

# **SIGSAUER®**



## ***SIG P226-XSERIES® Pistols***

***OPERATOR'S MANUAL: HANDLING & SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS***



READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.



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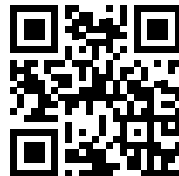
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**BEFORE OPERATING THE FIREARM, REVIEW THE SAFETY WARNINGS MANUAL THAT WAS PROVIDED WITH THE FIREARM. ALTERNATIVELY, REFER TO SIGSAUER.COM FOR THE LATEST SAFETY WARNING INFORMATION.**

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## 1.0 HANDLING

### 1.1 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. Internal safeties are designed to prevent firing without the trigger being fully pulled. When the trigger is pulled or depressed, 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.

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



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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.

A manual safety is designed to augment, not replace, safe firearm handling practices. You are responsible to protect against inadvertent trigger movement while carrying any firearm. Even if your firearm is equipped with a manual safety, you must ensure that the trigger is not contacted in any circumstance--whether by finger or an object--other than when you intend to discharge the firearm.



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## BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

- ALWAYS treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- ONLY load a round in the chamber when ready to fire.
- NEVER pull the trigger or place fingers on the trigger or in the trigger guard until ready to fire.
- NEVER allow clothing or other foreign objects to interfere or come in contact with the trigger.
- ALWAYS carry a pistol in a holster specifically designed for that pistol. It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure the holster is compatible with their specific pistol and any installed accessories.
- ALWAYS be sure the barrel is clear of any obstruction.
- ALWAYS be aware of the surroundings, and the safety of bystanders before shooting. Know the target and what is in front of and beyond it.
- ALWAYS use clean, dry, original factory-made ammunition of the proper type and caliber for the firearm.
- ALWAYS wear ear protection and safety glasses when shooting.
- ALWAYS carry a firearm so that control of the muzzle can be maintained in the event of a fall or stumble.
- NEVER shoot at a flat surface or water.
- DO NOT leave a loaded firearm unattended. Only store a firearm that is unloaded, cleared of all ammunition, and locked in a secure place inaccessible to children or unauthorized persons.
- NEVER allow the firearm to be used by anyone who has not read and understood the Operator's Manual.



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- ALWAYS unload and clear a firearm according to the instructions in the Operator's Manual before handing it to another person.
- DO NOT point any firearm, loaded or unloaded, at any undesignated or unsafe target.
- NEVER discharge a 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.
- NEVER drink alcoholic beverages or use drugs before or during shooting, as vision and judgment could be seriously impaired, making firearm handling unsafe.
- ALWAYS seek a doctor's advice before using a firearm if using medication that would impair judgment or usage.



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## 1.2 ABUSIVE HANDLING

SIG SAUER firearms incorporate effective mechanical safeties. However, like any mechanical device, exposure to abusive conditions may harm these safety mechanisms and cause them to fail to work as designed. Do not subject the SIG SAUER firearm to any abusive handling. This includes the firearm being dropped, impact to the firearm, or the firearm being struck by another object. Always maintain control of the firearm. If the firearm suffers an abusive event such as previously described, or experiences a malfunction, 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 before using the firearm.

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

As previously noted, if the SIG SAUER firearm suffers an abusive event, unload it immediately and have it inspected by a certified SIG SAUER Armorer prior to using the firearm. If the firearm suffers an abusive event during a life-threatening/self-defense situation, follow the steps below immediately:

1. Pulling the slide entirely 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 should now be 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.



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## 2.0 ALTERATIONS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS

**Do not attempt to disassemble a SIG SAUER firearm beyond the point explained in the Operator's Manual. Disassembly beyond the instructions in the Operator's Manual is restricted to a certified SIG SAUER Armorer. Failure to comply with these restrictions will void the warranty.**

This SIG SAUER firearm was designed to function properly in its original condition. Unauthorized alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter or substitute any parts or accessories not manufactured or specifically authorized by SIG SAUER for this firearm. Warnings and instructions about the use of SIG SAUER replacement parts, assemblies, and accessories may be described in instructions accompanying the specific products. Read and carefully follow those instructions. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death to the operator and/or others. The use of aftermarket replacement parts is unauthorized and, in some instances, could alter the function of the firearm.



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## 2.1 ACCESSORIES

It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure all accessories are compatible with the firearm and do not interfere with the safe operation and handling of the firearm.

### 2.1.1 HOLSTERS

A properly designed holster protects the trigger from being contacted inadvertently when the firearm is holstered.

- Make sure the holster is designed to accept the specific accessories installed on the firearm. Holsters for firearms equipped with a tactical light may have large openings to accommodate the bezel of the light, rendering the trigger area of the holstered firearm accessible to foreign objects or fingers if a light is not installed or if the holster is not sized specifically for use with the light that is installed on the firearm.
- Ensure the holster will protect the pistol while seated in a vehicle from surrounding features or devices in the vehicle that could interfere with the safe carry of the pistol. For example, entering and exiting the vehicle without the seat belts becoming snagged on the firearm or the holster.

Read and follow all warnings and instructions that are provided by the holster manufacturer before using. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious injury or death to the operator and/or others.



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## 2.2 TRANSPORTING

When transporting a firearm, be sure the firearm is unloaded and cleared of all ammunition. It is the responsibility of the operator to know the laws of different states and jurisdictions when traveling with a firearm.

### 2.3 STORAGE

Safe and secure storage is an important responsibility. The only safe way to store a firearm is unloaded, cleared of all ammunition, and locked in a secure place inaccessible to children or unauthorized persons.

### 2.4 CHAMBER SAFETY FLAG

Every SIG SAUER firearm is shipped with a chamber safety flag. When installed, the chamber safety flag prevents the chambering of a round and provides a readily visible indication that the firearm's chamber is empty. The chamber safety flag is to be placed 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.



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## 2.5 LIABILITY

PISTOLS and RIFLES are classified as FIREARMS and are sold by SIG SAUER with the specific understanding that SIG SAUER 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:

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- Corrosion
- Neglect
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## 3.0 EYE AND EAR PROTECTION



Always wear safety glasses that meet the requirements of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) z87.1 or European Standard (EN)166:2001 and ear plugs and “earmuff” type protectors whenever shooting. Always make certain that persons close 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.

## 4.0 AMMUNITION

Use only high-quality, original, factory-manufactured ammunition. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, bent, or damaged. A damaged or deformed cartridge may impede chambering or cause the cartridge case to burst upon firing. Do not oil cartridges. Lubricant or other foreign matter on cartridges can potentially cause dangerous ammunition malfunctions. 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. Only use ammunition of the caliber for which the firearm is chambered. The proper caliber is permanently engraved on the firearm's barrel.

The use of reloaded, hand-loaded (re-manufactured), or other nonstandard ammunition voids all warranties. Reloading is a science, and improperly loaded ammunition can cause severe damage to the firearm and may result in serious injury or death to the operator and/or others.



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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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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 OPERATORS TO LEAD.



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## 5.0 LOCKING DEVICES



All SIG SAUER firearms are shipped with a key-operated locking device or a lockable case.

Never install the locking device inside the trigger guard or in any way that makes it possible to pull the trigger! Do not leave the keys in the lock.

All firearm owners are responsible for secure storage of any firearm.

ALWAYS refer to the locking device's manufacturer directions for installation and removal of the device.

## 6.0 SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not practice loading or firing any firearm with live ammunition until the Operator's Manual has been read and understood.

Seek supervised instruction for any additional information.

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## 7.0 MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND THEORY

### 7.1 DESCRIPTION OF FIREARM

The SIG SAUER P226-XSERIES pistols are modern, optics-ready handguns that incorporate the latest technical advances in firearm design for military, law enforcement, and sporting use. P226 pistols are mechanically locked, short-recoil-operated pistols with semiautomatic 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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## 7.2 FEATURES

### P226-XFIVE

- Equipped with a 3-way adjustable AX3 trigger, allowing individual adjustments for trigger reach, weight, and overtravel.
- Incorporate multiple safety features including an automatic firing pin safety lock and ambidextrous manual safety.
- Integrated compensated slide assembly (Some models).
- Sport Takedown Lever with an incorporated thumbrest (Some models).

### P226-XSERIES

#### (SAO Models)

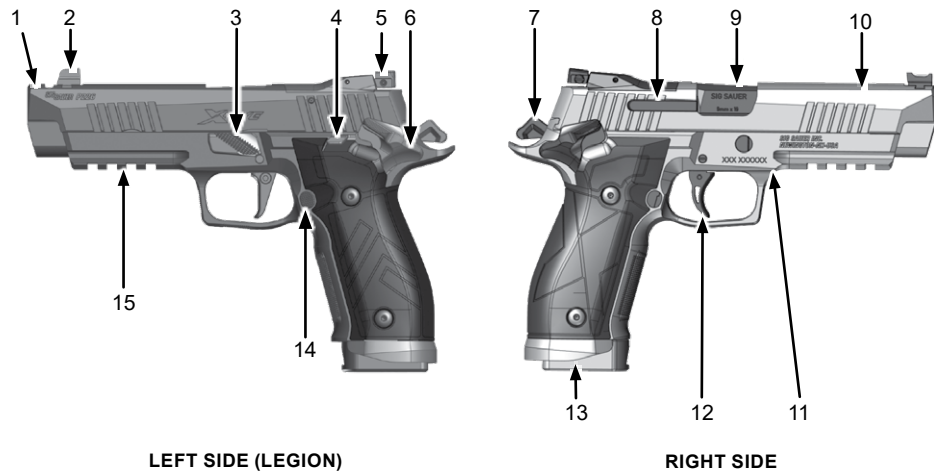
- Equipped with an adjustable AX1 trigger, which allows overtravel adjustments.
- Incorporate multiple safety features including an automatic firing pin safety lock and ambidextrous manual safety.

#### (DA/SA Models)

- Equipped with a 2-way adjustable AX2 trigger, allowing adjustments for pretravel and overtravel.
- Incorporate multiple safety features including an automatic firing pin safety lock and decocking lever to safely decock the hammer.

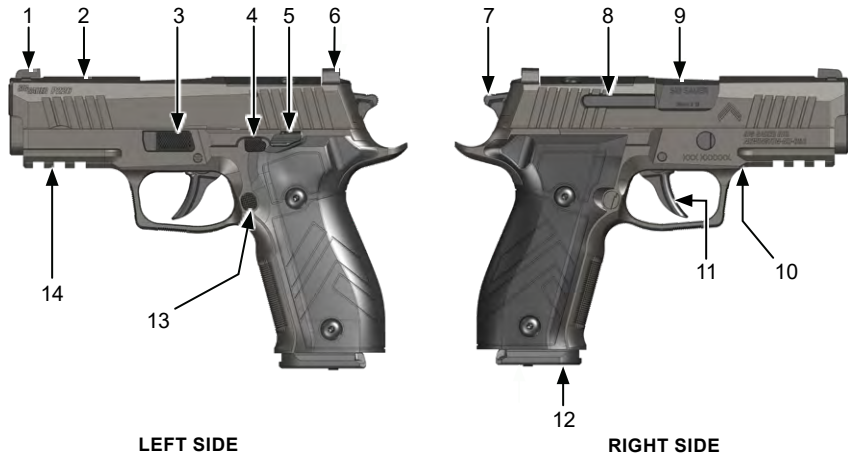
### 7.3 MAIN COMPONENTS AND OPERATOR CONTROLS

#### SAO Single Action Only (SAO)



OPERATOR CONTROLS AND FEATURES (SAO)		
Number	Item Name	Description
1	Compensated Slide (if equipped)	Integrated compensator slide assembly. Houses extractor, firing pin safety lock, firing pin, and sights.
2	Front Sight	The means of aiming the pistol.
3	Takedown Lever	Holds the slide and barrel to the frame.
4	Slide Catch Lever	Locks slide to rear upon firing of last cartridge. Can be used to manually lock slide to rear for maintenance.
5	Removable Rear Sight	Adjustable for windage and elevation; may be removed for installation of an electronic optic.
6	Manual Safety Lever	When engaged, prevents the trigger bar from releasing the sear when the hammer is cocked and the trigger is pressed.
7	Hammer	Impacts the firing pin, causing it to detonate the primer.
8	Extractor	Pulls spent casings or cartridges out of the chamber of the barrel.
9	Barrel	Houses cartridge for firing and directs projectile.
10	Standard Slide	Houses extractor, firing pin safety lock, firing pin, and sights.
11	Frame	Supports all major components of pistol.
12	Trigger	When pressed actuates the internal components to release the hammer.
13	Magazine	Holds and positions cartridges in place for feeding.
14	Magazine Catch	Locks magazine into frame. Releases magazine when pressed. Can be configured for left or right hand user.
15	Accessory Rail	Provides a mounting platform for accessories and attachments.

### Double Action/Single Action (DA/SA)



P226 X-SERIES CARRY DA/SA LEGION SHOWN

### OPERATOR CONTROLS AND FEATURES (DA/SA)

Number	Item Name	Description
1	Front Sight	The means of aiming the pistol.
2	Slide	Houses extractor, firing pin safety lock, firing pin and sights.
3	Take Down Lever	Holds the slide and barrel to the frame.
4	Decocking Lever	Allows the user to safely lower the hammer to a non-firing position without pulling the trigger.
5	Slide Catch Lever	Locks slide to rear upon firing of last cartridge. Can be used to manually lock slide to rear.
6	Rear Sight	The means of aiming the pistol.
7	Hammer	Impacts the firing pin, causing it to detonate the primer.
8	Extractor	Pulls spent casings or cartridges out of the chamber of the barrel.
9	Barrel	Houses cartridge for firing and directs projectile.
10	Frame	Supports all major components of pistol.
11	Trigger	When pressed actuates the internal components to release the hammer.
12	Magazine	Holds and positions cartridges in place for feeding.
13	Magazine Catch	Locks magazine into frame. Releases magazine when pressed. Can be configured for left or right hand user.
14	Accessory Rail	Provides a mounting platform for accessories and attachments.

## 8.0 HANDLING

### 8.1 PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS



#### WARNING MAINTENANCE

**PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE ON THE FIREARM, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED, CLEARED, AND THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED. SAFETY GLASSES SHOULD BE WORN WHENEVER DISASSEMBLING, CLEANING, INSPECTING, OR ASSEMBLING A FIREARM. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO THE OPERATOR OR BYSTANDERS.**

Perform an initial cleaning and lubrication of the pistol after unpacking it. Any fouling present will have been from final range firing at the factory prior to shipping. See 9.3 *Cleaning And Lubricating* on page 64 for instructions pertaining to cleaning the pistol.

### 8.2 MANUAL SAFETY

The SIG SAUER P226-XSERIES Single Action Only (SAO) pistols are equipped with an ambidextrous manual safety. The manual safety is designed to block the movement of the trigger bar, preventing it from moving the sear and releasing the hammer.



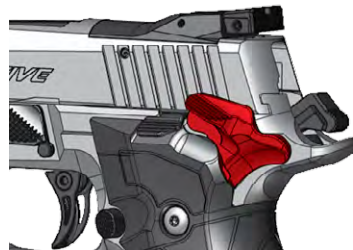
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#### SAFETY

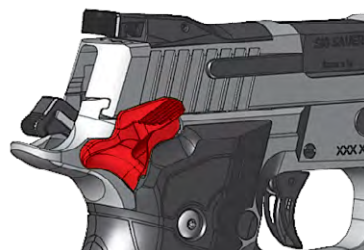


**THE MANUAL SAFETY CANNOT BE ENGAGED OR DISENGAGED AFTER THE SLIDE IS LOCKED TO THE REAR. THE MANUAL SAFETY CAN BE ENGAGED WHEN THE SLIDE IS FORWARD. ONCE THE MANUAL SAFETY IS ENGAGED, THE SLIDE CAN BE CYCLED BY HAND.**

To engage the manual safety, rotate the manual safety lever upward. The manual safety is ambidextrous. Pressing up on the lever from either side will rotate the opposite lever upward, engaging the manual safety. You can still manipulate the slide with the manual safety engaged.



LEFT SIDE MANUAL SAFETY ENGAGED



RIGHT SIDE MANUAL SAFETY ENGAGED

### 8.3 UNLOADING AND CLEARING THE PISTOL



#### **WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR**



**FAILURE TO ENSURE THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

**REMOVING THE MAGAZINE FROM THE FIREARM DOES NOT PREVENT A CHAMBERED ROUND FROM BEING FIRED.**

When the chamber has a live cartridge in it, it will discharge if the safety is disengaged and the trigger is pulled. Always completely unload and clear the pistol when it is not in use.

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. For DA/SA pistols, push down on the decocking lever to decock hammer
3. For SAO pistols, rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage manual safety.
4. Press magazine catch and remove magazine.
5. Pull the slide completely to the rear while watching for the ejection of a live cartridge and push up on the slide catch lever, to lock slide open.
6. Visually verify that chamber and barrel are clear of any cartridges.
7. Check the firearm twice, both visually and physically.

### 8.4 LOADING THE MAGAZINE

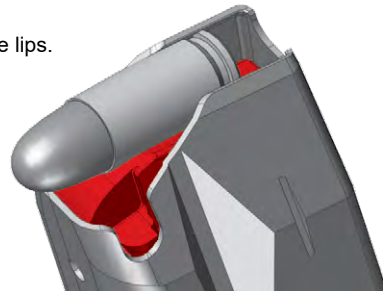
#### **CAUTION**

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INSERT MORE CARTRIDGES THAN THE MAGAZINE'S DESIGNED CAPACITY.

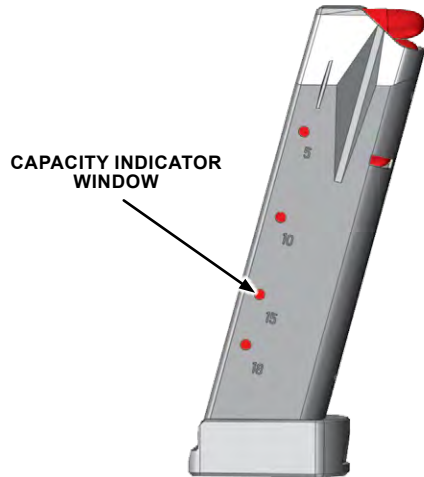
#### **NOTE**

Ensure that the magazine and ammunition are the proper type and caliber for the pistol.

1. Press down on magazine follower using cartridge case rim. Ensure that cartridge is facing front of magazine.
2. Push cartridge to the rear and under magazine lips.

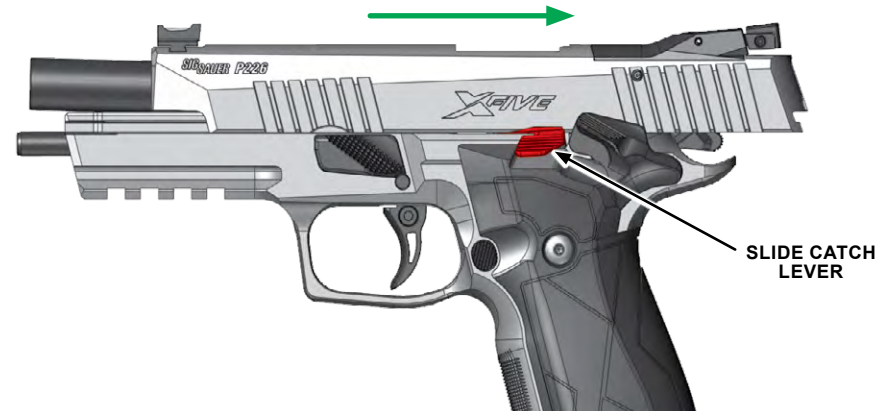


3. Repeat until magazine holds the desired number of cartridges or it is full. Do not attempt to insert more cartridges than the magazine's designed capacity.

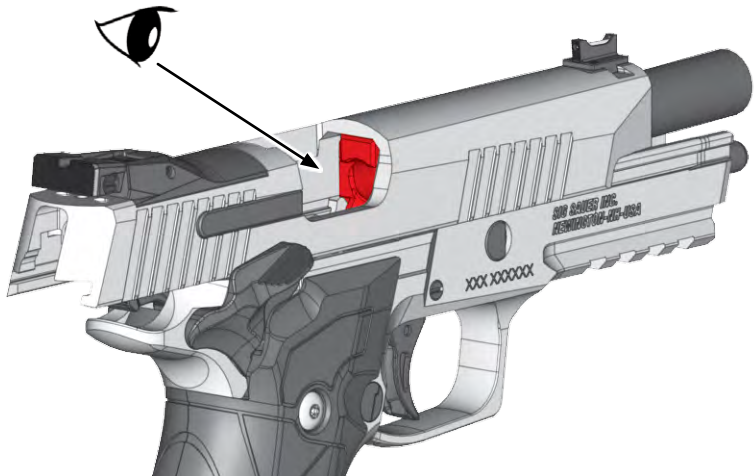


## 8.5 LOADING THE PISTOL (READY TO FIRE)

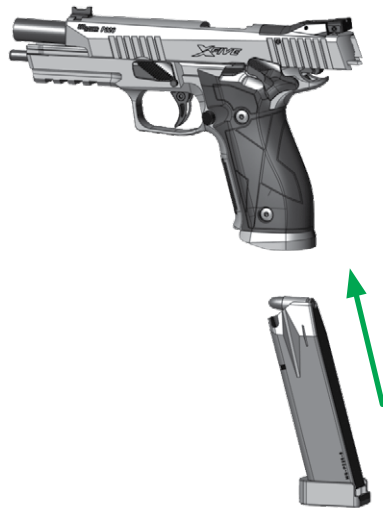
1. Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. For SAO pistols, rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage manual safety.
3. Fully retract slide and lock it to the rear by pushing up on slide catch lever.



4. Visually and physically inspect the chamber, breech face, and magazine well to ensure it is clear of ammunition and foreign debris.



5. Insert a loaded magazine by pushing it up into frame until it locks in place. You should hear an audible click.



**CAUTION**

DO NOT RIDE THE SLIDE FORWARD. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE STEP 6(b) MAY INDUCE A STOPPAGE.

6. To chamber a cartridge, release the slide by either:
  - a. Pressing down on slide catch lever.
  - b. Pulling back on slide until slide catch lever drops clear of the slide then releasing it to chamber a cartridge. Do not ride slide forward. Failure to properly complete this step may induce a stoppage.

FIG. (A)



FIG. (B)

**WARNING****LOADED PISTOL**

THE PISTOL IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE.

**WARNING****SAFETY**

DO NOT LOWER THE HAMMER BY PRESSING THE TRIGGER AND ATTEMPTING TO MANUALLY EASE THE HAMMER FORWARD. MANUALLY LOWERING THE HAMMER PREVENTS THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE OTHER SAFETY FEATURES OF THIS PISTOL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

7. For DA/SA pistols, push down on decocking lever to decock hammer.

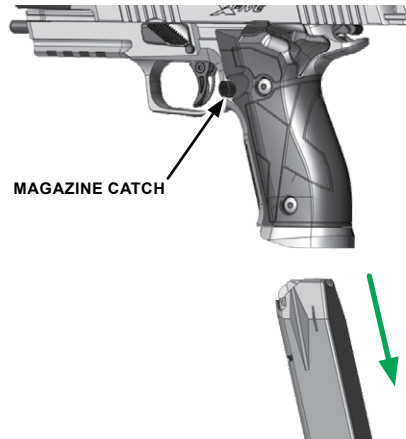


## 8.6 RELOADING DURING SHOOTING (MAGAZINE DEPLETED)

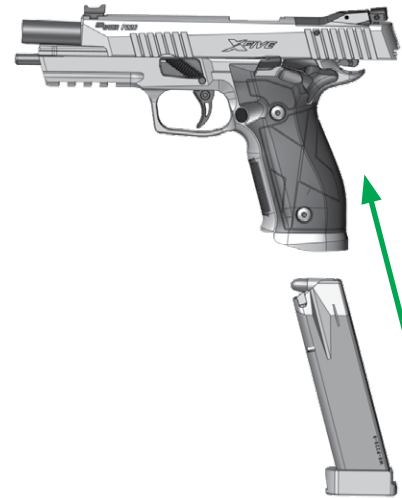
### NOTE

Upon firing the last round in the pistol, the empty magazine will engage the slide catch lever and lock slide in the open position.

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Press magazine catch to release the empty magazine.



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



**CAUTION**

DO NOT RIDE THE SLIDE FORWARD. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE STEP 4(b) MAY INDUCE A STOPPAGE.

4. To chamber a cartridge, release the slide by either:
  - a. Pressing down on slide catch lever.
  - b. Pulling back on slide until slide catch lever drops clear of the slide then releasing it to chamber a cartridge. Do not ride slide forward. Failure to properly complete this step may induce a stoppage.

FIG. (A)



FIG. (B)

**WARNING****LOADED PISTOL**

THE PISTOL IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE.

**WARNING****SAFETY**

DO NOT LOWER THE HAMMER BY PRESSING THE TRIGGER AND ATTEMPTING TO MANUALLY EASE THE HAMMER FORWARD. MANUALLY LOWERING THE HAMMER PREVENTS THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE OTHER SAFETY FEATURES OF THIS PISTOL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

5. For DA/SA pistols, push down on decocking lever to decock hammer.



## 8.7 RELOADING DURING SHOOTING (PARTIAL MAGAZINE)

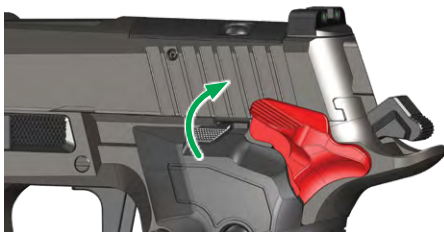
**NOTE**

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

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. For DA/SA pistols, push down on decocking lever to decock hammer.
3. For SAO pistols, rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage manual safety.

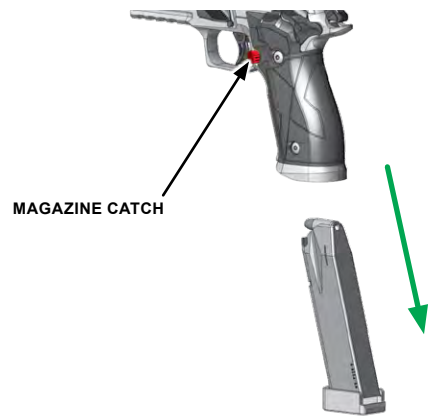


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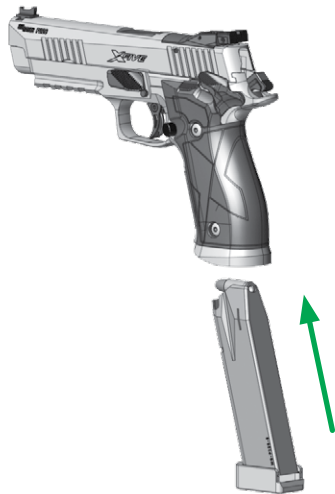
SAO

4. Press magazine catch to remove the partially loaded magazine.

**WARNING****LOADED PISTOL**

**THE PISTOL STILL HAS A LIVE CARTRIDGE CHAMBERED AND CAN BE FIRED IF THE MANUAL SAFETY IS DISENGAGED AND THE TRIGGER IS PRESSED.**

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



## 8.8 FIRING THE PISTOL



**WARNING**

**LOADED PISTOL**



**KEEP FINGERS OUT OF TRIGGER GUARD AND OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE. ALWAYS ENSURE FIREARM IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**



1. Aim the pistol at a safe target.
2. For SAO pistols, push down on the manual safety lever to disengage manual safety.
3. Press the trigger rearward to discharge
4. Keep the pistol aimed at target and continue to fire as desired or until magazine is empty.

**WARNING****SAFETY**

**DO NOT LOWER THE HAMMER BY PRESSING THE TRIGGER AND ATTEMPTING TO MANUALLY EASE THE HAMMER FORWARD. MANUALLY LOWERING THE HAMMER PREVENTS THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE OTHER SAFETY FEATURES OF THIS PISTOL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.**

5. For DA/SA pistols, push down on decocking lever to decock hammer.



6. For SAO pistols, rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage manual safety.
7. To unload and clear proceed to section, 8.3 *Unloading and Clearing the Pistol* on page 30.

## 8.9 UNLOADING THE PISTOL

**WARNING****UNLOAD/CLEAR**

**FAILURE TO ENSURE THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

**REMOVING THE MAGAZINE FROM THE FIREARM DOES NOT PREVENT A CHAMBERED ROUND FROM BEING FIRED.**

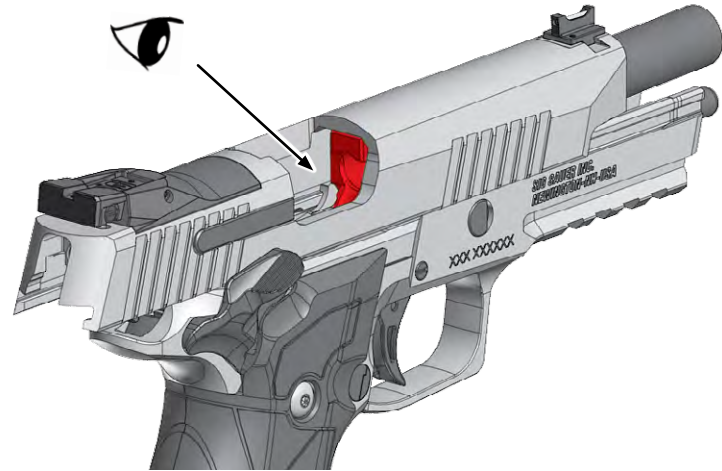
1. Always make sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction! Remember to clear the chamber after the magazine has been removed.
2. Never assume that any firearm is unloaded until you have personally checked it both visually and physically!
3. After every range session, make a final check to be certain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

## 8.10 UNLOADING THE PISTOL MAGAZINE (NOT EMPTY)

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. For DA/SA pistols, push down on the decocking lever to decock hammer
3. For SAO pistols, rotate the manual safety lever upward to engage manual safety.
4. Press magazine catch and remove magazine.
5. Pull the slide completely to the rear while watching for the ejection of a live cartridge and push up on the slide catch lever to lock slide open.



6. Visually and physically check the chamber, breech face, and magazine well to ensure that the pistol is completely free of ammunition.



7. Release the slide by either:
  - a. Pressing down on the slide catch lever.
  - b. Pull back on the slide until the slide catch lever drops clear of the slide then release it.  
Do not ride slide forward. Failure to properly complete this step may induce a stoppage.

FIG. (A)



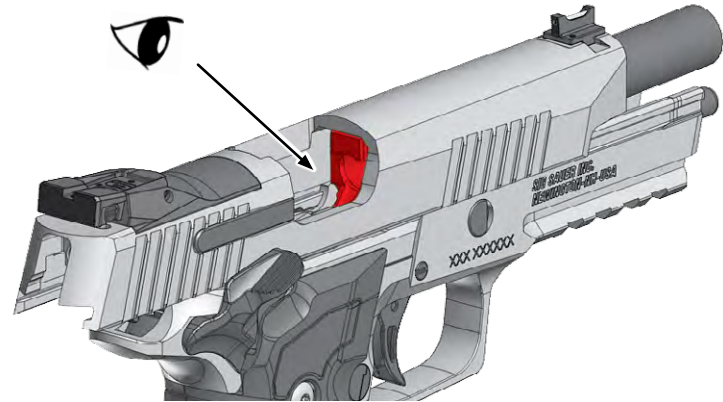
FIG. (B)



8. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
9. For DA/SA pistols, push down on the decocking lever to decock hammer.

## 8.11 UNLOADING THE PISTOL (MAGAZINE EMPTY, SLIDE OPEN)

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Press magazine catch and remove magazine.
3. Visually and physically check the chamber, breech face, and magazine well to ensure that the pistol is completely free of ammunition.



4. Release the slide by either:
  - a. Pressing down on slide catch lever.
  - b. Pull back on the slide until the slide catch lever drops clear of the slide then release it.  
Do not ride slide forward. Failure to properly complete this step may induce a stoppage.

FIG. (A)



FIG. (B)



5. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
6. For DA/SA pistols, push down on the decocking lever to decock hammer.
7. For SAO pistols, push up on the manual safety lever to engage manual safety.

## 9.0 OPERATOR LEVEL AUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE



**WARNING UNLOAD/CLEAR**



**FAILURE TO ENSURE THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

**REMOVING THE MAGAZINE FROM THE FIREARM DOES NOT PREVENT A CHAMBERED ROUND FROM BEING FIRED.**

### CAUTION

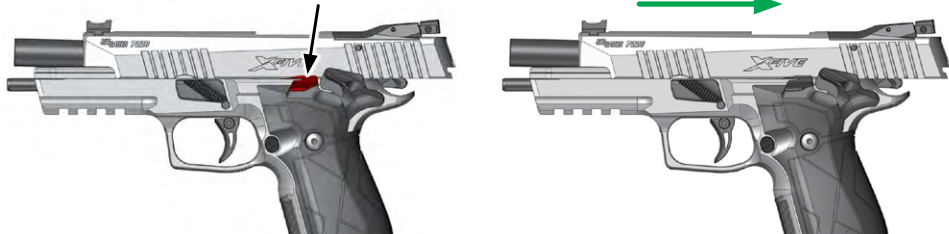
**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE A SIG SAUER FIREARM BEYOND THE POINT EXPLAINED IN THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. DISASSEMBLY BEYOND THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL IS RESTRICTED TO A CERTIFIED SIG SAUER ARMORER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.**

### NOTE

Replace the recoil spring assembly (carry), recoil spring (full size), or recoil spring and buffer spring (XFIVE) every 5,000 rounds. Refer to Section 9.4 Step 4.

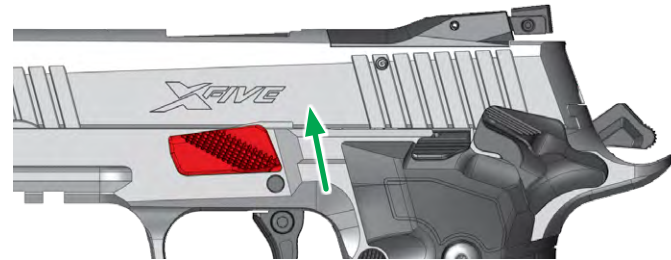
## 9.1 PISTOL DISASSEMBLY

1. Unload and clear the pistol. See 8.3 *Unloading and Clearing the Pistol on page 30*.
2. The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE is available with a sport takedown lever. If your model does not have the sport takedown lever, proceed to Step 8.
3. Release the slide by either:
  - a. Pressing down on slide catch lever.
  - b. Pull back on the slide until the slide catch lever drops clear of the slide then release it. Do not ride slide forward.

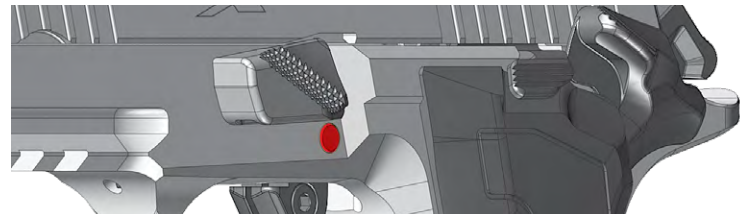


4. Ensure manual safety is engaged.

5. With slide in battery, rotate the takedown lever counterclockwise slightly.



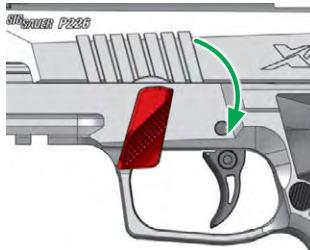
6. While holding the takedown lever in this position, push the trigger pin in until it is flush with the frame.



7. Lock the slide to the rear by pulling slide rearward and pushing up on slide catch lever.



8. Rotate takedown lever clockwise until it stops.

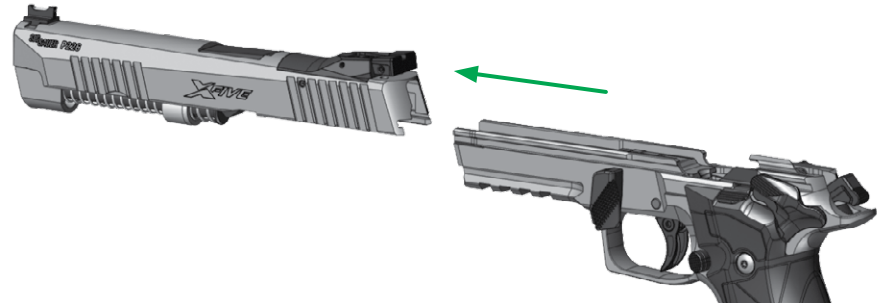


**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**



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

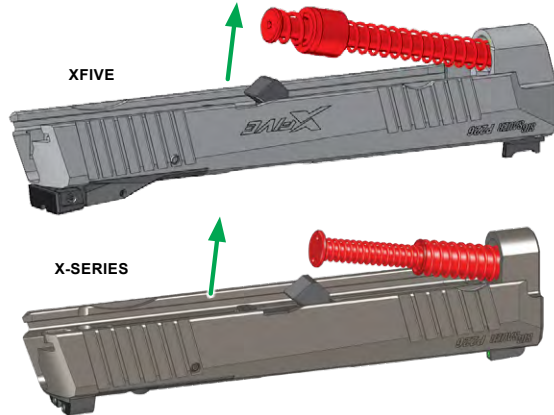
9. Pull back the slide slightly to disengage the slide catch lever. Hold the slide firmly and allow it to move forward slowly.
10. Now slip the complete assembly (comprised of slide, barrel, recoil spring, and guide rod) forward and off the frame.



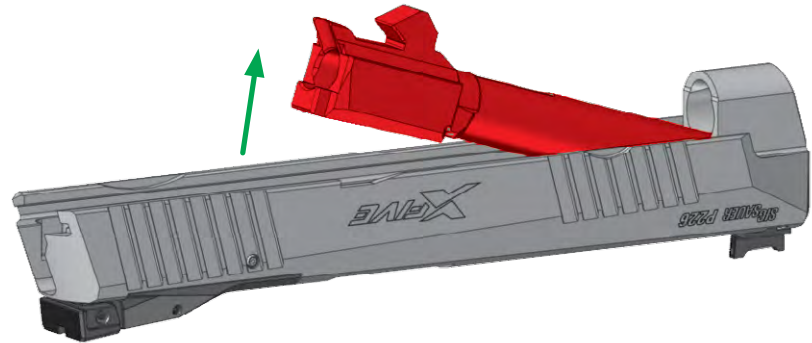
**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**

THE RECOIL SPRING AND GUIDE ARE UNDER SPRING TENSION AND NOT FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE SLIDE. USE CAUTION TO PREVENT INJURY OR DAMAGE TO THE PISTOL. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

11. Push the recoil guide forward slightly and lift it from rear to remove the recoil spring and guide from the slide.



12. 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.

## 9.2 MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

### 9.2.1 XFIVE MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

1. Locate the bottom of magazine floor plate.

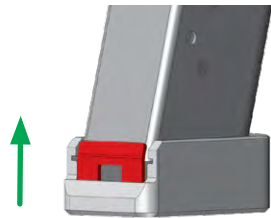


**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**

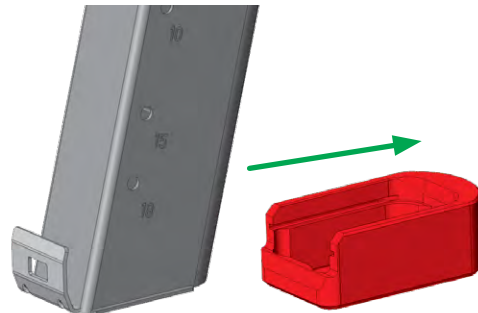


THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS COMPRESSED. GUARD THE MAGAZINE INSERT AND MAGAZINE SPRING. UNCONTROLLED RELEASE CAN CAUSE INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

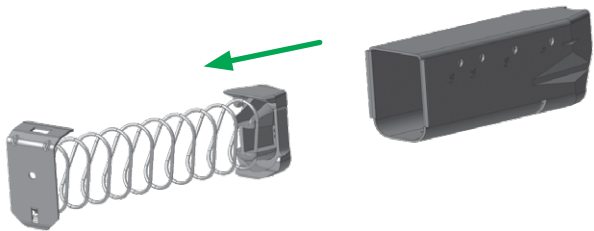
2. Using the notch in the inner plate, push up on the magazine insert.



3. Slide the floor plate off of the magazine tube.



4. Remove magazine spring and magazine follower from magazine tube.



### 9.2.2 XSERIES MAGAZINE DISASSEMBLY

1. Locate the bottom of the magazine floor plate.

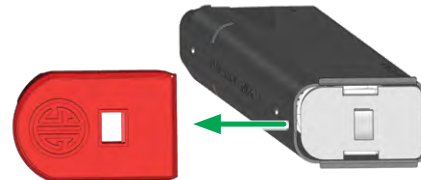


### WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION



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

1. Using a punch or similar tool to press magazine insert in and push magazine floor plate forward until it is clear of magazine tube.



2. Remove magazine spring and magazine follower from magazine tube.



## 9.3 CLEANING AND LUBRICATING

**WARNING CLEANING**

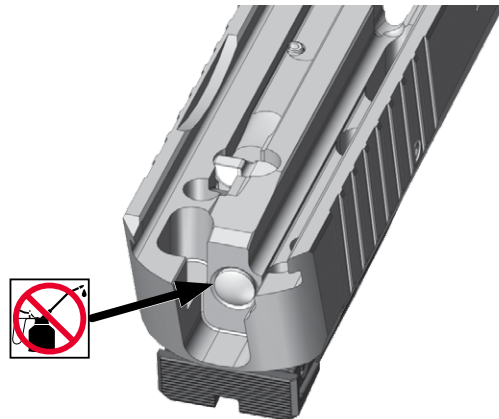
READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S WARNINGS BEFORE USING SOLVENTS OR CLEANERS. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.

**CAUTION**

NEVER CLEAN THE BARREL FROM THE MUZZLE END, CLEANING FROM THE MUZZLE END COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE CROWN OR THE RIFLING OF THE BARREL. 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.

**CAUTION**

DO NOT LUBRICATE THE FIRING PIN. THIS MAY CAUSE A LIGHT STRIKE TO THE CARTRIDGE, RESULTING IN A FAILURE TO FIRE.



**MATERIALS REQUIRED**

- Cleaning patches
- Clean 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 time 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.
5. Do not lubricate the firing pin.

**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**

1. Clean the recoil spring guide with CLP and a soft brush.
2. After cleaning, apply a light coat of CLP.

**FRAME ASSEMBLY**

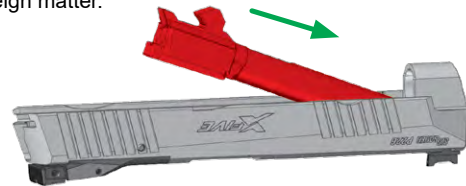
1. Wipe the frame with a soft cloth.
2. Use cotton swabs to clean hard to reach areas. Pay special attention to the frame rails, takedown lever, and slide catch lever.
3. Lubricate the frame rails with a light coat of CLP.
4. Apply CLP to accessible functioning parts.
5. Clean the magazine well of any 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, floor plate, and base plate.
3. Apply a light coat of CLP to the spring and magazine tube.

**9.4 PISTOL ASSEMBLY**

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



**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**



**THE RECOIL SPRING AND GUIDE ARE UNDER SPRING TENSION AND NOT FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE SLIDE. USE CAUTION TO PREVENT INJURY OR DAMAGE TO THE PISTOL. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.**

3. The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE is available with a buffer and buffer cup. If your model does not have a buffer and buffer cup, proceed to Step 5.

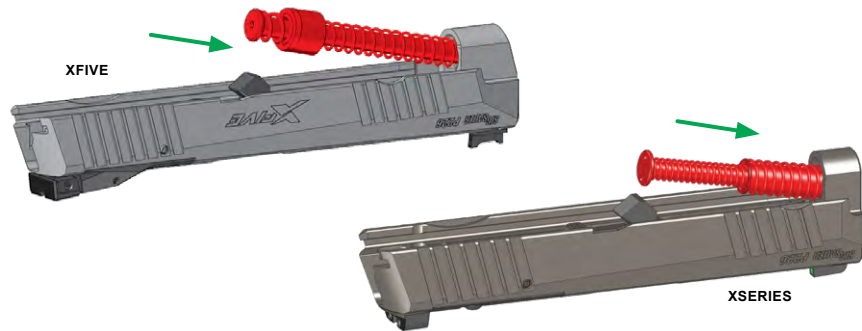
**CAUTION**

**FAILURE TO PROPERLY INSTALL THE RECOIL SPRING GUIDE, BUFFER, AND BUFFER SPRING CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PISTOL.**

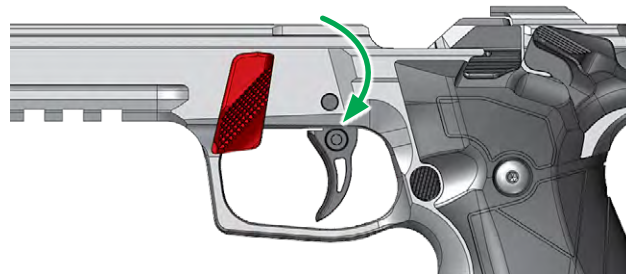
4. Ensure the buffer cup is in the correct orientation, insert the recoil spring into the open end of the buffer cup.



5. Insert recoil spring and guide into slide.



6. Ensure takedown lever is rotated clockwise until it stops.

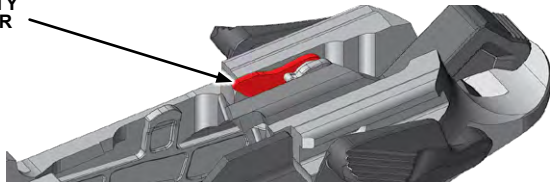


**CAUTION**

FAILURE TO DEPRESS THE SAFETY LEVER WHILE INSTALLING THE SLIDE CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PISTOL.

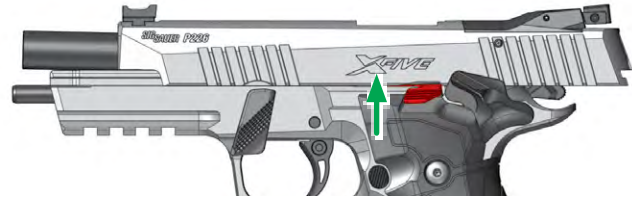
7. Make sure the safety lever is down. Push it down with light finger pressure. When in the “down” position, the firing pin safety lever will sit flush or slightly above the frame rail.

SAFETY  
LEVER



8. Guide slide onto frame rails from the front. The slide should go on the frame and over the firing pin safety lever with no resistance other than compression of the recoil springs.

9. Retract slide fully to the rear and push up on slide catch lever to lock slide in the open position.



10. Rotate takedown lever counterclockwise until horizontal.



11. Press slide catch lever to release slide then engage the manual safety.



12. If your pistol has a sport takedown lever, push up slightly on the takedown lever and push on the right side of the trigger pin, exposing it on the left side of the frame. Rest the takedown lever in the notch of the trigger pin.



## 9.5 MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

### 9.5.1 XFIVE MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

1. Position magazine follower on magazine spring and insert into the bottom of magazine tube.

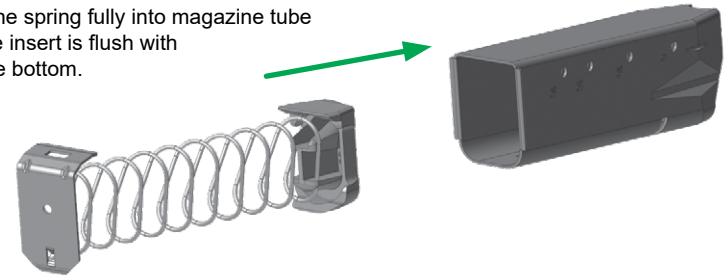


**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**

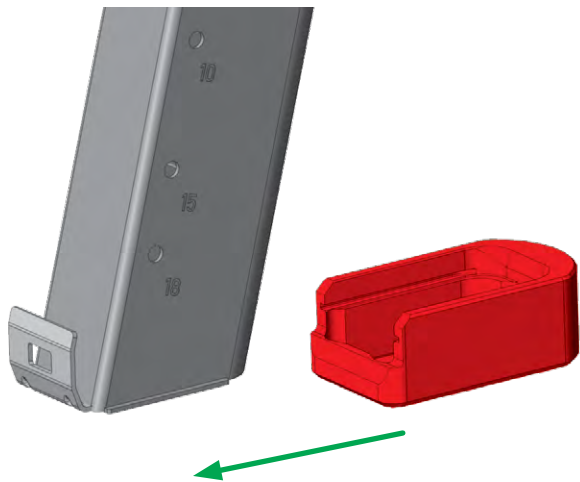


**THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS BEING COMPRESSED DURING ASSEMBLY. GUARD THE MAGAZINE INSERT AND MAGAZINE SPRING. UNCONTROLLED RELEASE CAN CAUSE INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.**

2. Insert magazine spring fully into magazine tube until magazine insert is flush with magazine tube bottom.



3. Holding magazine insert in place, slide magazine floor plate onto magazine tube lips until magazine floor plate is locked in place by magazine insert.



### 9.5.2 XSERIES MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

1. Position magazine follower on magazine spring and insert into the bottom of magazine tube.



**WARNING PARTS UNDER SPRING TENSION**

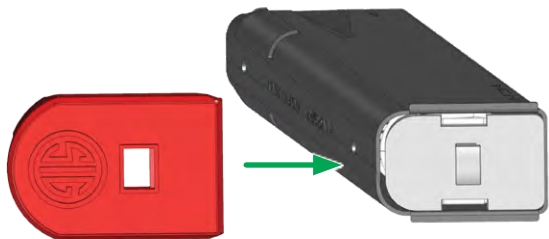


**THE MAGAZINE SPRING IS BEING COMPRESSED DURING ASSEMBLY. GUARD THE MAGAZINE INSERT AND MAGAZINE SPRING. UNCONTROLLED RELEASE CAN CAUSE INJURY. WEAR EYE PROTECTION.**

2. Insert magazine spring fully into magazine tube until magazine insert is flush with magazine tube bottom.



3. Holding magazine insert in place, slide magazine floor plate onto magazine tube lips until magazine floor plate is locked in place by magazine insert.



## 9.6 FUNCTION CHECK

The function check is performed on the assembled pistol to verify functionality. It should be performed after the completion of 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, REMOVE ALL AMMUNITION FROM THE AREA BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE FUNCTION CHECK. FAILURE TO ENSURE THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. VERIFY THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED.**

1. Ensure that magazine is removed and pistol is unloaded see section, *8.3 Unloading and Clearing the Pistol on page 30*.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. Check recoil spring function/slide travel.
  - a. Retract the slide completely to the rear and release it a minimum of two times.
  - b. Verify the slide is consistently closing and fully locking into position.

4. Check the trigger mechanism:

**DA/SA.**

- a. Press decocking lever to decock hammer.
- b. Press trigger to rear and hold. Hammer should cock and release.
- c. Pull back slide and release. Release trigger, hammer should be in single action position.
- d. Press trigger. Hammer should release from single action position.
- e. Release trigger and push forward on hammer spur. Hammer must not contact firing pin.

**SAO**

- a. Push up the manual safety lever to engage the safety. The hammer will be in the cocked position at this time.
- b. With the pistol pointed in a safe direction, press the trigger. The hammer must not fall.
- c. Press the manual safety lever down to disengage.
- d. Press the trigger and hold it to the rear. The hammer should now drop, striking the firing pin.
- e. Retract the slide completely to the rear and release. The hammer should now be cocked to the rear.
- f. Release the trigger.
- g. Press the trigger. The hammer should drop.

5. Retract the slide completely rearward and ensure the slide catch lever locks the slide to the rear.

6. Press slide catch lever.



7. Verify the slide is released and closes in the fully locked position.

8. Press magazine catch and remove magazine.

9. Inspect magazine.

- a. Check the condition of magazine tube.
- b. Verify magazine floor plate is secure.
- c. Press down on follower to check for free movement of magazine follower and spring.
- d. Insert magazine into the pistol, verify smooth insertion.

- e. Press magazine catch and check for proper engagement and smooth release.



- 10. Inspect pistol exterior.
  - a. Inspect the general condition of pistol.
  - b. Check sights, body, slide, and takedown lever 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. VERIFY THE CONDITION AND FUNCTION.

## 10.0 MAGAZINE CATCH REMOVAL AND REVERSAL

P226-XSERIES pistols are designed for both right hand and left hand operation. The magazine catch may be repositioned to either side based on shooter preference.



**WARNING**

**UNLOAD/CLEAR**



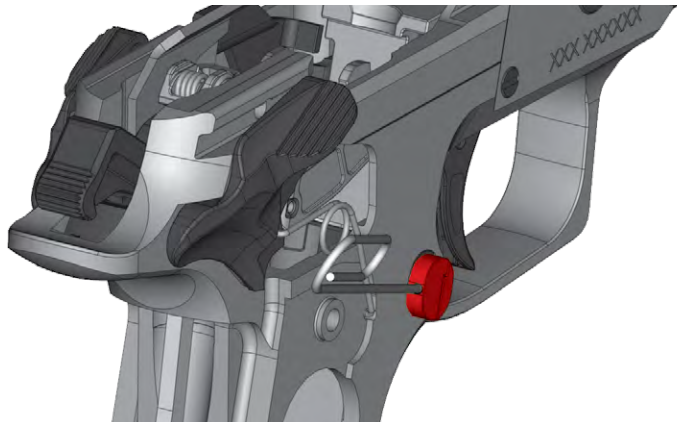
**VERIFY THAT THE MAGAZINE IS REMOVED. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONFIRM THAT THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED BEFORE ATTEMPTING DISASSEMBLY OR PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE STEPS. FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE,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

### 10.1 MAGAZINE CATCH REMOVAL

Before removing and reversing the magazine catch ensure the pistol is completely unloaded and cleared. Removing the slide as described in *9.1 Pistol Disassembly on page 54*, as well as removing the grips will provide better access to the magazine catch.

1. Using a T10 drive bit, remove grip screws and grips from the frame, being careful not to lose the rubber magwell shims. See page 86 for magwell shim information.
2. Press magazine catch until the back protrudes slightly from the opposite side and hold.

3. On the protruding side, press the straightened end of a paper clip into the hole on the back side of magazine catch to release magazine catch stop.



4. Remove magazine catch stop.

5. Remove magazine catch and magazine catch spring, keeping the two pieces together.

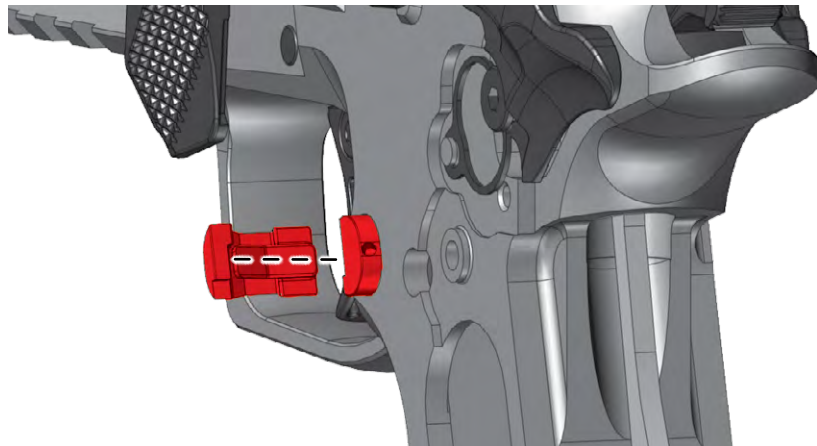


## 10.2 MAGAZINE CATCH INSTALLATION

1. Insert magazine catch and magazine catch spring on the desired side of the pistol body.
2. Press magazine catch into the frame until it protrudes out the opposite side and hold it in position.



3. Insert magazine catch stop from the opposite side until magazine catch stop latch engages, then release magazine catch.



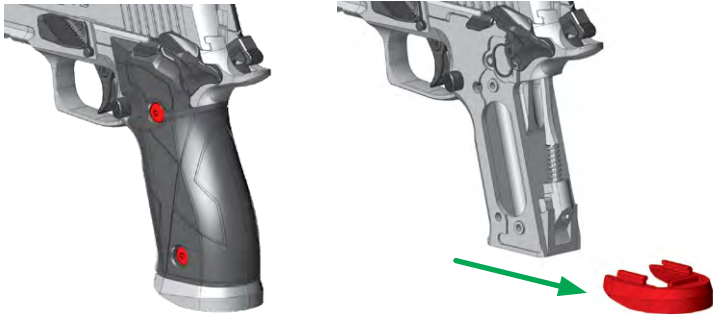
4. Reinstall magwell shims (XFIVE models only, see page 86 for alignment), align grip panels on frame, and torque grip screws to 13 in-lbf.

### 10.3 MAGAZINE FUNNEL REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE pistols come with a detachable magazine funnel. This magazine funnel facilitates faster reloading of the pistol. You can detach the funnel from the frame by removing the grip panels and sliding the funnel to the rear.

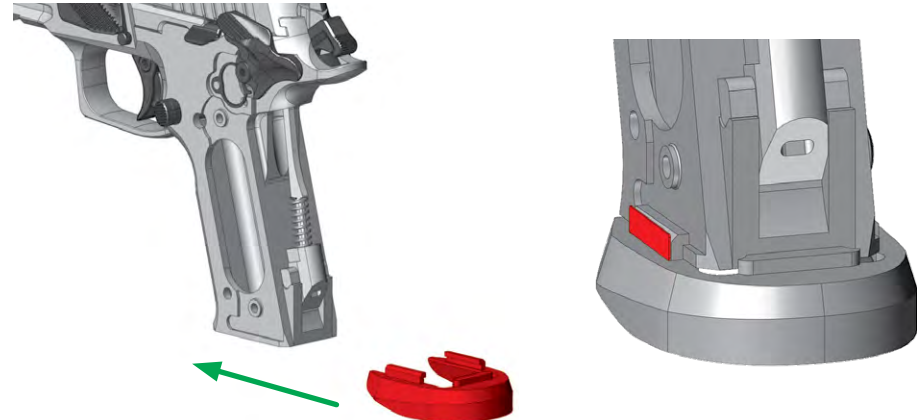
#### 10.3.1 MAGAZINE FUNNEL REMOVAL

1. Using a T10 drive bit, remove grip screws and grips from the frame.
2. Use firm, even pressure to slide the magazine funnel and magwell shims from the rear of the frame.



#### 10.3.2 MAGAZINE FUNNEL INSTALLATION

1. Insert tabs on magazine funnel on rails of the frame and using steady, even pressure slide funnel onto frame until it stops. Add magwell shims to top of magazine funnel.
2. Place and align grip panels on frame, torque grip screws to 13 in-lbf.



## 11.0 SIGHTS

**WARNING TRITIUM SIGHTS****SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DAMAGED NIGHT SIGHTS**

SOME SIG SAUER PISTOLS COME EQUIPPED WITH SIGHTS THAT CONTAIN RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ILLUMINATION DURING LOW LIGHT CONDITIONS (“NIGHT SIGHTS”). THESE SIGHTS ARE COMMONLY MARKED “H3”. THE RADIATION SOURCE IS HYDROGEN-3 (H3), ALSO KNOWN AS TRITIUM, CONTAINED IN A SEALED VIAL. SIG SAUER NIGHT SIGHTS CONTAIN LESS THAN 90MCI OF TRITIUM AND MEET THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) REQUIREMENT 10 CFR 32.23.

THE OPERATIONAL TEMPERATURE RANGE OF SIG SAUER TRITIUM SIGHTS IS -30°C/-22°F TO +60°C/+140°F. THE BETA RADIATION EMITTED BY TRITIUM IS ONLY A HAZARD IF THE TRITIUM VIAL IS BROKEN AND INGESTED OR INHALED. THE BODY DOES NOT EASILY RETAIN HYDROGEN OR TRITIUM AS A GAS. HOWEVER, THE BURNING OF TRITIUM PRODUCES TRITIUM OXIDE WHICH IS 10,000 TIMES MORE HAZARDOUS. FOR THIS REASON, GREAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID FLAME IN THE PRESENCE OF DAMAGED TRITIUM SIGHTS.



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

**WARNING TRITIUM SIGHTS**

**SPECIAL HANDLING FOR REPAIR, RETURN, OR DISPOSAL**

**END USER IS EXEMPT FROM ANY REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY.**

**USE ONLY A PROPER SIGHT INSTALLATION/PUSHER TOOL. USE OF A PUNCH MAY DAMAGE THE TRITIUM VIAL.**

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE OR REPAIR A TRITIUM NIGHT SIGHT.**

**TRITIUM NIGHT SIGHTS ARE EXPECTED TO LOSE APPROXIMATELY HALF THEIR BRIGHTNESS AFTER 5 YEARS. TRITIUM NIGHT SIGHTS SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS AND SHOULD NEVER BE BURNED.**

**SIG SAUER WILL RESPONSIBLY DISPOSE OF OLD OR DAMAGED TRITIUM NIGHT SIGHTS.**

**PLEASE CONTACT SIG SAUER CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN OLD OR DAMAGED NIGHT SIGHTS FOR DISPOSAL OR TO OBTAIN RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION FOR REPAIR OR RETURN OF ITEMS STILL UNDER WARRANTY.**

## 11.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE and XSERIES pistols are equipped with several sight options, including drift adjustable fixed sights, fully adjustable rear sight and a front sight blade, and are fully compatible to accept optics with a SIG-LOC footprint.

## 11.2 FIXED SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

### CAUTION

SIG SAUER SUGGESTS THAT FIXED-SIGHT CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE PERFORMED ONLY BY A CERTIFIED SIG SAUER ARMORER. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PISTOL.

## 11.3 WINDAGE (LEFT/RIGHT) ADJUSTMENT



**WARNING**

**SIGHT ADJUSTMENT**

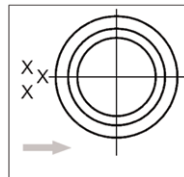


**SIGHT CORRECTIONS SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED ON AN UNLOADED FIREARM. MANIPULATING THE SIGHTS ON A LOADED FIREARM COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONFIRM THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED BEFORE MAKING SIGHT ADJUSTMENTS. DO NOT ADJUST SIGHTS ON A LOADED FIREARM.**

### NOTE

SIG SAUER has a Sight Adjustment Tool available that makes it easier to adjust and change fixed sights.

Change the windage by moving the front sight either to the left or right in its dovetail. When adjusting sights, remember this rule: Move the front sight opposite the desired direction. Moving the front sight 0.020" in the dovetail changes the point of impact by approximately 3" at 25 yards.

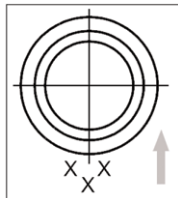


*Impact left of point of aim*

## 11.4 ELEVATION (UP/DOWN) ADJUSTMENT

There are different height combinations available for the front and rear sights. The sights are numbered according to their height. Elevation can be adjusted by changing the front sight.

There are five front sight heights available. Each front sight change will move the impact of the bullet approximately 1" at 25 yards.



*Impact below point of aim*

When changing sights, remember this rule: NUMBERS UP, GROUPS UP; NUMBERS DOWN, GROUPS DOWN.

## 11.5 FULLY ADJUSTABLE SIGHT ADJUSTMENT



**WARNING**

**SIGHT ADJUSTMENT**



**SIGHT CORRECTIONS SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED ON AN UNLOADED FIREARM. MANIPULATING THE SIGHTS ON A LOADED FIREARM COULD RESULT IN UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE, CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE, SEVERE INJURY, OR DEATH. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONFIRM THE PISTOL IS UNLOADED AND CLEARED BEFORE MAKING SIGHT ADJUSTMENTS. DO NOT ADJUST SIGHTS ON A LOADED FIREARM.**

### NOTE

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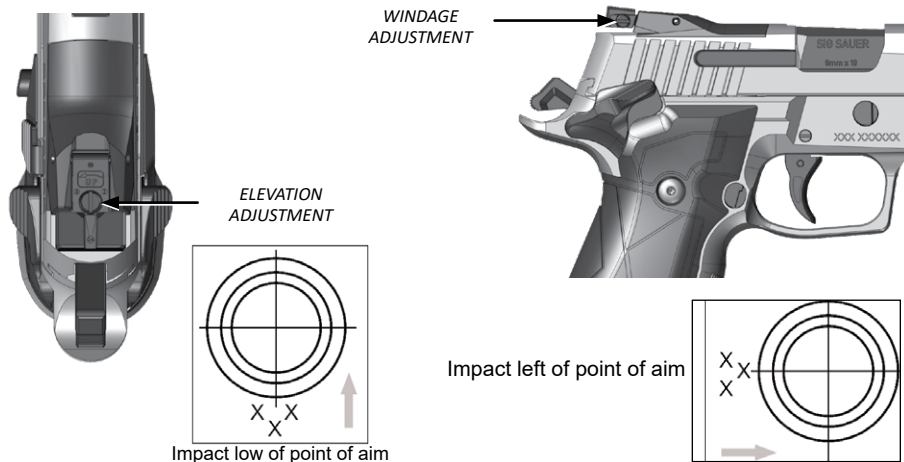
The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE is equipped with an adjustable rear sight assembly with audible and tactile clicks to help keep track of sight adjustments.

### 11.5.1 ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT

Elevation: Counterclockwise rotation of the screw will raise the rear sight, moving the point of impact up. Clockwise rotation of the screw will lower the rear sight, moving the point of impact down.

## 11.5.2 WINDAGE ADJUSTMENT

Windage: Counterclockwise rotation of the windage screw will move the rear sight aperture left, moving the point of impact left. Clockwise rotation of the screw will move the rear sight aperture right, moving the point of impact right.



## 12.0 TRIGGER ADJUSTMENT

Before performing any trigger adjustments, be sure to field strip the pistol see 9.1 *Pistol Disassembly on page 54*. Perform a function check, see 9.6 *Function Check on page 79* immediately after any adjustments to the trigger to ensure proper operation.

### 12.1 AX1 ADJUSTABLE TRIGGER

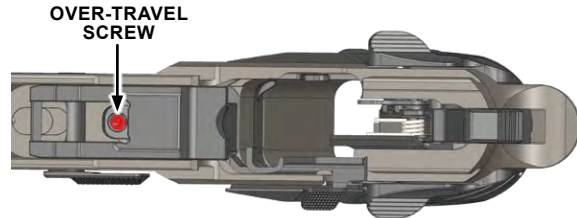
The SIG SAUER P226-XSERIES SAO PISTOLS are equipped with an AX1 trigger with an adjustment for over-travel. Over-travel comes factory preset but may be altered if desired.

#### 12.1.1 AX1 TRIGGER OVER-TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT

### NOTE

Turning the adjustment screw too far clockwise will prevent the pistol from firing.

1. Locate the adjustment screw below the locking insert. Using a 2mm or 5/64" hex driver, turn clockwise to allow less travel of the trigger or counterclockwise to allow more travel in the trigger.



2. If pressing the trigger does not release the hammer, turn the screw counterclockwise in very small increments until the hammer is able to be released.
3. Once the hammer is able to be released, turn the screw an additional 1/4 turn counterclockwise to ensure reliability. This is the minimum recommended over-travel for reliable operation.

## 12.2 AX2 ADJUSTABLE TRIGGER

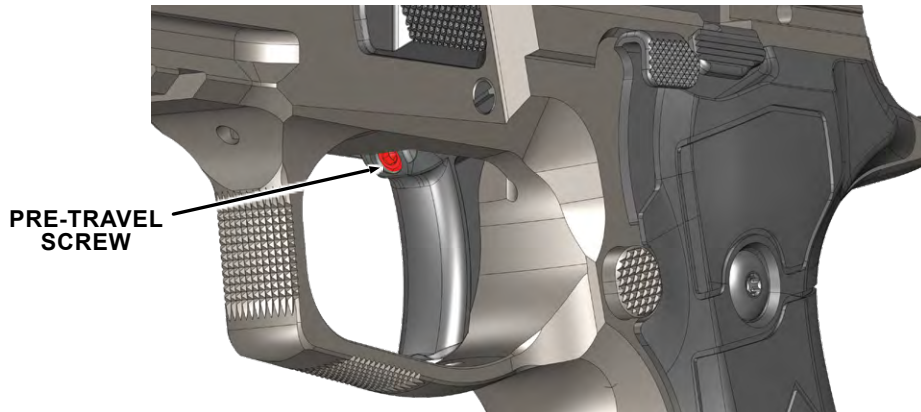
The SIG SAUER P226-XSERIES DA/SA PISTOLS are equipped with an adjustable AX2 trigger with adjustments for pre-travel and over-travel. Adjustments comes factory preset but may be altered if desired. Before performing any trigger adjustments, be sure to field strip the pistol see 9.1 *Pistol Disassembly on page 54*. Perform a function check, see 9.6 *Function Check on page 79* immediately after any adjustments to the trigger to ensure proper operation.

### 12.2.1 AX2 TRIGGER PRE-TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT

#### NOTE

Turning the adjustment screw too far counterclockwise will prevent the trigger from resetting during double action operation.

1. Pivot the trigger rearward to reveal the adjustment screw at the base of the trigger. Using a 2mm or 5/64" hex driver, turn counterclockwise to decrease the pre-travel of the trigger or clockwise to increase pre-travel.

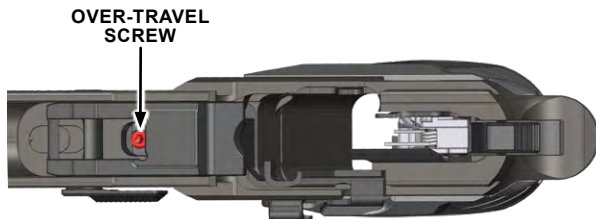


### 12.2.2 AX2 TRIGGER OVER-TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT

#### NOTE

Turning the adjustment screw too far clockwise will prevent the pistol from firing.

1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Remove the slide.
3. Locate adjustment screw below the locking insert. Using a 2mm or 5/64" hex driver, turn clockwise to allow less travel of the trigger or counterclockwise to allow more travel in the trigger.
4. If pressing the trigger does not release the hammer, turn the screw counterclockwise in very small increments until the hammer is able to be released.
5. Once the hammer is able to be released, turn the screw an additional 1/4 turn counterclockwise to ensure reliability. This is the minimum recommended over-travel for reliable operation.



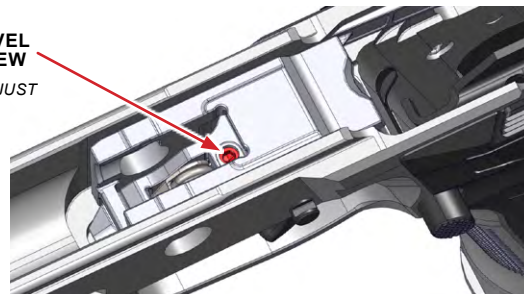
### 12.3 AX3 ADJUSTABLE TRIGGER

The SIG SAUER P226-XFIVE is equipped with a 3-way adjustable AX3 trigger with adjustments for reach, weight, and over-travel. Each adjustment comes factory preset but may be altered if desired. Before performing any trigger adjustments, be sure to field strip the pistol see 9.1 *Pistol Disassembly on page 54*. Perform a function check, see 9.6 *Function Check on page 79* immediately after any adjustments to the trigger to ensure proper operation.

#### NOTE

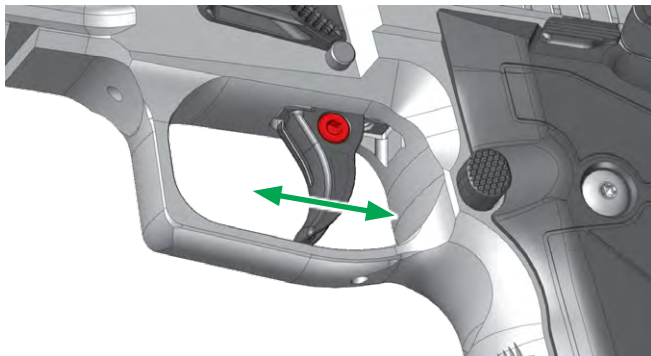
The pre-travel set screw is factory set and is not intended to be adjusted by the user.

PRE-TRAVEL  
SET SCREW  
\*DO NOT ADJUST



### 12.3.1 AX3 REACH ADJUSTMENT

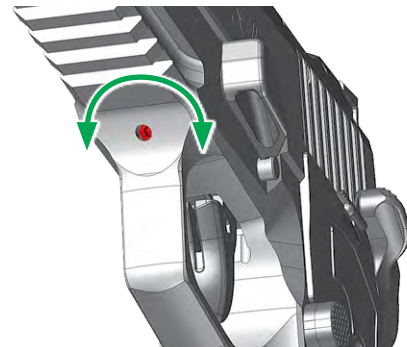
1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Loosen screw on side of trigger shoe using a 2.5mm driver.
3. Slide trigger shoe to desired position.
4. Re-tighten screw to 15 in lbf.



### 12.3.2 AX3 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

The weight of the trigger pull is adjustable from approximately 2.5 to 4 pounds.

1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Locate adjustment screw above front of trigger guard and before start of the rail.
3. Using a 2mm or 5/64" hex driver, turn counterclockwise to reduce pull weight or clockwise to increase. If the screw stops turning DO NOT force it; you have reached the limit in that direction.

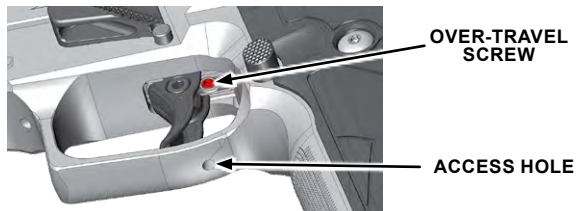


### 12.3.3 AX3 TRIGGER OVER-TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT

#### NOTE

Turning the adjustment screw too far clockwise will prevent the pistol from firing.

1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Locate adjustment screw behind trigger shoe. Using a 2mm or 5/64" hex key, and accessing the over-travel screw through the hole in the trigger guard, turn counterclockwise to increase over-travel or clockwise to decrease.

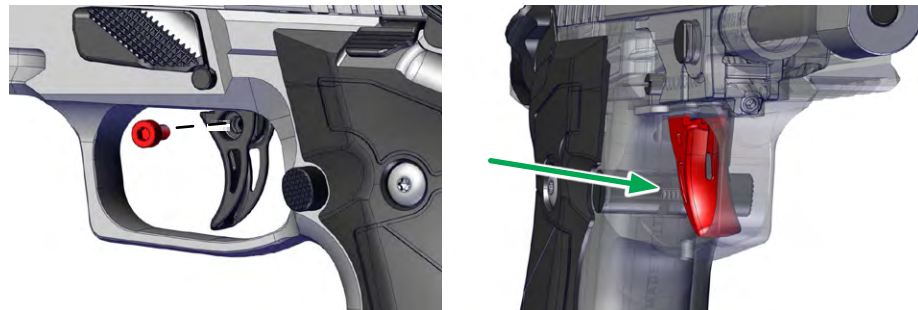


3. If pressing the trigger does not release the hammer, turn the screw counterclockwise in very small increments until the hammer is able to be released.
4. Once the hammer is able to be released, turn the screw an additional 1/4 turn counterclockwise to ensure reliability. This is the minimum recommended over-travel for reliable operation.

### 12.4 TRIGGER SHOE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (AX3 TRIGGERS ONLY)

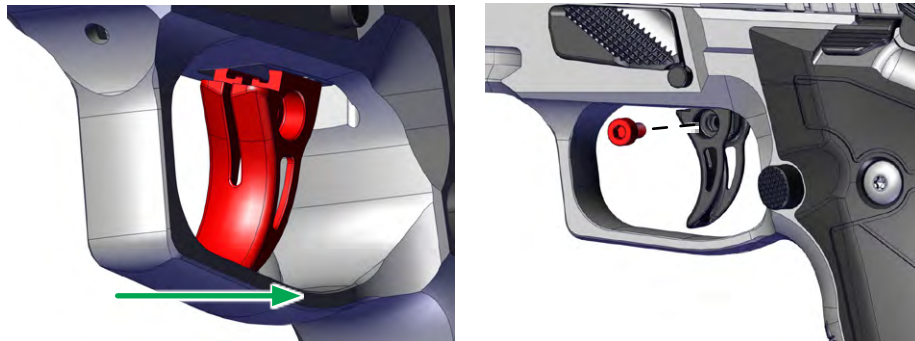
#### 12.4.1 TRIGGER SHOE REMOVAL

1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Remove screw on side of trigger shoe using a 2.5mm driver.
3. Pushing away from the center of the trigger base, apply pressure to the side of the trigger shoe. The trigger shoe will rotate and one side of the trigger shoe will be freed from the trigger base rail, allowing the trigger shoe to be removed by pushing the remaining leg of the trigger up and off of the trigger base rail.



## 12.4.2 TRIGGER SHOE INSTALLATION

1. Ensure the pistol is unloaded and cleared. Keep live ammunition out of the work area.
2. Hook the upper leg of the trigger shoe on the top of the trigger base rail then press trigger shoe towards the center of the trigger base until the trigger shoe rotates onto the trigger base rail and seats firmly with an audible click.
3. Using a 2.5mm driver, insert screw into trigger shoe and tighten to 15 in-lbf.



## 12.5 SIGHT PLATE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### 12.5.1 FULLY ADJUSTABLE SIGHT PLATE REMOVAL

1. Disassemble pistol. See section, *9.1 Pistol Disassembly on page 54*.
2. Use T10 drive bit to remove the sight plate screws from bottom of slide.



3. Lift sight and plate from slide.



## 12.5.2 FULLY ADJUSTABLE SIGHT PLATE INSTALLATION

### NOTE

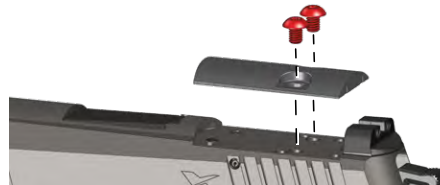
Sight plate screws are for securing the rear sight and sight plate only.

1. Insert sight plate screws into the bottom of slide, tighten to 15 in-lbf using a T10 drive bit.



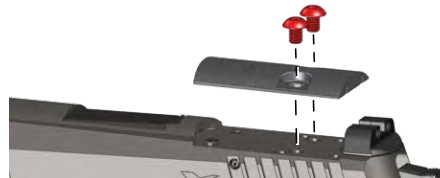
## 12.5.3 OPTIC PLATE REMOVAL

1. Use T20 drive bit to remove the optic plate screws from the top of the slide.
2. Lift plate from slide.



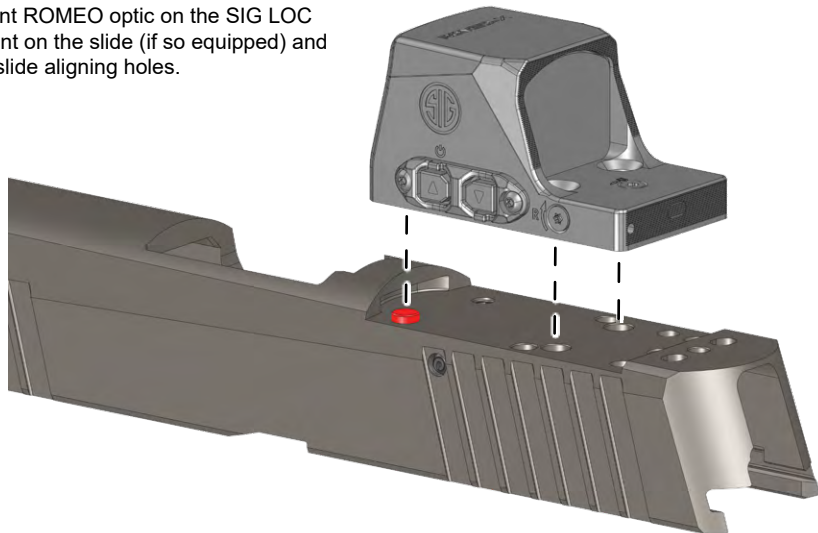
## 12.5.4 OPTIC PLATE INSTALLATION

1. Insert optic plate screws and tighten to 28 in-lbf using a T20 drive bit.

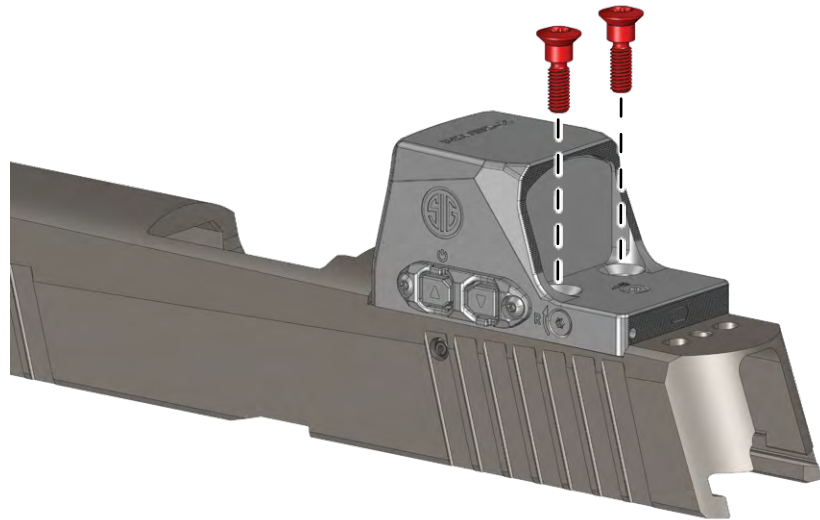


## 12.6 ROMEO INSTALLATION

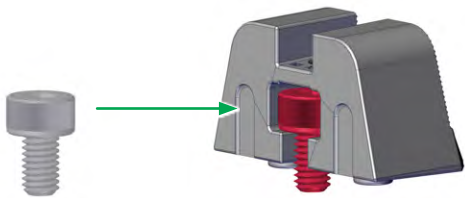
1. Orient ROMEO optic on the SIG LOC detent on the slide (if so equipped) and the slide aligning holes.



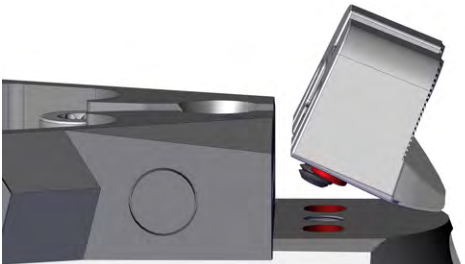
2. Install ROMEO screws with T10 drive bit and torque to 24 in-lbf.



3. For models equipped with a tall rear sight assembly, place screw in the slot of the sight assembly.



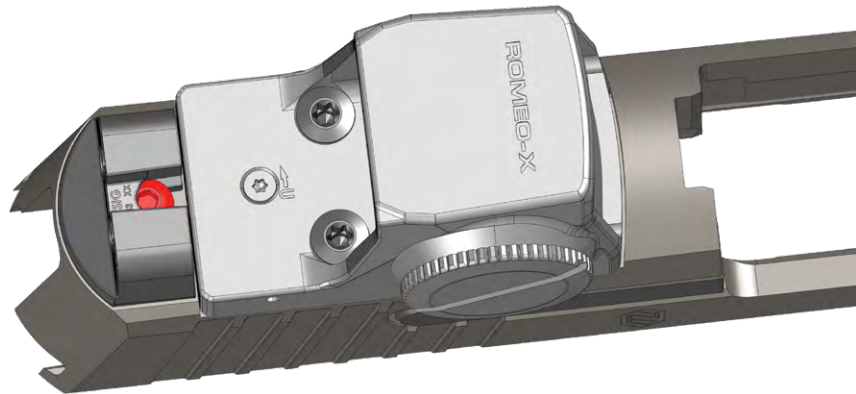
4. Align the notches on the sight assembly with the holes on the slide, ensuring the sight sits flush and is properly aligned to the slide.



## CAUTION

USING EXCESSIVE FORCE OR CROSS-THREADING THE SCREW DURING INSTALLATION CAN STRIP THE THREADS, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE SLIDE.

5. Using a 2.5mm hex driver, carefully tighten screw to 20 in-lbf.



6. Refer to ROMEO manual for zeroing and sight adjustments.

## 13.0 TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

**WARNING STOPPAGE****STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY. UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE FIREARM.**

A stoppage is an interruption in a firearm's cycle of function that can be cleared by the operator taking immediate action. Immediate action consists of steps taken by the operator to place the firearm 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 the firearm develops a stoppage while shooting, 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, 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 a bore obstruction exists, refer to *13.1 Obstructed Bore on page 115*. If damage to the firearm is found, the stoppage persists, or a malfunction is suspected, take the firearm to a certified SIG SAUER Armorer for service.

## 13.1 OBSTRUCTED BORE

**WARNING OBSTRUCTED BORE**

**STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY AND KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE FIREARM. DO NOT FIRE ANOTHER ROUND UNTIL THE OBSTRUCTION IS CLEARED. FAILURE TO COMPLY CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO THE OPERATOR AND/OR OTHERS AND CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM.**

Immediately stop shooting and keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction whenever:

- There is difficulty or 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. 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. Bullets can become lodged in the barrel when the cartridge has been improperly loaded without propellant powder, the powder fails to ignite, or the bullet was not properly seated in the cartridge case.

Immediately unload and clear the firearm. Field strip the firearm 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. Attempt to remove the bullet by tapping it out with a cleaning rod. If the bullet can be removed, clean any unburned powder grains from the bore, chamber, and mechanism before resuming shooting. If the bullet cannot be dislodged, take the firearm to a certified SIG SAUER Armorer.

### 13.2 COOK-OFF



#### **WARNING COOK-OFF**



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

If the pistol stops firing with a live cartridge in the chamber of a hot barrel due to a misfire or stoppage:

1. Engage the manual safety.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction to ensure the operator or any other person would not be injured by the possibility of a cartridge “cooking off”.
3. Immediately release the magazine and chambered cartridge.
4. If the cartridge cannot be removed within 10 seconds, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and wait at least 15 minutes.

### 13.3 GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING

Stoppage	Cause	Correction
<b>Failure to Fire</b>		
Trigger is fully pulled but round does not fire	Faulty ammunition	Replace ammunition
	Trigger out of adjustment range.	See section 12.0 <i>Trigger Adjustment</i> on page 97 and properly adjust.
	Slide not fully locked forward.	Pull slide to rear and release.
	Pistol requires service	Contact SIG SAUER Customer Service
Hammer drops but round does not fire	Faulty ammunition	Replace ammunition
	Firing pin obstructed	Inspect, clean and lubricate the pistol
<b>Failure to Extract or Eject</b>		
After firing, the case stays in the chamber or is jammed in the ejection port	Insufficient recoil	Clean and lubricate the pistol
	Low-powered ammunition	Change ammunition
	Pistol requires service	Contact SIG SAUER Customer Service

### 13.4 MINIMIZING STOPPAGES

- Most stoppages can be minimized by cleaning and lubricating the pistol. See *9.3 Cleaning And Lubricating on page 64*.
- Cleaning and lubricating the firearm 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 on the magazines as well as the firearm. See *9.2 Magazine Disassembly on page 60*.
- A good practice is to mark the magazines so a magazine that is related to a stoppage can be easily identified.

### 14.0 REPLACEMENT PARTS POLICY



#### WARNING

**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 IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS. THE PURCHASER AND INSTALLER OF PARTS MUST ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CORRECT ADJUSTMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE FIREARM AFTER SUCH INSTALLATION.**

#### Parts Policy

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 the firearm, the skill and workmanship of any particular third-party gunsmith is totally beyond our control.

Should the firearm ever require service, it is strongly recommended that it be returned to SIG SAUER Inc. 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.

SIG SAUER INC. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF ANY FIREARM IN WHICH REPLACEMENT PARTS ARE INSTALLED BY OTHERS.

THE USE OF AFTERMARKET PARTS IS NOT AUTHORIZED AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY OF THIS FIREARM. THE REPLACEMENT OF ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) SIG SAUER PARTS WITH AFTERMARKET PARTS IS UNAUTHORIZED AND IN SOME INSTANCES COULD ALTER THE FUNCTION OF THE FIREARM, CREATING A DANGER TO THE OPERATOR.

Scan the QR code below to visit the Small Parts Shopper page at sigsauer.com.

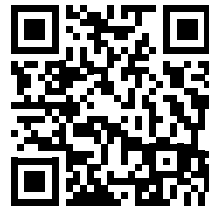


## 15.0 FACTORY REPAIR OF THE FIREARM

Contact Customer Service for questions or concerns regarding the performance or serviceability of the firearm. There are three ways to contact Customer Service:

Have the firearm's serial number available before contacting Customer Service.

1. Call (603) 610-3000, choose option 1.
2. Email [CustomerService@sigsauer.com](mailto:CustomerService@sigsauer.com).
3. Go to <https://www.sigsauer.com/customer-support> to message Customer Service electronically. Scan the QR code below to visit the Customer Support page at sigsauer.com.



## 15.1 RETURNING FIREARMS FOR REPAIR

Do not ship a firearm without an RMA number provided by Customer Service.



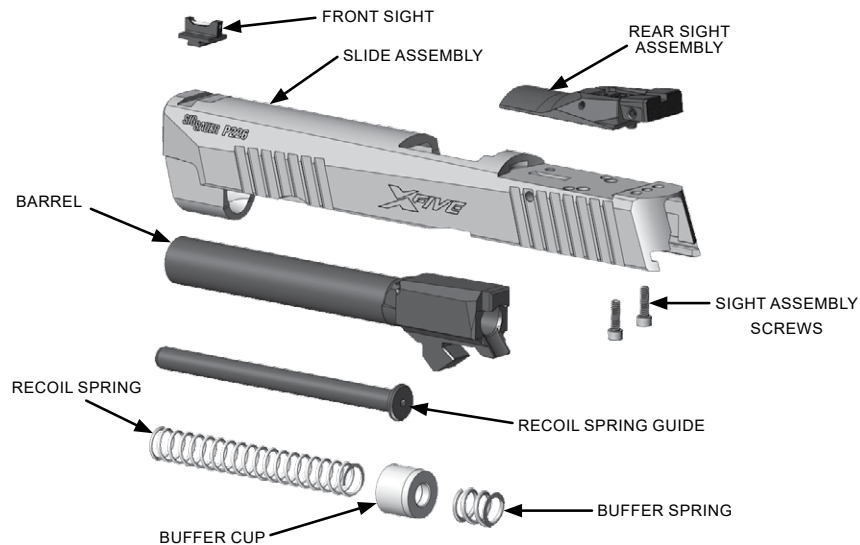
**WARNING DO NOT SHIP AMMUNITION**



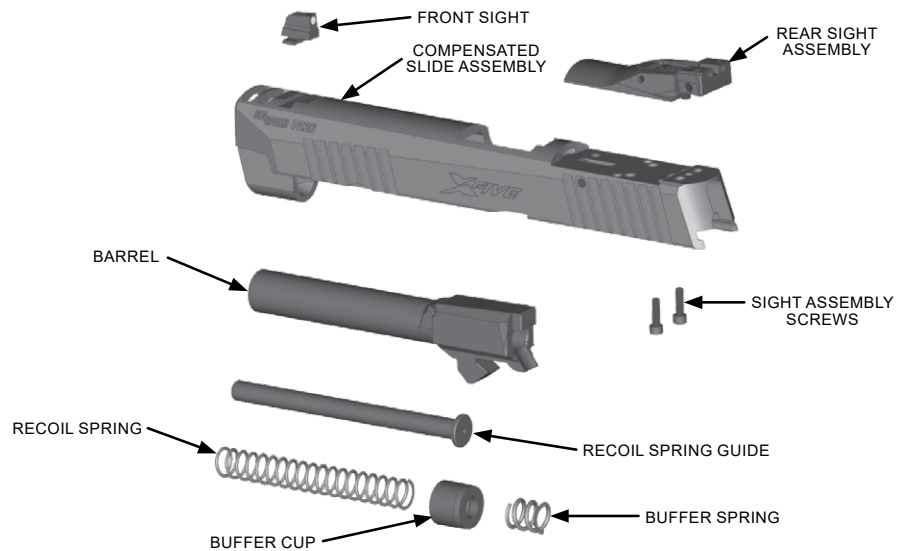
**BEFORE SHIPPING ANY FIREARM, BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE FIREARM AND MAGAZINES ARE UNLOADED. DO NOT SHIP AMMUNITION WITH A FIREARM.**

1. The RMA number allows SIG SAUER to track the status of the return from the time SIG SAUER receives the firearm until it is returned.
2. Package the firearm securely to prevent damage.
3. Do not include any accessories such as scopes or mounts unless directed to do so.
4. Some states and localities, require firearms to be shipped and returned to SIG SAUER using 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.
6. 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.
7. SIG SAUER is not responsible for any damage to a firearm during shipping until it is received.
8. Firearms must be insured and prepaid prior to shipment (SIG SAUER does not accept collect shipments) to the address provided by Customer Service.

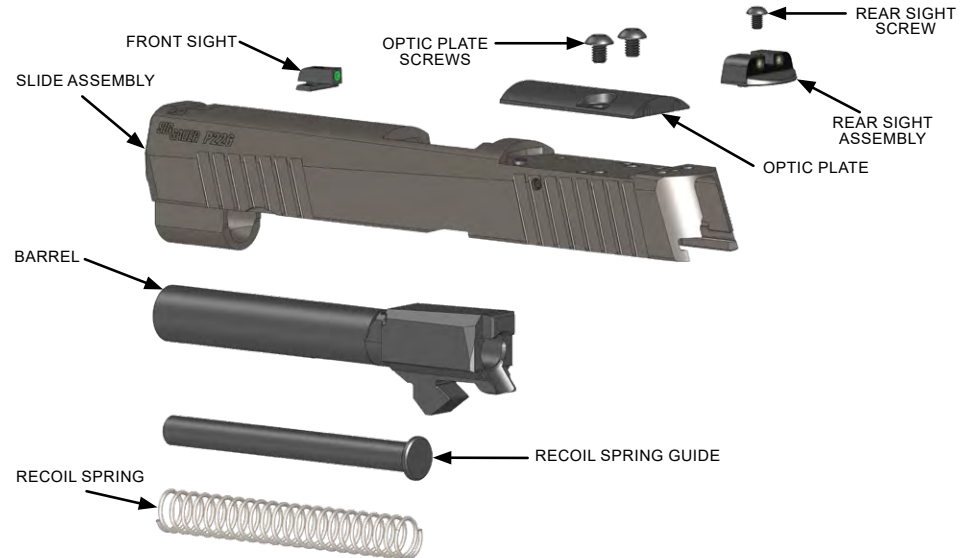
## 16.0 XFIVE SLIDE PARTS DIAGRAM



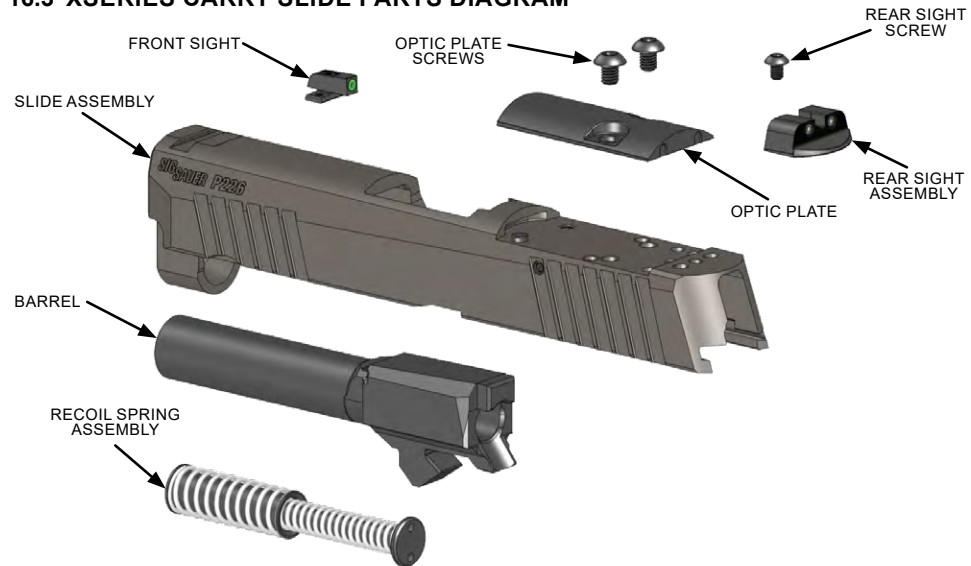
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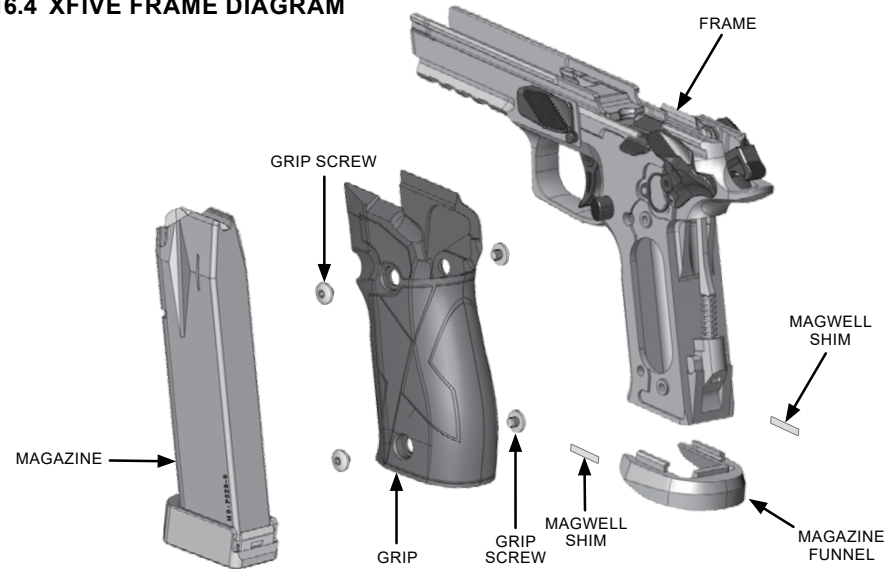
### 16.2 XSERIES FULL SIZE SLIDE PARTS DIAGRAM



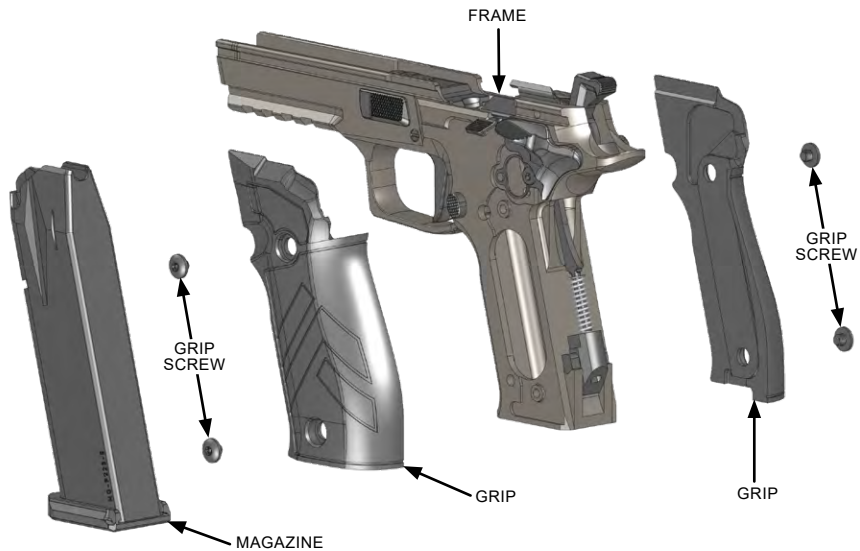
### 16.3 XSERIES CARRY SLIDE PARTS DIAGRAM



### 16.4 XFIVE FRAME DIAGRAM



### 16.5 XSERIES FULL SIZE FRAME DIAGRAM

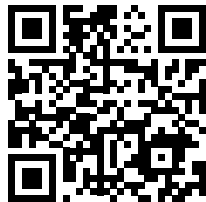


### 16.6 XSERIES CARRY SIZE FRAME DIAGRAM



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For warranty information on new SIG SAUER firearms, scan the QR code below to visit the SIG SAUER Warranty Information and Registration page. New firearms can also be registered and warranty information can be found on the website.

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