

SIGSAUER®



SIG P238® / P938®

OPERATOR'S MANUAL: HANDLING & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM. DO NOT DISCARD THIS MANUAL.

THIS MANUAL SHOULD ALWAYS ACCOMPANY THIS FIREARM AND BE TRANSFERRED WITH IT UPON CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OR WHEN THE FIREARM IS PRESENTED TO ANOTHER PERSON.



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1.0 SAFETY WARNINGS

READ THIS ENTIRE MANUAL THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY PRIOR TO USING THIS FIREARM.

The warnings in this operator's manual are extremely important. By understanding the dangers inherent in the use of any firearm and by taking the precautions described in this manual, you can experience a high level of safety in the use of your firearm. Failure to heed any of these warnings may result in serious injury or death to you or others, as well as severe damage to the firearm or other property.

WARNINGS in this manual identify a clear danger to the person performing that procedure. Warnings are identified by a red banner with the word **WARNING** in white, bold, uppercase letters and a **WARNING** icon. Failure to comply with a **WARNING** can result in serious injury or death to you or a bystander.



WARNING

CAUTIONS in this manual identify a risk of damage to the firearm being maintained. **CAUTIONS** are identified by a black banner with the word **CAUTION** in white, bold, uppercase letters.

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SIG SAUER, INC.® firearms are designed to function reliably with proper care and knowledgeable use. Operators must understand the safe operation and use of any SIG SAUER firearm. Read and follow these instructions carefully. Do not use the firearm without understanding the instructions outlined in this manual and the safe operation of the firearm. **Failure to follow the instructions outlined in this manual may result in serious injury or death to the operator and/or others. Damage to the firearm and other property may also occur.**

SAFETY MECHANISMS

Manual Safety

Consistent with individual operators' philosophies of use, SIG SAUER offers firearms with and without a manual safety, and the decision whether to deploy a manual safety rests with the operator. This is an important decision that must consider several factors, including the intended use of the firearm (e.g., law enforcement, defensive carry, home defense, range use, competition), level of firearms experience and training, frequency of practice, holster selection, and carry position, among others. The internal safeties of the firearm are designed to prevent it from firing without the trigger being fully pulled. When the trigger is pulled, even unintentionally—whether by a finger or foreign object—the firearm will fire as designed. When engaged, a manual safety locks the trigger and prevents it from being accidentally or intentionally pulled, providing additional protection from unintentional discharge. However, an engaged manual safety will also prevent an operator from firing their pistol even when they need it to fire if the manual safety is not first disengaged.

SIG SAUER encourages those considering the purchase of a firearm to carefully evaluate whether a manual safety would be the best choice for them.



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Regardless of whether a firearm is equipped with an external manual safety, it remains the operator's obligation to continue to practice safe firearm handling. Firearms should always be treated as loaded and must be handled in a safe manner even if the firearm is equipped with a manual safety. Trigger discipline and utilizing an appropriate holster that protects the trigger when a firearm is being carried is of paramount importance even for firearms that have a manual safety (as the pistol can be carried with the safety in a disengaged condition). Be advised, however, that holsters, while offering further trigger protection, do not prevent accidental discharges as it may be possible for a foreign object to get into the holster, particularly with light-bearing holsters. Extreme caution should be taken when holstering and unholstering a pistol to ensure nothing gets into the holster. Pistol safeties, whether internal or external, should never be relied upon to excuse undisciplined handling of a firearm.

This firearm may not have a manual safety if you have made the decision, based on the factors above, to purchase a gun without a manual safety. A manual safety – when engaged -- is designed to mechanically prevent the firearm from discharging when the trigger is pulled or pressed, either intentionally or unintentionally. **THE MOST EFFECTIVE SAFETY IS TO CARRY YOUR PISTOL WITHOUT A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER, AND TO LOAD A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER ONLY WHEN READY TO FIRE.** Regardless of whether your firearm is equipped with a manual safety you must take steps to protect against unintentional movement of the trigger, particularly if you elect to carry your pistol with a round in the chamber. If you have a round in the chamber and the trigger is pressed to the rear, the firearm will fire absent an engaged manual safety.



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1.0 SAFETY WARNINGS - CONTINUED

Your firearm comes equipped with effective, well-designed safety features. However, never rely completely on any safety mechanism. Careless and improper handling of any firearm can result in an unintentional discharge.

Only your safe firearm handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. Like all mechanical devices, the safety mechanisms are subject to breakage or malfunction and can be negatively affected by wear, abuse, dirt, corrosion, incorrect assembly, improper adjustment or repair, or lack of maintenance.

Moreover, there is no such thing as a safety mechanism that is “childproof” or that can completely prevent accidental discharge from improper usage, carelessness, “horseplay”, or abusive handling.

The best safety is proper and applied training in safe firearm handling. Always handle your firearm as though you expect the safeties not to work.

Do not load a cartridge into the chamber until you are ready to use the firearm. If your firearm is equipped with a manual safety, keep the safety ON until you are actually ready to use the firearm. Always move the safety fully to its engaged position and visually check it. The safety is not ON unless it is completely ON.

ABUSIVE HANDLING

SIG SAUER firearms incorporate effective mechanical safeties. However, like any mechanical device, exposure to abusive conditions may have a negative effect on these safety mechanisms and cause them to fail to work as designed. Do not subject your SIG SAUER firearm to any type of abusive handling. This includes the firearm being dropped, impact to the firearm, or the firearm being struck by another object.

Make sure you always maintain control of your firearm at all times. If your firearm does suffer an abusive event such as previously described, do not attempt to use the firearm. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction, unload and clear the firearm of all ammunition immediately, and have it inspected by a certified SIG SAUER armorer prior to using the firearm.



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A safe direction is defined as an area in which, if the firearm were to discharge, no property damage would occur and no personal injury would result.

As previously noted, if your SIG SAUER firearm does suffer an abusive event, unload it immediately and have it inspected by a certified SIG SAUER Armorer prior to using the firearm. If your firearm suffers an abusive event during a life-threatening/self-defense situation, you must apply immediate action by:

1. Pulling the slide completely rearward to eject the chambered cartridge.
2. Releasing the slide to chamber a new cartridge and resetting the trigger mechanism. (Do not ride the slide forward).
3. The firearm is now returned to proper operational condition.

Intentional or repetitive abusive handling of any SIG SAUER firearm will void the manufacturer's warranty and could render the firearm unsafe.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Do not attempt to disassemble your SIG SAUER firearm beyond the point explained in this manual. Disassembly beyond the instructions in this manual is restricted to a certified SIG SAUER armorer. Failure to comply with these restrictions will void your warranty.

Warnings and instructions about the use of some SIG SAUER replacement parts, assemblies, and accessories may be described in literature accompanying the specific products. Read and carefully follow those instructions. Such warnings and instructions are provided to assure the safe functioning of the firearm. Failure to heed them may result in improper functioning, damage to the firearm, and serious injury or death to you or others.



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1.0 SAFETY WARNINGS - CONTINUED

ALTERATIONS

This SIG SAUER firearm was designed to function properly in its original condition. Unauthorized alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or substitute any parts or accessories not manufactured by SIG SAUER for this pistol. The addition of any parts or accessories beyond the user level of maintenance described in this manual is not authorized.

HOLSTERS

Another important factor in safely carrying your pistol is holster selection. Properly designed holsters should protect your trigger from being contacted inadvertently. However, different holsters provide different levels of trigger security, and it is your responsibility to ensure the holster you select adequately protects the trigger when the firearm is holstered.

For example, holsters designed to accept firearms equipped with a tactical light generally have large openings to accommodate the bezel of the light, rendering the trigger area of the holstered firearm accessible to foreign objects or fingers. Make sure you are familiar with the protections your holster provides before you carry your pistol and familiarize yourself with all warnings and instructions that are provided by the holster manufacturer.

If you carry your pistol while seated in a vehicle, whether you are the driver or the passenger, you must ensure that the holster protects the pistol from any surrounding features or devices in the vehicle that could interfere with the safe carry of the pistol. For example, ensure you can enter and exit the vehicle without the seat belts becoming snagged on the firearm or the holster.

ACCESSORIES

It is your responsibility to ensure that all accessories, such as holsters and firearm-mounted lights, are compatible with this firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with the safe operation and handling of the firearm.



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TRANSPORTING

When transporting your firearm, be sure the firearm is unloaded and cleared of all ammunition. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the laws of any state you will be traveling through with your firearm.

STORAGE

The only safe way to store your firearm is unloaded, cleared of all ammunition, and secure. Safe and secure storage is one of your most important responsibilities. Store your unloaded firearm separate from your ammunition and in places inaccessible to children or unauthorized persons.

CHAMBER SAFETY FLAG

Every SIG SAUER firearm is shipped with a chamber safety flag. The chamber safety flag prevents the chambering of a round when installed and provides a readily visible indication that the firearm's chamber is empty. The chamber safety flag is to be installed in the firearm's chamber at all times when the firearm is not in use. Many public ranges require chamber safety flags be installed when the firing line is cold.

LIABILITY

PISTOLS are classified as FIREARMS and are sold by SIG SAUER with the specific understanding that we shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for malfunctioning of the firearm, physical injury, or property damage resulting in whole or in part from:

- Criminal or negligent discharge
- Improper, careless, or abusive handling
- Unauthorized modifications or parts replacement
- Defective, improper, hand-loaded, or reloaded ammunition
- Corrosion
- Neglect
- Other influences beyond our direct and immediate control



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This limitation applies regardless of whether liability is asserted on the basis of contract, negligence, or strict liability (including any failure to warn). Under no circumstance shall SIG SAUER, Inc. be liable for incidental or consequential damages such as loss of use of property, commercial loss, and loss of earnings or profits.

BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

1. ALWAYS treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. ALWAYS be sure the barrel is clear of any obstruction.
3. ALWAYS be sure of your backstop, what lies beyond, and the safety of bystanders before you shoot.
4. ALWAYS use clean, dry, original factory-made ammunition of the proper type and caliber for your firearm.
5. ALWAYS wear ear protection and safety glasses when shooting.
6. ALWAYS carry your firearm so that you can control the direction of the muzzle if you fall or stumble.
7. NEVER shoot at a flat surface or water.
8. DO NOT leave a loaded firearm unattended. Firearms and ammunition should be stored separately, locked if possible, and beyond the reach of children, careless adults, or unauthorized users.
9. NEVER allow your firearm to be used by anyone who has not read and understood this operator's manual.
10. DO NOT point any firearm, loaded or unloaded, at any undesired or unsafe target.
11. NEVER discharge your firearm near an animal unless the animal is trained to accept the noise. An animal's startled reaction could injure it or cause an accident.
12. NEVER drink alcoholic beverages or use drugs before or during shooting, as your vision and judgment could be seriously impaired, making your firearm handling unsafe.



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1.1 EYE AND EAR PROTECTION



Always wear safety glasses that meet the requirements of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) z87.1 and ear plugs and “ earmuff ”-type protectors whenever you are shooting. Always make certain that persons close to you are similarly protected. Unprotected eyes may be injured by powder, gas, carbon residue, lubricant, metallic particles, or similar debris that may emanate occasionally from any firearm in normal use. Without ear protection, repeated exposure to shooting noise may lead to cumulative, permanent hearing loss.

1.2 AMMUNITION

Use only high-quality, original, factory-manufactured ammunition. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, bent, or damaged. Do not oil cartridges. Do not spray aerosol-type lubricants, preservative, or cleaners directly onto cartridges or where excess spray may flow into contact with cartridges. Lubricant or other foreign matter on cartridges can cause potentially dangerous ammunition malfunctions. Use only ammunition of the caliber for which your firearm is chambered. The proper caliber is permanently engraved on your firearm’s barrel. Only use ammunition of that caliber.

The use of reloaded, “re-manufactured” hand-loaded, or other nonstandard ammunition voids all warranties. Reloading is a science and improperly loaded ammunition can be extremely dangerous.

Severe damage to the firearm and serious injury or death to the shooter or to others may result. Always use ammunition that complies with the industry performance standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute, Inc. (SAAMI) or ammunition manufactured to U.S. military specifications.



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1.2 AMMUNITION - CONTINUED

SIG SAUER, Inc. specifically disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury whatsoever occurring in connection with or as a result of the use in any SIG SAUER firearm of faulty, nonstandard, “re-manufactured” hand-loaded (reloaded) ammunition, or cartridges other than those for which the firearm was originally chambered.

Firearms may be severely damaged and serious injury or death to the shooter or to others may result from any condition causing excessive pressure inside the chamber or barrel during firing. Excessive pressure can be caused by obstructions in the barrel, propellant powder overloads, the use of incorrect cartridges, or defectively assembled cartridges. In addition, the use of a dirty, corroded, or damaged cartridge can lead to a burst cartridge case and consequent damage to the firearm and personal injury from the sudden escape of high-pressure propellant gas within the firearm’s mechanism.

OBSTRUCTED BORE

Immediately stop shooting, keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction whenever:

- You have difficulty in or feel unusual resistance in chambering a cartridge;
- A cartridge misfires (does not go off);
- The mechanism fails to extract a fired cartridge case;
- Unburned grains of propellant powder are discovered spilled in the mechanism;
- A shot sounds weak or abnormal. It is possible that a bullet is lodged part way down the barrel.
- Firing a subsequent bullet into the obstructed barrel can damage the firearm and cause serious injury to the shooter or to bystanders.



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1.2 AMMUNITION - CONTINUED

Bullets can become lodged in the barrel when:

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

If there is any reason to suspect that a bullet is obstructing the barrel, immediately unload and clear the firearm. Field strip the pistol and look through the bore of the barrel. It is not sufficient to merely look in the chamber. A bullet may be lodged some distance down the barrel where it cannot easily be seen.

If a bullet is in the bore, do not attempt to shoot it out by using another cartridge or by blowing it out with a blank or a cartridge from which the bullet has been removed. Such techniques can generate excessive pressure, damage the firearm, and cause serious personal injury or death.

If the bullet can be removed by tapping it with a cleaning rod, clean any unburned powder grains from the bore, chamber, and mechanism, before resuming shooting. If the bullet cannot be dislodged by tapping it with a cleaning rod, take the firearm to a certified SIG SAUER Armorer. Dirt, corrosion, or other foreign matter on a cartridge can impede chambering and may cause the cartridge case to burst upon firing. A damaged or deformed cartridge may also impede chambering or cause the cartridge case to burst upon firing.



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Do not lubricate cartridges. Be sure to wipe the chamber clean of any oil or preservative before shooting. Oil interferes with the friction between cartridge case and chamber wall that is necessary for safe functioning and subjects the firearm to stress similar to that imposed by excessive pressure.

Use lubricants sparingly on the moving parts of your firearm. Avoid excessive spraying of any aerosol gun care product, especially where it might get on ammunition. All lubricants, aerosol spray lubricants in particular, can penetrate cartridge primers and cause misfires. Some highly penetrative lubricants can also migrate inside cartridge cases and cause deterioration of the propellant powder; on firing, the powder might not ignite. If only the primer ignites, there is danger that the bullet may become lodged in the barrel.

Death, serious injury, and damage to the firearm can result from the use of wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads, or incorrect cartridge components. Always wear shooting glasses and hearing protection.



WARNING: CANCER AND REPRODUCTIVE HARM—www.P65warnings.ca.gov



DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, CLEANING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM, AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. MAINTAIN ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE. SHOOTING OR CLEANING FIREARMS MAY EXPOSE YOU TO LEAD.



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1.3 STATE-BY-STATE WARNINGS

Certain states require, by law, that their own specified warning notices, in larger than-normal type be conspicuously included by the manufacturer, distributor, or retail dealer with firearms sold in that state. SIG SAUER sells its products in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because our products may be sold in these states, we include the following:



CALIFORNIA: WARNING

Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users. California has strict laws pertaining to firearms, and you may be fined or imprisoned if you fail to comply with them. Visit the Web site of the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> for information on firearm laws applicable to you and how you can comply. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison."

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255).



ADVERTENCIA

Las armas de fuego deben manipularse de manera responsable y segura para evitar el acceso de niños y otros usuarios no autorizados. California tiene leyes estrictas relacionadas con armas de fuego, y usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si no las cumple. Visite el sitio web del fiscal general de California en <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> para obtener información sobre las leyes de armas de fuego que son aplicables y cómo puede cumplirlas. Evite el acceso de niños manteniendo siempre las armas bloqueadas y descargadas cuando no estén en uso. Si mantiene un arma de fuego cargada donde un niño la puede obtener y la usa indebidamente, se le puede multar o enviar a prisión.

Si usted o alguien que conoce está contemplando el suicidio, llame a la Línea Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio al 1-800-273 TALK (8255).



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CONNECTICUT:

"UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."

FLORIDA:

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

MAINE:

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

MARYLAND:

"WARNING: CHILDREN CAN OPERATE FIREARMS WHICH MAY CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. IT IS A CRIME TO STORE OR LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM IN ANY LOCATION WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT AN UNSUPERVISED MINOR WOULD GAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM. STORE YOUR FIREARM RESPONSIBLY!"



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MASSACHUSETTS:

“WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY

GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventative steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths.”



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MASSACHUSETTS: - Continued

“IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, PISTOL, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER.”

NEW JERSEY:

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

NEW YORK CITY, NY:

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



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NORTH CAROLINA:

Any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parents or a person having charge of the minor and the minor:

- (1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14-269.2(b)
- (2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner;
- (3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense; or
- (4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.

TEXAS:

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

WISCONSIN:

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

Please check with your licensed retailer, state police, or local police for additional warnings, which may be required by local law or regulation. Such regulations change constantly, and local authorities are in the best position to advise you on such legal matters.



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1.4 LOCKING DEVICES



All firearms are originally shipped with a key-operated locking device, except for Custom Works firearms that are shipped with a lockable case.

Although it can help provide secure storage for your unloaded firearm, any locking device can fail.

All firearms are designed to fire if they are loaded and the trigger is pressed.

Therefore, never install the locking device inside the trigger guard or in any way that makes it possible to press the trigger! Do not leave the keys in the lock.

The ultimate responsibility for secure storage of any firearm must depend upon its owner and his or her individual circumstances.

Firearms should be stored unloaded, in a secure location, separate from their ammunition.

To maximize effectiveness and reduce the chances of malfunction or damage to a firearm, **ALWAYS** refer to the locking device's manufacturer directions for installation and removal of the device.



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1.5 SAFETY INFORMATION

This operator's manual is designed to assist you in learning how to use and care for your SIG SAUER® firearm properly.

Only when you are certain that you fully understand this manual and can properly carry out its instructions should you practice loading and firing your firearm with live ammunition. Having a firearm in your possession is a full-time job; you cannot guess and you cannot forget. You must know how to use your firearm safely.

If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use this firearm safely, you should seek supervised instruction.

The SIG SAUER Academy provides all levels of firearms safety and skill training, from beginner to expert.

For more information contact:

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SAFETY MUST BE THE FIRST AND CONSTANT CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HANDLES FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

For more information about safety, responsible firearms ownership, and shooting sports, contact:
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2.0 MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 DESCRIPTION OF FIREARM

2.1.1 GENERAL

The SIG SAUER P238/P938 pistol is a modern handgun incorporating the latest technical advances in firearm design for military, law enforcement, and sporting use. It is a mechanically locked, short recoil operated pistol with semi-automatic reloading. Firing takes place with each press of the trigger until the magazine is empty. The slide remains open after the last round has been fired from the magazine.

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2.1.2 PRINCIPAL FEATURES

- The single action only trigger, in combination with the manual safety, ensures safe carrying of the pistol and provides instant readiness when needed.
- The automatic firing pin safety blocks the firing pin unless the trigger is pressed.
- The hammer safety intercept notch prevents the hammer from contacting the firing pin unless the trigger is pressed.
- The disconnecter prevents the hammer from falling when the slide is out of battery (not fully closed).
- The pistol can only be disassembled from the “slide open” position.
- Distinctive high contrast sights and excellent ergonomics ensure rapid target acquisition and engagement, even under poor lighting conditions.
- Extremely compact dimensions and lightweight materials combined with the powerful .380 ACP and 9mm cartridges provide an excellent platform for concealed carry or personal protection.
- The closed design of the pistol prevents dirt and other debris from entering the pistol, ensuring proper function in harsh environmental conditions.



2.2 MAIN COMPONENTS AND OPERATOR CONTROLS

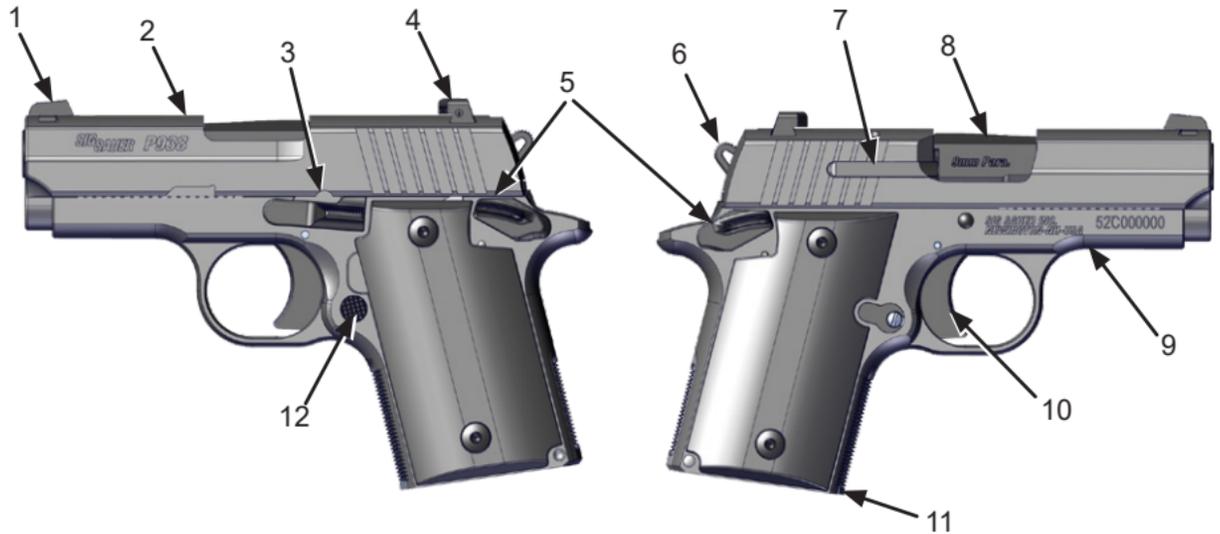


Figure 1. Operator Controls and Features

TABLE 1. OPERATOR CONTROLS AND FEATURES

1	Front Sight	The means of aiming the pistol.
2	Slide	Houses extractor, firing pin safety lock, firing pin, and sights.
3	Slide Stop	Holds the slide and barrel to the frame and locks slide to rear upon firing of last cartridge. Can be used to manually lock slide to rear for maintenance.
4	Rear Sight	The means of aiming the pistol.
5	Manual Safety Levers	When engaged, prevents the hammer from hitting the firing pin when trigger is pressed. Can be single side (Left) or ambidextrous. Slide can be cycled with safety engaged.
6	Hammer	Impacts the firing pin, causing it to detonate the primer.
7	Extractor	Pulls spent casings or cartridges out of the chamber of the barrel.
8	Barrel	Houses cartridge for firing and directs projectile.
9	Frame	Supports all major components of pistol.
10	Trigger	When pressed, actuates the internal components to release the hammer.
11	Magazine	Holds and positions cartridges in place for feeding.
12	Magazine Catch	Locks magazine into frame. Releases magazine when pressed.



3.0 HANDLING

3.1 PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING



BEFORE LOADING, CLEAN ALL GREASE AND OIL FROM THE BORE AND CHAMBER. ENSURE THERE ARE NO OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE BARREL. FIRING THE PISTOL WITH OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE BARREL COULD RESULT IN A BULGED OR BURST BARREL OR OTHER DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR TO OTHERS.

Prior to firing the pistol for the first time, we strongly suggest that you perform an initial cleaning and lubrication of the pistol after you unpack it. Any fouling present will have been from final range firing at the factory prior to shipping.

Refer to Section 7.3 for instructions on cleaning the pistol.

If you have the pistol and ammunition and have read and understood all of the safety instructions, you are now ready to use the pistol.

3.2 MANUAL SAFETY

Each pistol features either a left hand manual safety lever or an ambidextrous manual safety lever. The manual safety blocks hammer movement and can be engaged with the hammer cocked (ready to fire) or hammer forward. The slide can be cycled when the manual safety is engaged with the hammer cocked.

When the manual safety is engaged with the hammer forward, slide movement is blocked. Move the manual safety fully upward to engage. The manual safety is ON (SAFE) when fully up. Move the manual safety fully down to disengage. The manual safety is OFF (FIRE) when fully down. When the manual safety is down, the hammer is free to fall when the trigger is pressed.

**WARNING LOADED PISTOL**

DO NOT SIMULTANEOUSLY PRESS TRIGGER WHILE DISENGAGING MANUAL SAFETY OF A LOADED PISTOL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE OF CHAMBERED CARTRIDGE RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR TO OTHERS.



MANUAL SAFETY
DISENGAGED (LEFT SIDE)



MANUAL SAFETY ENGAGED
(LEFT SIDE)

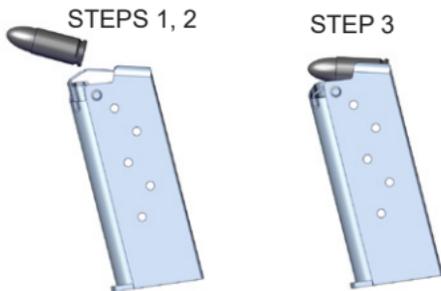


3.3 LOADING THE MAGAZINE

CAUTION

ENSURE THAT THE MAGAZINE IS THE PROPER TYPE AND CALIBER FOR THE PISTOL. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INSERT MORE CARTRIDGES THAN THE MAGAZINE'S DESIGNED CAPACITY.

1. Press down on the magazine follower by using the cartridge case rim. Ensure that the bullet is facing the front of the magazine.
2. Push the cartridge to the rear and under the magazine lips.
3. Repeat until the magazine holds the desired number of cartridges or is full.



3.4 LOADING THE PISTOL

1. Point pistol in a safe direction.
2. Fully retract the slide and lock it to the rear by pushing up on the slide stop.
3. Press up manual safety lever to engage.
4. Visually and physically inspect the chamber to ensure that it is clear.
5. Inspect breech face and magazine well for any foreign debris.





6. Insert a loaded magazine, pushing it up into the magazine well until it locks in place. You should hear an audible click.
7. Release the slide by either:
 - a. Pressing down on the slide stop, releasing the slide forward and chambering a cartridge.
 - b. Pulling back on the slide until the slide stop drops clear of the slide then releasing it to chamber a cartridge. Do not ride the slide forward. Failure to properly complete this step may induce a stoppage.



WARNING LOADED PISTOL



THE PISTOL IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE

3.5 RELOADING DURING SHOOTING (MAGAZINE DEPLETED)

When the last cartridge in the magazine is expended, the slide will be locked back in the open position by the slide stop.

1. Press up manual safety lever to engage.
2. Press the magazine catch to eject the empty magazine.





3. Insert a loaded magazine, making sure it is locked into the magazine well.
4. Release the slide by either:
 - a. Pressing down on the slide stop.
 - b. Pulling back on the slide and releasing.



WARNING LOADED PISTOL



THE PISTOL IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE

3.6 RELOADING DURING SHOOTING (PARTIAL MAGAZINE)

NOTE

A magazine does not need to be empty to be removed.

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage.





3. Press magazine catch to remove loaded magazine.



WARNING

LOADED PISTOL



THE PISTOL STILL HAS A LIVE ROUND CHAMBERED AND CAN BE FIRED.

4. Insert a loaded magazine by, pushing it up and into the magazine well until it locks in place. You should hear an audible click.





4.0 FIRING



WARNING LOADED PISTOL



KEEP FINGER OUT OF TRIGGER GUARD AND OFF TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE ACTUALLY READY TO FIRE THE PISTOL.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard when cycling the slide.

Never fire any firearm with your finger, hand, face, or other part of your body over or adjacent to the ejection port, or in any position where you may be struck by reciprocating movement of the slide. Both the ejection of empty cartridge cases and the movement of the slide are part of the normal operating cycle of pistols and pose no safety hazard to the shooter if the firearm is held in a normal grip and fired at arm's length.

Never allow other persons to stand beside you where they might be struck by an ejected cartridge case. The case is hot, and may be ejected with sufficient force to cause a burn, cut, or other injury. Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes. Make certain that there is a clear, unobstructed path for safe ejection of the fired case. Remember, the case might bounce off a hard object nearby and strike you or someone else.

4.1 STOPPAGES AND MALFUNCTIONS



WARNING STOPPAGE



STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY! UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE FIREARM.

A stoppage is defined as an interruption in the pistol's cycle of function that can be cleared by the operator applying immediate action. Immediate action are the steps taken by the operator to place the pistol back in service without investigating the cause of the stoppage. When practical, always stop shooting and investigate the cause of a stoppage in the manner outlined below.

If while shooting, your firearm develops a stoppage or a discharged round sounds or feels unusual, stop shooting immediately. It may be dangerous to continue. Do not try one more shot. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and unload and clear the firearm immediately by removing the magazine, locking the slide to the rear and clearing any expended or live ammunition from the firearm and visually and physically checking the chamber, breech face, and magazine well.

With the firearm unloaded and cleared, perform an additional visual inspection of the firearm and the ammunition. If you suspect a bore obstruction, refer to Section "1.2 Ammunition - Obstructed Bore". If damage to the firearm is found upon inspection, the stoppage persists, or a malfunction (defined as a failure of a part rendering the firearm inoperable and requiring the service of an authorized SIG SAUER Armorer) is suspected, take the firearm and ammunition to a certified SIG SAUER Armorer for service.



WARNING COOK-OFF



COOK-OFF IS DEFINED AS A CHAMBERED CARTRIDGE DETONATING DUE TO THE HEAT OF THE BARREL. FAILURE TO COMPLY TO THE BELOW LISTED STEPS COULD RESULT IN DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

4.2 MINIMIZING STOPPAGES

- You can help minimize most stoppages by cleaning and lubricating the pistol (see Section 7.3 “Cleaning the Pistol”).
- Cleaning and lubricating your pistol after each range session will reduce the chances of a stoppage due to dirt and residue buildup.
- Perform maintenance if the firearm is exposed to extreme environmental conditions (rain, snow, freezing temperatures, etc.).
- Periodically inspect the pistol if it is to be stored for extended periods of time without use.
- Most stoppages are directly related to the magazine. Perform maintenance of your magazines as well as the firearm (see Section 7.2 “Magazine Disassembly”).
- A good practice is to mark the magazines so you can identify a magazine that is related to a stoppage.



WARNING EJECTION



THE SLIDE OPENS AND SHUTS QUICKLY WHILE FIRING. KEEP FACE AND HANDS AWAY FROM IT. HOT BRASS AND POWDER GAS IS EJECTED QUICKLY AND CAN BURN YOU. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTORS.

4.3 FIRING THE PISTOL

1. Aim the pistol at a safe target and disengage manual safety.
2. Place finger on the trigger and press trigger to discharge.
3. Keep pistol aimed at the target and continue to fire as desired or until the magazine is empty.



4. Remove the magazine, unload and clear the pistol as described in Section 5.0 "Unloading the Pistol." If you fire the pistol until the magazine is empty, the slide will remain locked to the rear. If you want to continue firing, reload the pistol as described in Section 3.5 "Reloading During Shooting."





5.0 UNLOADING THE PISTOL

When there is a live cartridge in the chamber, the cartridge will discharge if the manual safety is disengaged and the trigger is pressed. It is absolutely essential for you to know how to completely unload the pistol. “Completely” means removing the magazine and ejecting the chambered cartridge.



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



REMOVING THE MAGAZINE FROM THE PISTOL DOES NOT PREVENT IT FROM BEING FIRED. PISTOL WILL FIRE A CHAMBERED CARTRIDGE EVEN WITH MAGAZINE REMOVED.

1. Always make sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction. Remember to clear the chamber after the magazine has been removed.
2. Never assume that any firearm is unloaded until you have personally checked it both visually and physically.
3. After every range session, make a final check to be certain the firearm is unloaded before leaving the range.

5.1 UNLOADING THE PISTOL (MAGAZINE NOT EMPTY)

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Engage the manual safety.
3. Press the magazine catch and remove the magazine.
4. Pull the slide completely to the rear while watching for the ejection of a live cartridge. Push up on slide stop, locking the slide open.
5. Visually and physically check the chamber, magazine well, and breech face to ensure that the pistol is completely free of ammunition.
6. Press the slide stop, causing the slide to close.
7. Unload the magazine.

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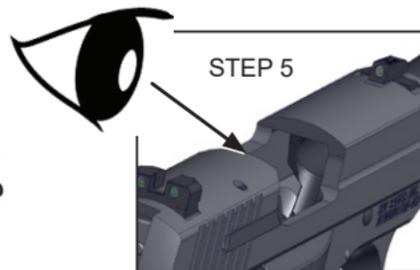
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STEP 3



STEP 4



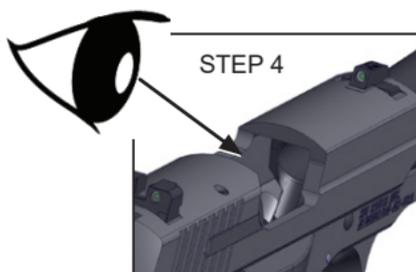
STEP 5



STEP 6

5.2 UNLOADING THE PISTOL (MAGAZINE EMPTY, SLIDE OPEN)

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Engage the manual safety.
3. Press the magazine catch and remove the magazine.
4. Visually and physically check the chamber to ensure that the pistol is completely free of ammunition.
5. Press the slide stop, causing the slide to close.





5.3 LOWERING THE HAMMER (STORAGE)

1. Follow instructions contained in sections 5.1 “Unloading the Pistol, Magazine not Empty” or 5.2 “Unloading the Pistol, Magazine Empty, Slide Open”.



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



PERFORM THE FOLLOWING STEPS ONLY AFTER VERIFYING (VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY) THE PISTOL IS COMPLETELY FREE OF AMMUNITION.

2. Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. Place manual safety OFF (Safety Down).
4. Press the trigger, allowing hammer to fall.



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6.0 TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Stoppage	Cause	Correction
<i>Failure to Feed</i>		
No round fed into the chamber	Magazine not properly inserted or magazine is deformed or dirty	Insert magazine properly or change magazine
Slide does not close easily or completely	Pistol or cartridge is fouled (dirty) or pistol is too heavily lubricated	Clean and lubricate pistol and/or replace the ammunition
	Incorrect ammunition	Replace ammunition
	Pistol requires service	Return to SIG SAUER
<i>Failure to Extract or Eject</i>		
After firing, the case stays in the chamber or is jammed in the ejection port	Insufficient recoil due to dirt	Clean and lubricate the pistol
	Light hold or limp wrist	Adjust or tighten grip on firearm
	Low-powered ammunition	Change ammunition
	Pistol requires service	Return to SIG SAUER
<i>Failure to Fire</i>		
Trigger is fully pressed but round does not fire	Faulty ammunition	Eject faulty round, chamber new round
	Hammer obstructed	Inspect, clean, and lubricate the pistol
	Pistol requires service	Return to SIG SAUER

Stoppage	Cause	Correction
<i>Dead Trigger/Cannot Insert Magazine (After Reassembly)</i>		
Cannot seat magazine in magazine well	Improper assembly of slide to receiver (slide stop incorrectly positioned)	Correctly install slide stop



7.0 MAINTENANCE



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



VERIFY THAT THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONFIRM THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED BEFORE ATTEMPTING DISASSEMBLY OR PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE STEPS. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING DEATH, SEVERE INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

7.1 PISTOL DISASSEMBLY

1. Unload/clear the pistol (see Section 5.0 “Unloading the Pistol”).

NOTE

For Steps 2 through 5, refer to the illustration on the next two pages.

**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**

SLIDE IS UNDER SPRING TENSION. MAINTAIN POSITIVE CONTROL DURING SLIDE REMOVAL TO PREVENT DAMAGE OR INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

2. Manually retract the slide until the slide disassembly notch is aligned with the slide stop tab.





3. Remove the slide stop from the frame.

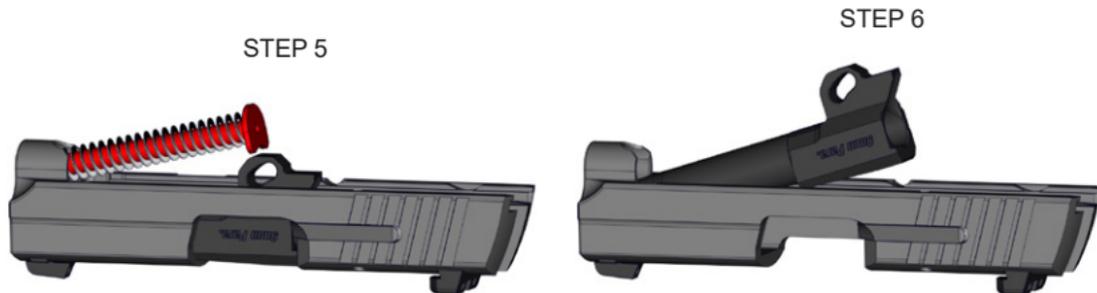
CAUTION

DO NOT ROTATE THE MANUAL SAFETY LEVERS UPWARD WHEN THE SLIDE ASSEMBLY IS REMOVED FROM THE FRAME. WITH THE SLIDE REMOVED, THE MANUAL SAFETY LEVERS COULD BE ACCIDENTALLY ROTATED UPWARD PAST THE POINT OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SAFETY DETENT PLUNGER. THIS WILL ALLOW THE SPRING-LOADED SAFETY DETENT PLUNGER TO BECOME DISLODGED FROM THE FRAME.

4. Move the slide assembly forward until removed from the frame.



5. Push the recoil spring guide forward slightly and lift from rear to remove the recoil spring and guide from the slide.
6. Remove the barrel from the slide by pulling upward slightly and to the rear.



NOTE

This level of disassembly is sufficient to allow a thorough cleaning after firing.



7.2 MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

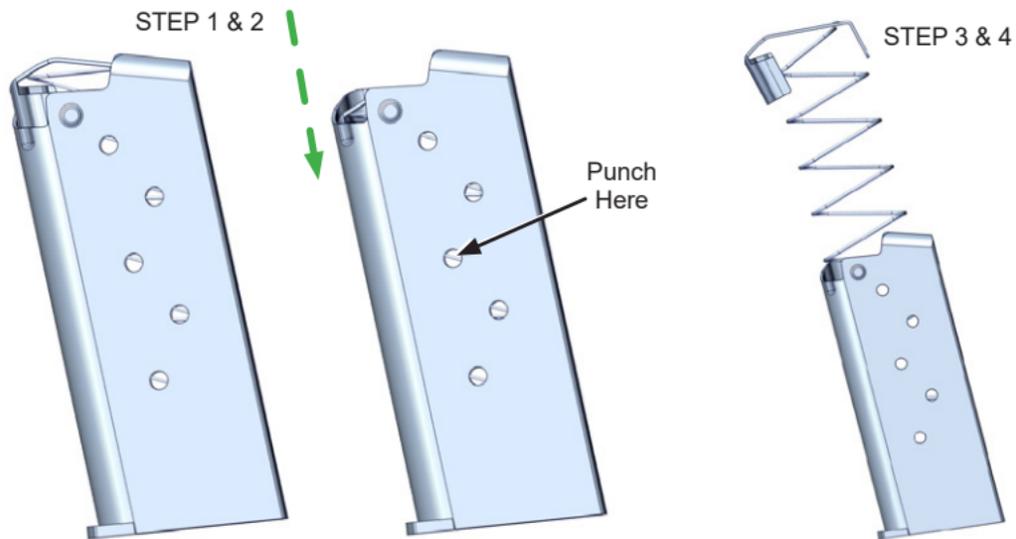


WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION



THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS COMPRESSED. UNCONTROLLED RELEASE CAN CAUSE INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

1. Press the magazine follower.
2. Capture the magazine spring by inserting a small punch or pin through one of the cartridge witness holes in the magazine tube.
3. Lift and rotate the magazine follower until clear of the magazine tube.
4. Remove the magazine spring from the magazine tube.





7.3 CLEANING THE PISTOL



WARNING CLEANING



READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S WARNINGS BEFORE USING SOLVENTS OR CLEANERS. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

CAUTION

NEVER CLEAN THE BARREL FROM THE MUZZLE END. DO NOT USE A STEEL WIRE BRUSH AS IT CAN DAMAGE THE SMOOTH SURFACE OF THE BARREL. USE A SUITABLE CLEANING ROD AND BRONZE BRUSH OF THE CORRECT CALIBER. SOLVENTS CAN BE HARMFUL TO THE SURFACE FINISH OF THE PISTOL. AVOID OVER-LUBRICATION OF COMPONENTS.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Cleaning patches
- Cleaning Cloth
- Bore brush of the proper caliber
- Cleaning rod
- CLP (Cleaning, Lubricant, Preservative)
- Lubricant, Low Temperature when applicable
- Cleaning Brush

The following instructions are for normal environmental conditions. Clean and lube before or after every day the pistol is fired or at a minimum of every 500 rounds.

SLIDE ASSEMBLY

1. Remove all of the old lubricant before you reapply.
2. Clean the slide assembly with a cloth. A soft brush and CLP can be used to clean excessive dirt and carbon buildup. Ensure the extractor, rail slots, and breech face are free of dirt and residue.
3. Apply a light coat of CLP to the frame rail slots of the slide.
4. Lightly oil all external parts.

BARREL

1. Soak a patch with CLP and push it through the bore from the chamber end and out past the muzzle.
2. Allow the CLP to soak for a while to loosen residue and soften carbon deposits.
3. Wipe the exterior of the barrel with a cloth soaked in CLP.
4. Repeat step #1.
5. Use the bore brush and a cleaning rod to scrub heavy deposits from the bore.
6. Repeat step #1.
7. Push dry patches through the bore until they come out clean.
8. Lightly oil bore and chamber if the pistol is to be stored for a period of time.
9. Always remove any lubricant from the bore prior to firing the pistol.



RECOIL SPRING AND GUIDE ASSEMBLY

1. Clean the recoil spring guide assembly with CLP and a soft brush.
2. Clean recoil spring with a soft cloth lightly coated in CLP.
3. After cleaning, apply a light coat of CLP.

FRAME ASSEMBLY

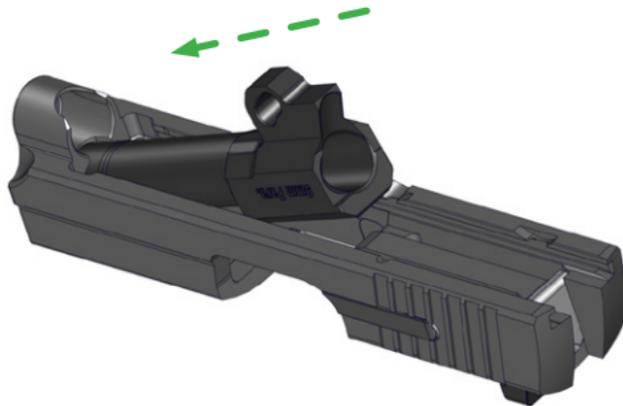
1. Wipe the frame assembly with a soft cloth.
2. Use cotton swabs to clean hard to reach areas. Pay special attention to the frame rails.
3. Lubricate the frame rails with a light coat of CLP.
4. Apply CLP to accessible functioning parts.
5. Clean the magazine well of any dirt, dust, or residue with a soft cloth.

MAGAZINE

1. Wipe the magazine tube and follower with a cloth. Clean the magazine tube and follower with a soft brush and CLP.
2. Use a cloth to clean the magazine spring, floorplate, and base plate.
3. Apply a light coat of CLP to the spring and magazine tube.

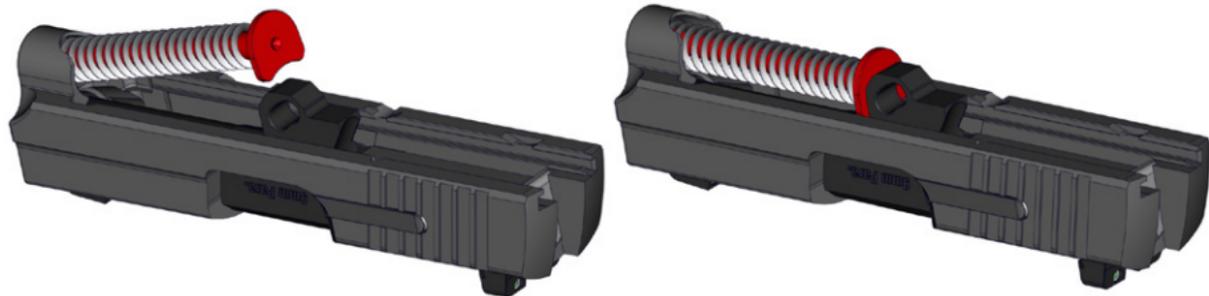
7.4 PISTOL ASSEMBLY

1. Verify that the pistol is clear of all foreign matter.
2. Insert the barrel into the slide.





3. Insert recoil spring guide assembly into the slide positioned as shown.



4. Guide the slide assembly onto the frame rails from the front until the barrel lug is aligned with slide stop pin hole in frame and partially insert slide stop pin.

CAUTION

PRESS EJECTOR TO CLEAR SLIDE. THE EJECTOR SHOULD BE PRESSED ONLY FAR ENOUGH TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR THE SLIDE DURING ASSEMBLY. PRESSING THE EJECTOR BEYOND THE POINT REQUIRED FOR REASSEMBLY MAY CAUSE THE EJECTOR TO BIND IN THE FRAME. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, THE EJECTOR WILL NOT RETURN TO THE NORMAL POSITION. THIS CONDITION IS NOT CORRECTABLE AT THE OPERATOR LEVEL - THE PISTOL WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO SIG SAUER® FOR REPAIR.





5. Retract slide rearward until slide disassembly notch is aligned with slide stop tab.
6. Press slide stop inward until fully seated and release slide.



7.5 MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

1. Orient the magazine follower on the magazine spring and insert through the top of the magazine tube.

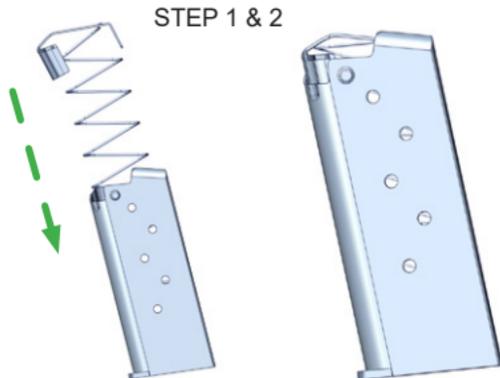


WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION



THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS BEING COMPRESSED DURING ASSEMBLY. GUARD THE MAGAZINE INSERT AND MAGAZINE SPRING TO CONTROL MAGAZINE SPRING TENSION. UNCONTROLLED RELEASE CAN CAUSE INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

2. Rotate and press the magazine follower until seated in the magazine tube.





7.6 FUNCTION VERIFICATION

The function check is performed on the assembled pistol to verify functionality. It should be performed after the completion of repairs and after each cleaning and assembly of the pistol.



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



VERIFY THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONFIRM THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED BEFORE ATTEMPTING DISASSEMBLY OR PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE STEPS. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING DEATH, SEVERE INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

1. Ensure the magazine is removed and the pistol is unloaded and cleared (see Section 5.0 “Unloading the Pistol”).
2. Check recoil spring function/slide travel.
 - a. Retract the slide fully and release.
 - b. Verify the slide locks fully in the closed position.
 - c. Repeat the procedure.



3. Check the trigger mechanism and manual safety.
 - a. Place manual safety ON (Safety Up).
 - b. Press trigger, hammer should not fall.
 - c. Switch manual safety OFF (Safety Down), hammer should not fall.
 - d. Press trigger, hammer should not fall.





4. Check slide stop.

- a. Insert an empty magazine.
- b. Retract the slide fully and release.
- c. Verify the slide is locked to the rear by the slide stop.
- d. Press the slide stop.
- e. Verify the slide is released and closes in the locked position.
- f. Remove the magazine.

STEPS 4a, 4b, 4c



STEPS 4d, 4e



STEP 4f





5. Inspect the magazine.

- a. Check the condition of the magazine tube.
- b. Verify the magazine floorplate is secure.
- c. Check for free movement of the magazine follower and spring.
- d. Insert the magazine into the pistol and remove. Verify smooth insertion. Check the magazine catch for positive engagement and smooth release.

STEP 5d



6. Inspect the pistol exterior.
 - a. Inspect the general condition of the pistol
 - b. Check the sights, frame, slide, and slide stop for damage.
 - c. Verify the front and rear sights are secure.

CAUTION

NEVER USE A FIREARM OR MAGAZINE THAT SHOWS SIGNS OF DAMAGE OR FAILS A FUNCTION CHECK. VERIFY THE MAGAZINE IS THE CORRECT MODEL AND CALIBER FOR THE PISTOL. IF THE CONDITION OR FUNCTION OF THE PISTOL OR MAGAZINE IS SUSPECT, RETURN THE PISTOL OR MAGAZINE TO SIG SAUER FOR EVALUATION. ALWAYS VERIFY THE CONDITION AND FUNCTION OF THE FIREARM.



8.0 SIGHTS



WARNING TRITIUM SIGHTS



SOME SIG SAUER PISTOLS COME EQUIPPED WITH SIGHTS THAT CONTAIN RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ILLUMINATION DURING LOW LIGHT CONDITIONS OR HOURS OF DARKNESS. THE SIGHTS ARE MARKED WITH THE LETTERS “SIG” AND “H3.” THE RADIATION SOURCE IS HYDROGEN-3 (H3), COMMONLY KNOWN AS TRITIUM. THE ACTIVITY LEVEL OF TRITIUM IN SIG SAUER NIGHT SIGHTS RANGE FROM 12 MCI (MILLI-CURIES) TO 30 MCI. THE OPERATIONAL TEMPERATURE RANGE OF SIG SAUER TRITIUM SIGHTS IS $-30^{\circ}\text{C}/-22^{\circ}\text{F}$ TO $+60^{\circ}\text{C}/+140^{\circ}\text{F}$. THE BETA RADIATION EMITTED BY TRITIUM IS ONLY A HAZARD IF THE TRITIUM VIAL IS BROKEN AND IS INGESTED OR INHALED BY HUMANS. THE BODY DOES NOT EASILY RETAIN HYDROGEN OR TRITIUM AS A GAS. HOWEVER, THE OXIDE HTO, WHICH IS FORMED BY THE BURNING OF TRITIUM, IS 10,000 TIMES MORE HAZARDOUS. FOR THIS REASON GREAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID FLAME IN THE PRESENCE OF DAMAGED TRITIUM SIGHTS. DISPOSAL OF TRITIUM SIGHTS MUST BE PERFORMED IN A CONTROLLED MANNER. IF YOU SUSPECT THAT THE SIGHT CONTAINING A TRITIUM VIAL HAS BROKEN, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE THE SIGHT. FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

DAMAGED SIGHTS ONLY (SIGHTS REMOVED FROM FIREARM):

PLACE DAMAGED SIGHTS IN A SMALL ZIP LOCK BAG AND LABEL IT “DAMAGED TRITIUM SIGHT DO NOT OPEN”, PLACE THE ZIP LOCK BAG IN A SHIPPING ENVELOPE MARKED “NIGHT SIGHT FOR DISPOSAL” AND CONTACT YOUR DEALER OR DISTRIBUTER FOR RETURN INSTRUCTIONS.

SLIDE WITH DAMAGED SIGHTS:

CONTACT YOUR DEALER OR DISTRIBUTER FOR RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING TRITIUM SIGHTS**

DO NOT DISCARD TRITIUM SIGHTS IN THE TRASH.
AFTER CONTACT WITH A SUSPECTED DAMAGED TRITIUM SIGHT, WASH YOUR HANDS CAREFULLY WITH SOAP AND WATER. DO NOT HANDLE DAMAGED SIGHTS IF YOU HAVE OPEN SKIN CUTS OR ABRASIONS. DO NOT EAT, DRINK, SMOKE, OR APPLY COSMETICS IN THE PRESENCE OF A DEFECTIVE SIGHT VIAL.



8.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The SIG SAUER 238/938 pistols are equipped with drift adjustable fixed sights which have proven their worth under severe conditions. The sights consist of a rear sight and a front sight blade, designed and dimensioned to ensure rapid target acquisition even when visibility is poor.

CAUTION

SIG SAUER SUGGESTS THAT FIXED-SIGHT CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE PERFORMED ONLY BY A CERTIFIED SIG SAUER ARMORER OTHERWISE THE PISTOL COULD BECOME DAMAGED.

NOTE

For SIG SAUER ELECTRO-OPTICS adjustments, please see the operators manual for your specific sight. If you need a copy, you can download operators manuals from the sigsauer.com website.

8.2 BULLSEYE SIGHT (SAS ONLY)

The 938 SAS features a Meprolight® Bullseye optical pistol sight. This sight is a fixed, low profile sight that provides an illuminated circle and dot aperture in the shooter's field of vision, eliminating the need for a front sight. When aiming with the bullseye sight, the shooter aligns the dot in the center of the circle at the desired point of impact.





9.0 STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

9.1 STORAGE



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



YOU MUST UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE FIREARM PRIOR TO STORING THE PISTOL (SEE SECTION 5.0).

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

Short-Term Storage (90 days or less)

1. Ensure that chamber and magazine do not contain live ammunition.
2. Clean bore and chamber.
3. Apply a light coat of CLP to chamber and bore.
4. Apply a light coat of CLP to all other metal surfaces for corrosion protection.

Long-Term Storage (90 days or longer)

1. Ensure that pistol is thoroughly cleaned.
2. Apply a heavy coat of CLP to chamber and bore.
3. Apply a heavy coat of CLP to all other metal surfaces for corrosion protection.
4. Wrap firearm with a waterproof material (MIL-B-121 or similar).
5. Place firearm in a corrosion resistant barrier bag (MIL-DTL-117 or similar).

Environmental Storage

Provide humidity control to limit the relative humidity to no greater than 40% relative humidity (RH) at 80°F (26.7°C). If personnel will be working in these areas, design to 68°F (20.0°C) dry bulb and 40% RH for indoor design heating conditions, and 75°F (23.9°C) dry bulb and 40% RH for indoor design cooling conditions.



9.2 TRANSPORTATION



WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR



YOU MUST UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE FIREARM PRIOR TO TRANSPORTING THE PISTOL (SEE SECTION 5.0).

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE LAWS OF ANY STATE YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL THROUGH WITH YOUR FIREARM.

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

If transporting the firearm in a vehicle, ensure that it is secured within the confines of the vehicle. Should the vehicle become involved in an accident, you do not want the firearm to become dislodged and move about the interior of the vehicle or be ejected from the vehicle.

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10.0 SERVICE AND PARTS POLICY

10.1 PARTS POLICY



WARNING PARTS REPLACEMENT

IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS.

Our Service Department maintains a full complement of replacement parts. Even though most gunsmiths have the knowledge, training, and the ability to make necessary repairs to your firearm, the skill and workmanship of any particular gunsmith is totally beyond our control.

Should your firearm ever require service, we strongly recommend that you return it to SIG SAUER. A firearm is a precision instrument and some replacement parts will require individual fitting to ensure correct operation. A wrong part, improper fitting, or incorrect mechanical adjustment may result in an unsafe condition or dangerous malfunction, damage to the firearm, or cause possible serious injury to the shooter or others.

IF ANY PART IS ORDERED WITHOUT RETURNING THE FIREARM TO SIG SAUER INC., the customer bears full responsibility for ensuring that the part supplied is correct for their particular firearm and is properly installed and fitted by a qualified gunsmith.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from the factory are correctly fitted and installed. Firearms are complicated mechanisms and the purchaser and installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and functioning of the firearm after such installation. SIG SAUER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF ANY FIREARM IN WHICH REPLACEMENT PARTS ARE INSTALLED BY OTHERS.

10.2 SERVICE POLICY

If you have questions concerning the performance or servicing of your firearm, please write or call:

SIG SAUER, Inc.
Attention: Customer Service
18 Industrial Drive, Exeter, NH 03833
Phone: (603) 610-3000 ext. 1
Fax: (603) 766-7002

IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING YOUR PISTOL, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT (603) 610-3000 EXT. 1 BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM.



10.3 SHIPPING FIREARMS FOR REPAIR



WARNING DO NOT SHIP AMMUNITION



DO NOT SHIP A LOADED FIREARM. IF YOU NEED TO SHIP YOUR FIREARM TO SIG SAUER, DO NOT SHIP AMMUNITION EITHER IN THE FIREARM OR SEPARATELY IN THE SHIPPING PACKAGE.

In the event that you need to return your firearm to the SIG SAUER Service Department, here's what to do:

1. Contact Customer Service at (603) 610-3000 ext. 1 for a return merchandise authorization (RMA) number, which will allow SIG SAUER to track the status of your return from its receipt at SIG SAUER through its return to you. Please do not send your firearm until you obtain an RMA number.
2. Make sure that the chamber and magazine(s) are unloaded and that no ammunition is included with your returned firearm.
3. Package the firearm securely to prevent damage. Enclose a letter that includes your name, street address, daytime phone number, model and serial number, and a detailed description of the problem you have experienced or the work that you want performed. With the exception of extra magazines, do not include any other accessories such as scopes or mounts.

4. Generally, an individual may ship firearms to the manufacturer for repair or service. Some states and localities, however, prohibit this. If you live in such an area, the firearms must be shipped by and returned to a federally licensed firearms dealer.
5. Federal law prohibits persons who do not possess a Federal Firearms License (FFL) from shipping a firearm via the U.S. Postal Service. (Note: any shipment of firearms outside U.S. borders is subject to the export laws of the United States and to the valid laws of the specific country, which you must strictly follow; prior to exporting any firearm you should seek legal counsel.)
6. SIG SAUER is not responsible for any firearm until it is received, nor for damage incurred during shipment.
7. Ship your firearms insured and prepaid (we do not accept collect shipments) to:

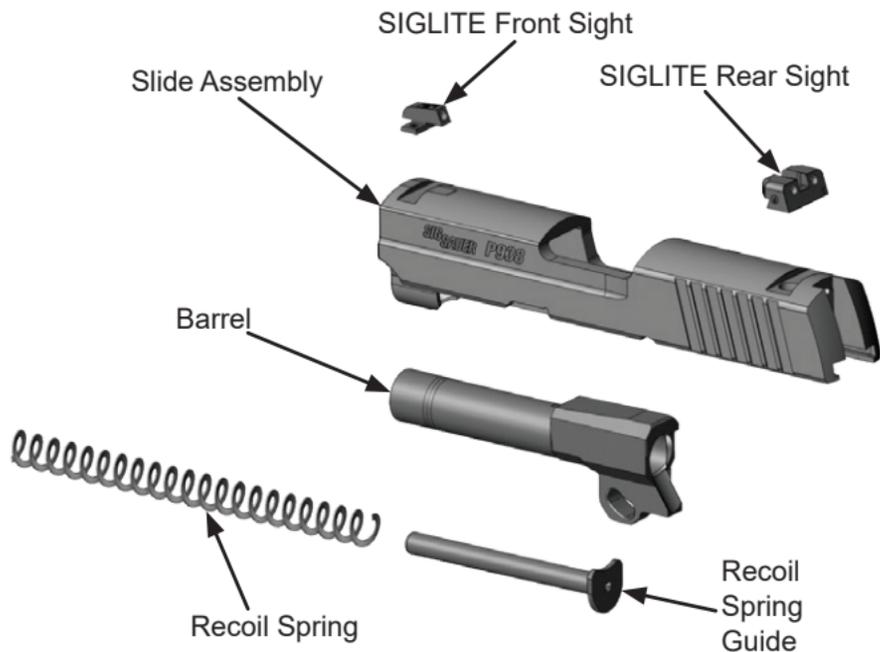
SIG SAUER, Inc.
Attention: Service Department
18 Industrial Drive Exeter, NH 03833

Don't forget to write your RMA number on the package. A copy of this instruction manual should always accompany this pistol and be transferred with it upon change of ownership.

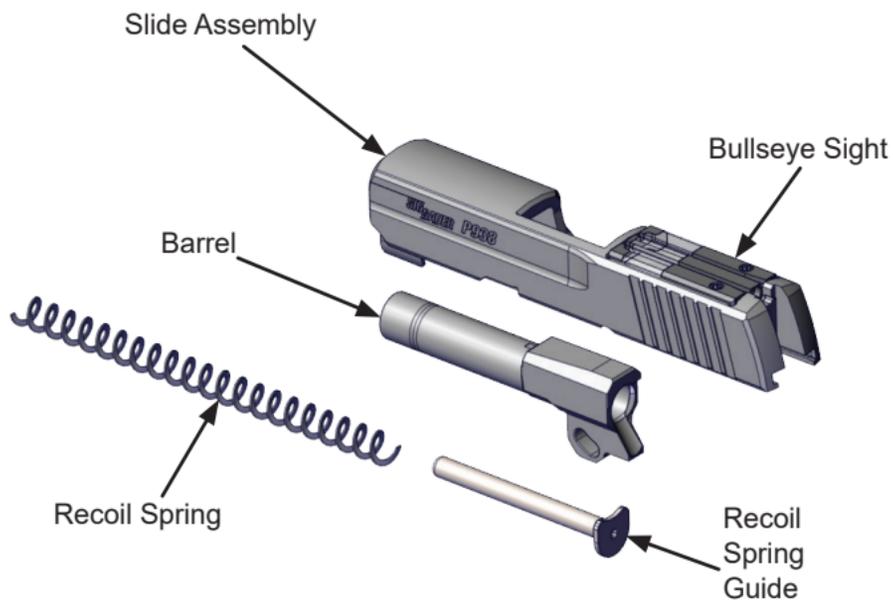


11.0 PARTS DIAGRAMS

11.1 STANDARD SLIDE PARTS

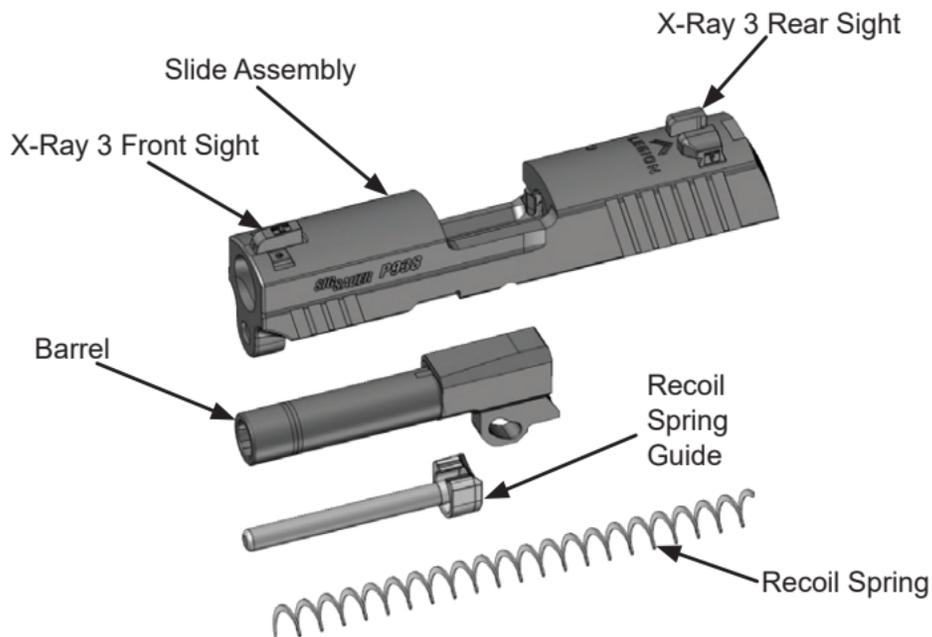


11.2 SAS SLIDE

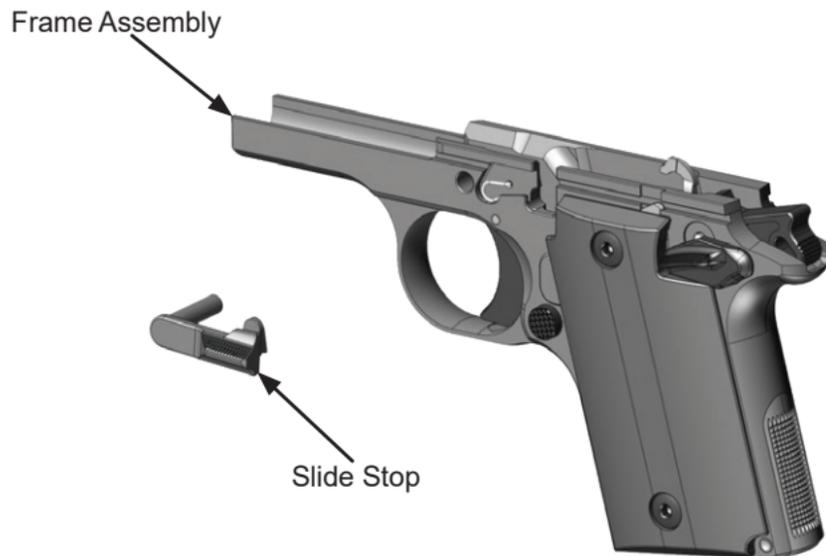




11.3 LEGION SLIDE



11.4 STANDARD GRIP PARTS





11.5 LEGION GRIP PARTS



12.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

All specification tables for each 238/938 model are available on-line at sigsauer.com.





13.0 SIG SAUER® INFINITE GUARANTEE™

SIG SAUER® has a history of quality and reliability that dates back more than 250 years. We understand the importance of true dependability whether it be in the line of duty, at the shooting range or on your next hunt and we continually strive to deliver products that meet and exceed the expectations of even the most demanding customers. That's why SIG SAUER is proud to offer our INFINITE GUARANTEE™ on all our firearms, optics, and suppressors.

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- No Receipt Required
- No Time Limit Applies
- No Charge

Please note that our Infinite Guarantee excludes coverage for intentional damage, misuse, cosmetic damage that does not affect the performance of the optic, loss, theft, or unauthorized repair or modification. Excludes Tritium components.

Customers seeking warranty coverage must first obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) by contacting SIG SAUER Customer Service and return the product unloaded and freight prepaid. See 9.0 RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION on page 26.

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14.0 RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION (RMA)

There are several ways to obtain an RMA. Prior to contacting Customer Service please have your serial number ready.

You can call SIG SAUER Customer Service Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00 pm EST, at (603) 610-3000 choose option 1.

You can contact us via e-mail at CustomerService@sigsauer.com

You can also go to <https://www.sigsauer.com/customer-support> where you can message customer service electronically. Scan the QR code below which will take you to the Customer Support page at SIG SAUER .com



Please provide as much detail as possible regarding your concern or request so that we can effectively assist you. This electronic communication option is intended for U.S. consumer inquiries **ONLY**.

Once you receive your RMA you can ship your product to us. Please ensure firearms are unloaded to include the magazines. **DO NOT** ship ammunition to SIG SAUER.

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