



Dan Wesson Firearms
1911 Pistols Owner's Manual



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DAN WESSON FIREARMS®

Model and Serial Number Information

For your convenience, please record the following information.

DAN WESSON FIREARMS Handgun Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Barrel Length: _____ Caliber: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Purchased From: _____

Receipt or Invoice Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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SAFE OWNERSHIP THE NEED FOR INSTRUCTION

- Possession of this or any firearm indicates your acceptance of responsibility to comply with the law and prevent consequences of danger, which can result from improper handling.
- DAN WESSON FIREARMS strongly recommends that every person receive complete and thorough instruction on the safe and proper use of firearms from a competent instructor before handling this or any other firearm.
- Those unfamiliar with firearms should not remove this DAN WESSON FIREARMS product from its packaging until successfully completing a full course of instruction by a competent instructor on the safe use and handling of firearms with an emphasis on semi-automatic type handgun safety.
- Information on qualified instructors in your area may be obtained by consulting your local law enforcement authorities, a firearms retailer or through local gun clubs.
- Additional sources on firearms safety and instruction can be obtained by writing to national organizations, such as the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA -903-A Metcalf Street, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, or the National Rifle Association (NRA -11250 Waples Mill Road, Washington, DC 22030, (703) 267-1430). www.nra.org and www.nrahq.org/education/guide.asp

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- **Protect your hearing** - Firearms produce high noise levels when discharged. Protect your hearing from potentially harmful exposure with an adequate sound attenuation product, such as earplugs and/or earmuffs. Unprotected exposure to loud noises can cause a loss of hearing known to have a cumulative effect and can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **Protect your eyes** - Firearms as well as environmental conditions can affect your eyes if not properly protected. Always protect your eyes with impact-resistant glasses. Use corrective lenses if necessary to clearly see your firearm and your target. Tinted lenses should only be used under proper lighting conditions. Eye protection should provide adequate protection

against airborne debris, hot gases, powder blow-back, ejected shell cartridges, dust, wind, sun glare, low limbs or any other condition that could endanger yourself or others nearby.

- **Protect your body** - Wear adequate clothing to help protect your body from injury. Your body should be protected from firearm discharge and ejected shell cartridges, which are hot and could cause burns. Be certain to wear comfortable, well-fit clothing appropriate to the season. Do not wear clothing that causes discomfort or could impair the safe handling of a firearm.

- **Be responsible** - Firearm safety depends on you. A responsible owner respects the right and privilege of gun ownership. A responsible firearms owner learns and obeys all firearm safety practices, and always considers every firearm to be loaded. Stay aware of the fact that you have a responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others around the firearm.

THE BASIC RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Do not rely on your firearm's safety mechanism. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded, and ready to fire, at all times.
2. Never point your firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Always keep the muzzle pointed away from other people, and in a safe direction.
3. Always check the barrel for obstructions. Use only ammunition of the proper type for the firearm you are using.
4. Do not shoot unless you are absolutely sure of your target and what exists beyond it.
5. Never shoot at a hard surface or the surface of the water. Make sure you have a safe backstop.
6. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting.
7. Never leave your firearm unattended until you have unloaded it and secured it from unauthorized handling and use.
8. Never carry a loaded firearm when you climb a tree, cross a fence, jump over an obstacle, or go across area where you are likely to trip, slip, stumble or fall.
9. Carry only empty firearms when traveling between destinations.
10. Store firearms and ammunition separately,

out of sight of and beyond the reach of children, minors, and adolescents.

YOUR NEW DAN WESSON FIREARMS HANDGUN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Overview...

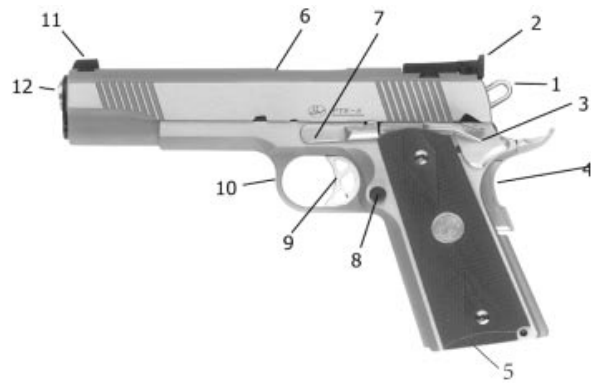
A DAN WESSON FIREARMS handgun functions as a single-action, blowback recoil, automatic loading firearm - more commonly referred to as 'semi-automatic.' A semi-automatic firearm will fire a single ammunition round and automatically reload another round into the chamber with each pull of the trigger. DAN WESSON FIREARMS 1911 model handguns will continue this reloading operation until all ammunition rounds have been emptied from the magazine and there is no remaining supply from which to chamber a new round. The slide will remain open after the last round has been fired from the handgun.

SafetyMechanisms...

DAN WESSON FIREARMS handguns have a mechanical Grip Safety and a Thumb Safety device to assist you in the safe handling of the firearm. These features, when engaged, provide additional protection against Accidental Discharge by preventing the trigger from releasing the hammer and striking the firing pin. The Grip Safety assists in preventing the handgun from firing without the Grip Safety being depressed. The thumb Safety locks the slide and restricts movement. The thumb safety also prevents the sear from disengaging the hammer allowing the hammer to strike the firing pin. On some DAN WESSON FIREARMS models, the Thumb Safety can be operated from both sides of the handgun, and is referred to as an ambidextrous safety. The Thumb Safety can only be engaged with the hammer in the cocked position ready to fire.

NOTE: Safety systems provide only a limited amount of protection, and like any mechanical system – can malfunction unexpectedly. Do not load the DAN WESSON FIREARMS "1911" model handguns with ammunition before reading all the Safety Instructions and Basic Rules of

Firearm Safety in this manual.



BASIC COMPONENTS

Basic Components (Model 7)

- 1 – Hammer
- 2 – Rear Sight
- 3 – Safety (Left Side)
- 4 – Beavertail Grip Safety
- 5 – Frame (Magazine Port Area)
- 6 – Slide (Ejection Port on opposite side)
- 7 – Slide Stop
- 8 – Magazine Release
- 9 – Trigger
- 10 – Trigger Guard
- 11 – Front Sight
- 12 – Barrel (Muzzle End)

BeforeLoadingthisFirearm...

- Learn to recognize and identify each of the functional components of this DAN WESSON FIREARMS firearm.
- Understand how to safely operate this firearm by carefully reading the instructions on the following pages.
- Follow each step for operating this firearm as described in this manual with the chamber empty, the magazine removed, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Practiceoperatingthefirearmwithitunloaded. Continue your practice until you have become familiar with the firearm functions and can comfortably handle the firearm in a safe manner.
- Repeat these steps frequently to assure safe shooting conditions.
- Review this manual of operation and safety instructions periodically. If you have not handled this or any other firearm recently, be certain to review this manual before you load this firearm with live ammunition.
- Check your ammunition to be certain that