

# Owner's Manual

## **DRACO Pistol**

**For calibers: 7.62x39mm, .223 and .22LR**



Congratulations on your purchase of a DRACO Pistol. With proper care and handling it will give you long, reliable service. The DRACO is a semi-automatic pistol with a ten round capacity detachable magazine. It is imported from Romania.

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ALWAYS TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY WERE LOADED.

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**IMPORTANT! READ ALL  
INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS  
BOOKLET BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.**





## IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

Children are attracted to, and can operate firearms which can cause severe injuries or death. 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.

### Firearm Safety Depends on You!

A gun is only as safe as the person operating it. You can never be overly careful when handling a firearm. Carelessness is often the cause of shooting accidents, such as failing to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, not being sure of your target and what is behind it, failing to engage the safety properly, leaving ammunition in the chamber or using improper loads. Since a bullet can never be called back once fired, such errors in gunhandling can result in the loss of life, severe injury or property damage. It is thus crucial for your safety and the safety of those around you that you learn the principles of safe gun handling and storage before you begin to use your new rifle. Be a safe shooter - please read this instruction book thoroughly even if this is not your first firearm purchase as not all firearms are the same. The first step in being a safe shooter is to learn the rules for the safe operation and handling of firearms. There is nothing more important in gunhandling than safety.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

The Ten Commandments of Firearm Safety must be etched into your memory before you begin to handle firearms. These rules are intended to be followed by all persons handling firearms in the field, on the range, or at home. Please read, review and understand these rules before you begin to use or even take your new rifle out of its box. Remember, firearms safety depends on you!

#### **Commandment #1**



##### **Always Keep the Muzzle Pointed in a Safe Direction.**

This is the most basic and most important safety rule. A safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge will not cause injury to yourself, to others or property damage. This is particularly important when loading or unloading your firearm. Never point your gun at anything you do not intend to shoot. Treat every gun as if it were loaded at all times.

#### **Commandment #2**



##### **Firearms Should Be Unloaded When Not Actually in Use.**

**Firearms should only be loaded when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot.** When not in use, firearms and ammunition should be secured in a safe place, separate from each other. Remember to unload your firearm completely, so that there is no ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Before handling this or any firearm, or handing it to someone else, visually check the chamber, receiver and magazine to ensure they do not contain ammunition. Always keep the gun's action open when not in use. Never assume a gun is unloaded - even if you were the last person to use it. Never cross a fence, climb a tree, wade through a stream, or perform any awkward movement with a loaded gun. When in doubt, unload your gun!

Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. And never carry a loaded gun in a scabbard, a holster not being worn, or a gun case. Common sense prevails in gun safety!

**Alcohol, Drugs and Guns don't mix. Make no mistake about it!** Never handle firearms after consuming alcohol or taking drugs which can affect your judgment.

### Commandment #3



#### **Don't Completely Rely on Your Gun's Safety.**

**Treat every gun as though it could fire at any time, even if you are not applying pressure to the trigger.** The "safety" on a firearm is a mechanical device which, like any such device, can become inoperable at the worst possible time and fail to function. By mistake, you may think the safety is "on" when it actually is not. Or you may think your gun is unloaded when there is actually a round of ammunition in it. The safety serves as a supplement to proper gun handling but cannot serve as a substitute for common sense. Never handle a gun carelessly and assume that the gun won't fire, just because "the safety is on." Never touch the firearm's trigger until you are ready to shoot. Keep your fingers away from the trigger when loading or unloading. Never pull the trigger when the safety is engaged or when the safety is positioned between the "safe" and "fire" positions. Never place your finger on the trigger unless you intend to fire.

### Commandment #4



#### **Be Sure of Your Target - And What Is Beyond It!**

**Once fired, a bullet (or shot charge) can never be called back, so before you shoot know where the bullet is going and what it will strike.** Be certain your shot will not injure someone or strike something beyond the target. Never fire in the direction of noise, a movement, or at any object you cannot positively identify. Be aware that a .22 Short bullet can travel over 1-1/4 miles. A centerfire cartridge, such as the .30-06, can send its bullet over 3-miles. Shotgun pellets can travel 500-yards and a shotgun slug has a range of over a half-mile. Make sure your shot has a backstop such as a hillside. Keep in mind how far the bullet will travel if it misses your intended target.

### Commandment #5



#### **Use the Correct Ammunition.**

**Every firearm is designed to use a certain caliber or gauge of ammunition. It is important that you use the correct ammunition for your firearm.** Information on the correct ammunition to use with your firearm appears in the firearm's instruction manual and the manufacturer's markings on the firearm itself. Use of the wrong ammunition or improperly reloaded ammunition can result in the destruction of the firearm, serious personal injury and/or death.

Form the habit of examining every round of ammunition before you put it into your gun to ensure it is of the proper gauge or caliber and that it is in good condition.

### Commandment #6



#### **If Your Gun Fails to Fire When the Trigger Is Pulled, Handle With Care.**

**If a cartridge or shell does not fire when the trigger is pulled, follow Commandment #1 and keep the firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction.** Keeping the muzzle pointed away from your face and anything you do not intend to shoot, wait at least 20-seconds (to ensure that the ammunition is not delayed in firing) before carefully opening the action, unloading the firearm and disposing of the ammunition safely.

### Commandment #7



#### **Always Wear Eye & Ear Protection When Shooting.**

**Exposure to shooting noise can permanently damage hearing and flying debris, such as powder residue and ejected cartridge cases can injure your eyes.** Thus, it is only common sense to wear both eye protection (such as shooting glasses) and ear protection (such as a sound muffling headset) whenever shooting. Also, wear eye protection when cleaning or disassembling your gun to ensure that cleaning solvent and tensioned parts (such as springs), do not come into contact with your eyes.



## **Commandment #8**



### **Be Sure the Barrel Is Clear of Obstructions Before Shooting.**

**Discharging a firearm with an obstruction in the barrel can result in personal injury, property damage or death.** Before you load your firearm, check the chamber and magazine to ascertain that no ammunition is inside. Also, check the inside of the barrel (called the “bore”) to ensure it is free of obstructions. Even a small amount of mud, snow or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore can cause excessive pressures resulting in a bulged or burst barrel which can injure or kill the shooter and bystanders. It’s a good idea to make a habit of cleaning the bore and checking for obstructions with a cleaning rod just before each shooting session. If the noise or recoil experienced upon firing seems low or weak, or something doesn’t feel “right”, cease firing immediately and check to make sure that there is no obstruction in the barrel. Placing an undersized shell or cartridge into a gun (such as a 20-gauge shell in a shotgun chambered for 12-gauge ammunition) can result in the smaller round of ammunition falling into the barrel and acting as an obstruction. When a round is subsequently fired, the barrel may burst causing injury to the shooter and bystanders. For reference, re-read Commandment #5.

## **Commandment #9**



### **Do Not Alter or Modify Your Gun and Have It Serviced Regularly.**

Firearms are complex mechanisms that are designed to function properly in their original condition. Any alterations or changes made to a firearm after its manufacture can make the gun unsafe and will void its warranty. Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others by altering the trigger, mechanical safety or other mechanisms of your firearm. You should have your firearm periodically checked for proper functioning and serviced by a qualified gunsmith.

## **Commandment #10**



### **Learn the Mechanical and Handling Characteristics of Your Firearm.**

Not all firearms operate the same way. The method of carrying, handling and operating firearms varies with the mechanical characteristics of each gun. Thus, you should never handle any firearm until you become familiar with the safe handling, loading, unloading and carrying procedures for that particular firearm, as well as the rules for safe gun handling in general.



**WARNING!** Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times when shooting. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

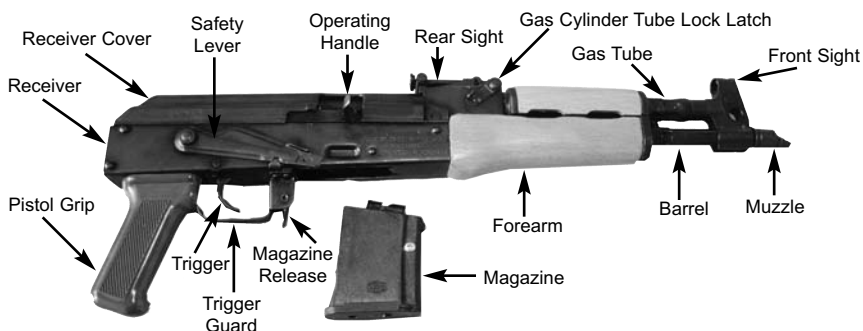
## **Basics of Safe Gun Handling**

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
3. Don't totally rely on your gun's safety.
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.
5. Use the correct ammunition for your firearm.
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Don't alter or modify your firearm and have your firearm(s) serviced regularly.
10. Learn the mechanics and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.

**Safe gun handling depends on you! A safe shooter is a knowledgeable shooter.**

There is one other rule that must be strictly observed when handling firearms - **Shoot Sober!**

Alcohol, certain kinds of drugs and firearms don't mix. Safe firearms handling requires alertness and concentration on one's actions. You cannot handle a firearm safely after consuming alcohol. Never consume anything that can impair your judgement or physical coordination when handling a firearm.

**Diagram showing major operational parts of the DRACO Pistol**

The picture above shows the main operational parts of the DRACO Pistol.

**Study of this picture will aid you in understanding the instructions in this book.**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** DRACO Pistol is a surplus firearm. As with all surplus products, it should be carefully inspected before use, preferably by a competent gunsmith! This is to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you.

**DRACO Pistol background** - Your new DRACO Pistol, while designed for sporting use, has as its design inspiration of the famous AK-47 rifle designed by Mikhail Kalashnikov of Russia. Since 1947, when the AK47 first entered Russian military service, over 30 million AK-47's have been produced in countries around the world, attesting to the design's reliability.

The basic design of the AK-47 (and thus your DRACO Pistol) incorporates some of the best elements of previous, proven firearm designs. The double locking lugs, unlocking raceway, and trigger mechanism are clearly derived from the earlier American M1 Garand Rifle. The safety lever is surprisingly similar to the John Browning-designed Remington Model 8 rifle. The genius in Kalashnikov's design is in the simplification of those contributing designs into a compact, reliable, and highly durable package adapted to mass production. The AK-47 can be seen as a fusion of the best that the M1 Garand offered combined with some of the positive attributes of the German StG44 assault rifle.

#### **Operational Characteristics:**

The DRACO Pistol is a semi-automatic, gas-operated pistol with a detachable box magazine. It is equipped with an adjustable rear sight and a post front sight. It has a 10-round magazine. It has a wood handguard and a plastic pistol grip.

#### **Specifications:**

Caliber available in: 7.62x39mm, .223 and .22LR

Magazine Capacity: 10 rounds

Overall Length: 22-inches

Weight: 5-1/2 pounds

Sights: Front post, Rear adjustable

Finish: Black

Country of Manufacture: Romania

Handguard material: Wood

Pistol Grip: Plastic

#### **To load the rifle :**

**WARNING!** Before loading, make sure the inside of the barrel is free of dirt or other obstructions.

**WARNING!** Always check each cartridge to ensure it is of the correct caliber before loading the firearm.

**WARNING!** Keep your fingers away from the trigger while loading.

**WARNING!** Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.



1. Place the safety lever in the "ON" or "SAFE" position. The safety lever is in the "ON" position when it is moved to its uppermost (top) position. You should hear an audible "click" when it is correctly in place. (illustration #2)

Illustration #2



Safety Lever in upper or "SAFE" position. Lever is covering the imprinted letter "S" stamped into receiver.

**NOTE:** When the safety lever is in its lower position (covering the stamped letter "F" [meaning "Fire"] on the receiver just above the magazine well), the safety lever is in the "FIRE" position. Pulling the trigger when the safety lever is in this lower position will result in the pistol firing a round. To avoid serious injury, death or causing property damage, make sure you know the "SAFE" and "FIRE" positions of the safety lever before loading your rifle!

2. Press the magazine release lever forward to release the magazine from the receiver.
3. Load the magazine with up to 10-rounds of correct ammunition by pressing the cartridges one-at-a-time into the spring-loaded magazine's feed lips.
4. Install the magazine back into the pistol by inserting the flat-sided edge first into the magazine well and then angling the magazine so that its other edge (containing a pronounced projection) locks into place in front of the trigger guard. Pull on the magazine slightly to ensure it is locked into position (illustration #3).
5. Move the safety lever downward to the "FIRE" position so that the safety lever is covering the letter "F" meaning "Fire!" (illustration #4).
6. Keeping your finger off the trigger and pointing the pistol in a safe direction, pull back the operating handle to its fully-rearward position and release. As it moves rapidly forward under spring pressure, the bolt will strip a round from the magazine and insert it into the chamber of the barrel, readying the pistol for firing.
7. Move the safety lever back to its top "SAFETY" position.

Illustration #3



The loaded magazine is inserted into the pistol's magazine well by angling the magazine and inserting its flat-sided edge into the magazine well first, and then moving it into the well so that its other edge (containing a projection) locks into place in front of the trigger guard. Pull on the magazine slightly to ensure it is locked into position.



**WARNING!** The pistol is now loaded and will fire if the safety lever is moved to the "OFF" or "FIRE" position and the trigger is pulled! Handle with extreme caution and keep the muzzle (the end of the barrel) pointed in a safe direction!

#### To Fire the Pistol:

1. Keeping the 10 Commandments of Shooting Safety in mind, aim the pistol downrange at the target.
2. Release the safety lever by moving it fully downward until it covers the stamped "F" meaning "FIRE" position.
3. Place the trigger finger inside the trigger guard and on the trigger.
4. After aligning the sights on the target, slowly press the trigger back to fire the first round.
5. Being a semi-automatic, after the first round is fired, the pistol's action (its moving parts) will cycle and as the bolt moves rearward, the extractor will pull the empty cartridge case from the chamber and eject it from the pistol (**make sure there are no bystanders in close proximity on either side of the pistol who could be hit and injured by the ejected cartridge casing**).
6. **Note: If the trigger is again pressed, the pistol will fire! Keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction.**
7. Firing may be continued in this manner until the magazine is empty.
8. When firing is finished, place the safety lever in its "ON" or "SAFE" position by rotating it fully-upward until it covers the letter "S" stamped into the receiver. An audible "click" should be heard when the safety lever is correctly positioned. (illustration #2)

### Unloading the Pistol:

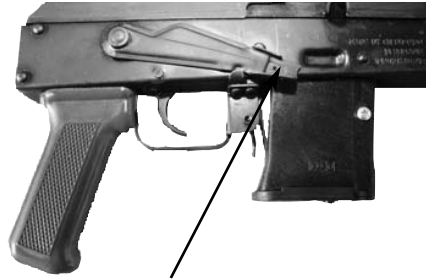


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1. Remove the magazine by pressing forward on the magazine release lever while pulling the magazine out of the rifle (Illustration #4).
2. Ensure that the chamber is empty by pulling back the operating handle (Illustration #5).
3. When storing the rifle, it is a good idea to keep the safety lever in the "ON" or "SAFE" position. Store the magazine and ammunition in a separate place from the rifle.
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Illustration #4



**Safety Lever in lower "FIRE" position. Lever is covering the stamped letter "F" in the receiver. Exercise extreme caution when handling pistol in this condition!**

### Cleaning the Pistol:

**WARNING!** You should wear eye protection, such as shooting glasses or goggles when cleaning your firearm to protect your eyes from tensioned parts, such as springs, that may become dislodged during disassembly.



**WARNING!** Before beginning the cleaning process, check to ensure the pistol is unloaded. To do so, while keeping the pistol's muzzle pointed in a safe direction, place the safety lever in the "ON" or "SAFE" position by moving it fully upward until an audible "click" is heard (illustration #2).

Remove the magazine and lay it aside. Keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your finger off the trigger, place the safety lever in the lower or "FIRE" position (illustration #4). Check the chamber by retracting the operating handle and looking into the open action to ensure there is no cartridge in the barrel chamber. Firearms can inflict death or serious injury. You can never be 'too safe.' Follow this procedure each time you clean your pistol to ensure safety.

### TO CLEAN THE BARREL

1. Obtain a good quality gun cleaning kit and thoroughly review the instructions provided therein.
2. To clean the barrel, select the correct caliber cleaning brush and attach it to a cleaning rod.
3. Dampen the brush with gun cleaning solvent and then push the brush through the barrel several times.
4. Remove the brush and attach a correctly-sized cloth cleaning patch to the cleaning rod and push it through the barrel several times to remove loosened fouling.
5. Repeat this process with the brush and cleaning patches until a final patch comes out clean after swabbing the bore.
6. Repeat the procedure just followed to clean the bolt, and other action parts (swab with brush followed by cloth cleaning patches).
7. Remove all shooting residue from the outside of the pistol by wiping outside surfaces with a piece of soft cloth dabbed in solvent.
8. Wipe down the outside surfaces with a dry cloth. Finally, wipe down all outside surfaces with a soft cloth dipped in a good quality metal preservative oil.

**WARNING!** There may be sharp edges on parts of the firearm. Keep fingers protected, such as by wearing a pair of gloves, when cleaning.

**WARNING!** Excessive use of cleaning solvents or lubricants can adversely affect the functioning of your firearm. Always wipe out the inside of the barrel before firing to ensure it is dry.

**WARNING!** This firearm should be checked periodically for worn or damaged parts by a competent gunsmith. This will help ensure its safe functioning and a long service life.

**WARNING!** Some cleaning solvents produce hazardous vapors. Read and follow the solvent manufacturer's cautions found on the product's package.

**WARNING!** Handling ammunition and cleaning firearms results in exposure to lead and other substances that could pose health risks. Always wash your hands and face after firing your pistol or after cleaning it.



**WARNING!** You should wear eye protection, such as shooting glasses or goggles when disassembling and reassembling your pistol to protect your eyes from tensioned parts, such as springs, that could become dislodged during the procedures.

Receiver retainer button →



Press inward on the receiver retainer button while lifting the receiver cover.

1. To disassemble the pistol for cleaning and maintenance, first ensure it is unloaded by removing the magazine and then pulling back the operating handle to ensure there is no ammunition in the chamber.

Lay the magazine aside as it must be out of the pistol during the disassembly process.

2. Press in on the retainer button located at the top rear of the pistol's receiver while simultaneously lifting up on the rear of the receiver's top cover and removing it. (illustration #5)

3. Slide recoil spring guide and spring forward, out of their notch in the rear of the receiver and remove.

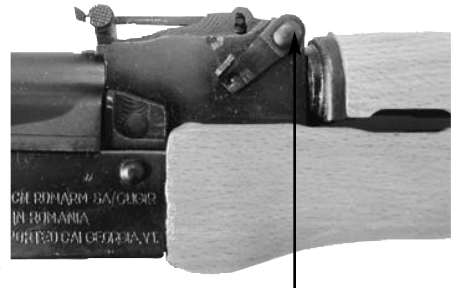
4. The bolt and carrier are now free to move. Slide these parts to the rear while lifting upward slightly on the operating handle until the assembly can be lifted out of the receiver by pulling them to the rear.

5. The bolt is now removed by pushing it to the rear of the bolt carrier and then rotating it so that its lugs clear the raceway on the underside of the bolt carrier. It is then pulled forward and free out of the carrier.

6. The bolt is removed from the bolt carrier by turning clockwise and pulling forward.

7. Rotate the gas cylinder tube lock latch upward to free the gas cylinder tube (illustration #6). Pull up on the rear of the top handguard to free and remove the tube.

Illustration #6



Rotate the gas cylinder tube locking latch upward to free the gas cylinder tube.

No further disassembly is needed.

Clean the removed parts with a good quality gun cleaning solvent as well as the inside of the receiver. A bronze or nylon bristle brush dabbed in solvent will aid the cleaning process. Before re-assembly, lightly oil the bolt carrier and bolt.

### Re-assembly

1. Align the front opening of the gas cylinder tube with the gas cylinder.

2. Seat the rear of the tube into the rear sight base. Rotate the gas cylinder tube lock down to its locked position. The bolt is inserted into the carrier by pulling it first from the front to the rear and then rotating the bolt to the left so it can be pushed to the front of the carrier.

2. Holding the bolt carrier assembly to ensure it remains assembled with the bolt, insert it into the receiver while pushing the gas piston end into its protection tube and pressing the guide ribs of the carrier into the corresponding grooves in the rear end of the receiver. The bolt carrier is then pushed to the front.

3. The recoil spring assembly is pushed into the boring in the bolt carrier. The rear end of the guide is inserted into the groove in the rear of the receiver by pressing the spring, first forward and downward, and then letting the guide move gently to the rear.

4. The receiver cover is re-installed by inserting the front end of the cover in the groove in the rear end of the piston protection tube and then pressing the cover down so that the catch in the end of the recoil spring guide fits into the cutout in the rear of the cover. Rotate the gas cylinder tube lock latch downward to its locked position.

### STORAGE

When putting your pistol away for storage, it should be thoroughly cleaned and lightly lubricated. Outside surfaces should be wiped with a light coat of good quality gun oil. **CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE PUTTING IT AWAY FOR STORAGE BY VISUALLY EXAMINING BOTH ITS CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE.** When the firearm is to be reused, remove all excess lubrication before firing. Make certain that the bore (inside of barrel) is dry and free of obstructions before firing.