. To the original purchaser, MRC offers a limited lifetime warranty ("Warranty") for any defects in the firearm from workmanship and materials. The warranty card, supplied with the rifle when it ships, is required to be filled out and mailed back to MRC with a copy of the receipt, within 60 days of purchase. Failure to complete and submit the supplied warranty card VOIDS the limited lifetime warranty.

#### **NON-TRANSFERABLE**

This Warranty is non-transferable and only valid to the original purchaser of the firearm, with the exception of the Legacy Transfer Warranty. For details about this warranty, please visit montanarifleco.com.

#### COVERAGES

This Warranty does not apply to any of the following: normal wear of any parts including but not limited to, wood, metal, aluminum, rubber or the surface finish of any material. It is the responsibility of the owner to fully inspect and function test the firearm. This should include the barrel break-in procedure as described in the documentation supplied with each rifle.

MRC is not at fault and this Warranty does not cover any damage caused by an outside source (by accident or abuse). Misfiring or damage from use of handloaded, reloaded or otherwise improper ammunition. Improper maintenance and/or cleaning of firearm as described in the supplied MRC Firearms Manual. MRC excludes liability for any incidental or consequential damages arising from or in connection with this warranty. Under no circumstances will MRC warranty a firearm that has been modified or has work performed outside MRC.

DETERMINATION – Upon evaluation of the firearm, MRC will determine the best course of action by repair, adjustment or replacement of parts or firearm. The determination and course of action is at the sole discretion of MRC. MRC will supply a prepaid shipping label in the event a firearm returned for warranty repair.

#### WARRANTY ON ACCURACY

MOA POLICY- As described by the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation):

"A Minute of Angle (MOA) is an angular measurement. A MOA is 1/60th of a degree. 1 MOA spreads about 1" per 100 yards. (Actually 1.047") 1 MOA is a different size at different distances, 8" at 800 yards is still just 1 MOA. All MRC firearms are guaranteed and are capable of shooting within ½ MOA (.5235"). All factory accuracy testing is done with premium ammunition.

The purchaser should take heed in following our barrel break-in procedure and use high quality factory, match grade ammunition. We do not guarantee the accuracy of reloaded ammunition, there are too many variables that cannot be accounted for. Reloaded ammunition may void your warranty. Firearms returned to MRC for accuracy issues will only be tested with the recommended ammunition

**RETURNS** – All returns, repair or paid service, require an RMA (Return Material Authorization) number. To obtain an RMA number please call us at 810-392-2181 to speak with a customer service representative. If a rifle is received by MRC without a pre-approved RMA, MRC will return the rifle to the original sender's address immediately upon receipt.

#### SHIPPING & PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS

1) All firearms should be cleaned and free of dirt and debris. If it is not, you will be charged a \$100 cleaning fee.

2) Remove all rings/bases and scopes from your rifle prior to shipping. If the rifle is shipped with rings/ bases and scope MRC is not responsible for these parts being damaged during shipping. This applies to shipments to and from our facility.

3) All rifles should be returned in a Montana Rifle Company (MRC) original logoed gun case with a hard copy of the RMA supplied by your Customer Service Representative included inside. On the outside of the box the RMA number needs to be clearly visible from a short distance. If an original MRC gun case is not available, please use a high quality, industry accepted box for shipping with adequate padding. Check with your customers service representative to determine if the box you will be using is acceptable.

4) Remove the bolt from the firearm and wrap separately in bubble-wrap or other material of equal protective value and secure away from the rest of the rifle to prevent damage during shipping.

5) Do not send any live ammunition in the same shipping package as your rifle as this violates BATF rules.

6) If a rifle is received by MRC in a shipping box that MRC has not approved, MRC will either:

• Make all attempts to securely package and return the rifle in the customers' box. MRC will not be liable for any shipping damage in this situation.

#### -OR-

• Package and return the rifle in an MRC logoed case. A \$50 fee will be charged to the customer.



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