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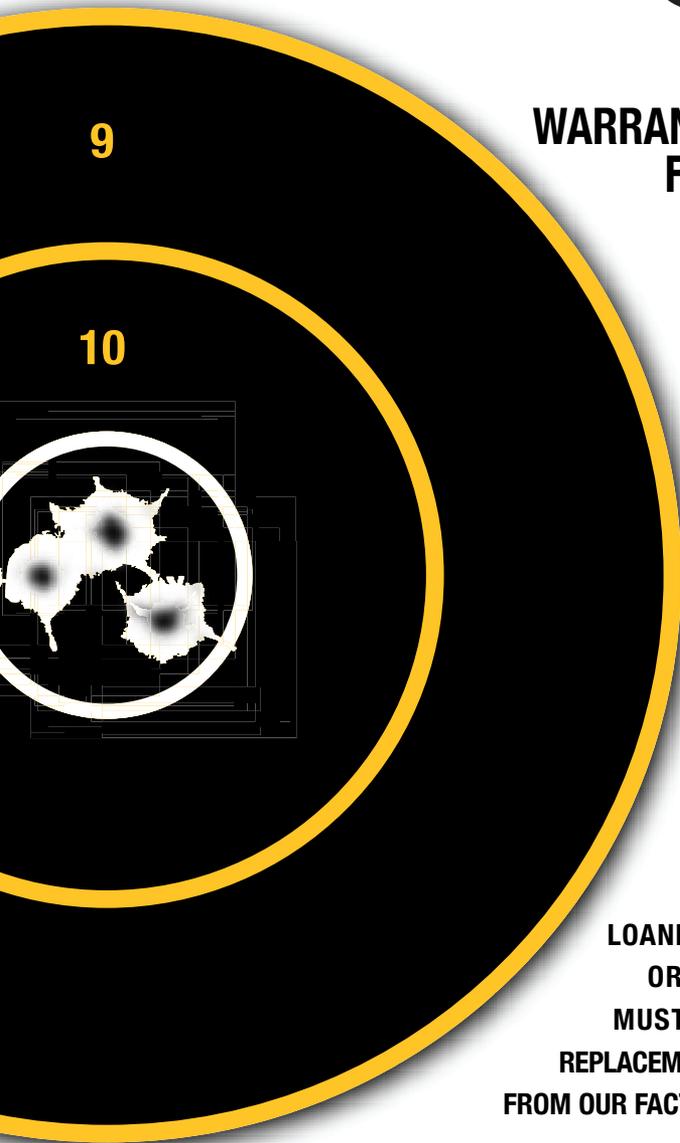
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**OWNER'S INSTRUCTION
AND SAFETY MANUAL FOR ELITE STALKER**



WARRANTY INFORMATION FOR PIVOT-ACTION RIFLES

**THIS PAMPHLET
CONTAINS INFORMATION
CRITICAL TO THE SAFE
USE AND
MAINTENANCE OF
CONNECTICUT VALLEY
ARMS FIREARMS. YOU
MUST READ THIS
MATERIAL ENTIRELY
AND FULLY
UNDERSTAND THIS
INFORMATION BEFORE
YOU CAN SAFELY USE YOUR
FIREARM. IF FIREARM IS
LOANED OR SOLD BY A DEALER
OR INDIVIDUAL, THIS BOOK
MUST ACCOMPANY THE FIREARM.
REPLACEMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM OUR FACTORY. CALL CVA CUSTOMER
SERVICE AT (770) 449-4687
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**



BUILT TO HUNT • SUPERIOR ACCURACY • LIFETIME WARRANTY

OVERVIEW AND SAFETY WARNINGS

WARNING: THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL IS CRITICAL FOR THE PROPER USE AND CARE OF YOUR FIREARM.

CVA strongly urges you to carefully read this manual from front to back, paying special attention to the important safety notices that are printed in red, BEFORE attempting to load or fire your rifle.

If, after reading the instructions, cautions and dangers detailed in this manual, you are not willing to accept the responsibilities involved in the safe handling and shooting of a firearm, return the firearm in its entirety to the place of purchase. If you have any questions about the safe use of your CVA firearm, write, call or e-mail our Customer Service Department at:

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Norcross, GA 30071
770-449-4687
info@cva.com

NOTE: If you sell trade or give this firearm to any other person, this owner's manual must accompany the firearm. Replacement books are available from CVA, or online at the company's web-site www.cva.com

NO MECHANICAL SAFETY SHOULD EVER BE RELIED UPON TO TAKE THE PLACE OF SAFE GUN HANDLING! YOU, AND ONLY YOU, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFELY CONTROLLING THE MUZZLE OF YOUR GUN. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR MUZZLE TO POINT AT ANYTHING YOU DO NOT WISH TO SHOOT!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Always keep the gun's muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never pull the gun towards you by the muzzle.
2. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
3. Never rely on a gun's mechanical "safety".
4. The gun should remain unloaded until ready to use.
5. Always wear hearing and eye protection.
6. The barrel should be clear of all obstructions before loading and shooting.
7. Handle every gun as if it were loaded.
8. Store guns and ammo separate and in a locked area.
9. Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before and during the use of a firearm.
10. Do not alter or modify your firearm. Have your firearm checked regularly by a competent gunsmith. Make sure all parts work properly prior to each use.

Health Warning: Discharging firearms in a poorly ventilated area and/or handling ammunitions may cause exposure to lead or lead compounds. According to the state of California, exposure to lead or lead compounds may cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Make sure that you have proper ventilation at all times. Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly after shooting, handling ammunition, or cleaning your firearm. Do not eat or smoke during these activities.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

CAREFULLY READ THIS SECTION, AS THE SAFETY CONCERNS HERE ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL TYPES OF FIREARMS. If you have questions, doubts, or concerns, please call CVA Customer Service.

1. Never smoke when shooting or handling a firearm or related equipment. Ashes and/or loose sparks may cause powder or primers to ignite, resulting in personal injury or death.
2. Always wear eye protection. Flying debris from the breech area and muzzle are common with any firearm.
3. Always check to make sure your firearm is in good working order before use. Check that the gun is unloaded then test the hammer, trigger and operating system carefully prior to loading. Open the gun and check the barrel for any obstructions, as any obstruction can cause the barrel to burst causing severe injury or death.
4. Never load a gun until you are ready to fire. The cartridge should always be removed when walking, climbing trees or fences, transferring the gun from one person to another, leaving the gun unattended, etc.
5. Never lean a loaded firearm against a wall, tree, vehicle, or other surface. Any fall of a loaded gun may result in an accidental firing of the gun, which may result in severe injury or death.
6. Never transport a loaded firearm in any type of vehicle. A gun is considered loaded until the cartridge is removed.
7. Never store a loaded firearm. The guns should be unloaded and the barrel and mechanism cleaned before storage.
8. Never attempt to load a firearm without first making sure the barrel is unloaded and unobstructed.
9. Use extreme caution when hunting from a tree stand. The accidental dropping of a firearm may cause a discharge, which may result in severe injury or death. Be sure the firearm is unloaded before raising or lowering the firearm.
10. **Never rely upon a mechanical safety!** Mechanical features can and do fail. Firearms must always be handled as if ready to fire, regardless of the position or condition of the mechanical safety.
11. Always use proper cleaning procedures. Firing of an improperly maintained or corroded firearm may lead to unsafe pressure conditions and/or cause the barrel to rupture resulting in severe injury or death.

12. Never allow the barrel to point at anything that you do not wish to see destroyed.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIREARM SAFETY! As a gun owner, you must accept a set of demanding responsibilities. At all times you must handle your rifle with intense respect for its potential dangers. Read and understand the functions and terminology explained in this book before attempting to use your CVA rifle.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS: CVA encourages that you take a certified hunter's safety course before using any firearm. Consult your local Game & Fish authorities for information on the courses available. Even if you do not intend to hunt game animals, the information gained from taking a hunter's safety course can help in preventing dangerous or fatal accidents from occurring.

INTRODUCTION

The CVA Elite Stalker available only as a single caliber gun. It does not feature interchangeable barrels like some other versions of the CVA Optima Elite. The barrel is fitted to a specific frame and is thus not interchangeable with other Stalker models. **Attempting to fit a barrel from another rifle or rifle model could result in an unsafe condition.**

LOADING AND FIRING THE ELITE STALKER RIFLE

1. Before loading the rifle make sure the barrel is not obstructed by opening the breech and looking through the barrel.
2. Make sure the ammunition you select is the same as the cartridge designation as printed on the side of the barrel.
3. With the muzzle pointing in a safe direction, insert the cartridge into the barrel and close the action. It is recommended that you "snap" the gun closed to insure the most positive and consistent locking of the breech.
4. With the gun pointed in a safe direction, cock the hammer, aim and gently pull the trigger to fire.
5. To remove the fired case, or to unload an unfired cartridge, open the breech by pulling on the breeching lever in front of the trigger guard. The extractor will lift the case from the chamber and allow removal by grasping the rear of the case with the fingers. Note that the extractor only partially pulls the case from the chamber, it does not eject it.
6. If a cartridge fails to fire, wait at least 1 minute with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction before removing or trying again.

USE OF MILITARY SURPLUS AMMUNITION: Military ammunition, such as the 5.56 NATO and the 7.62 NATO, generally has thicker case walls than civilian ammunition such as the .223 Remington and the .308 Winchester. Other differences exist in the chamber throat and the pressure to which the ammunition is often loaded. Therefore, CVA and the Small Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI) recommend against using military surplus ammo in civilian arms.

CLEANING THE ELITE STALKER CENTERFIRE RIFLE

1. It is recommended that you clean with quality products such as CVA's Barrel Blaster brand of cleaning products. Use a quality cleaning rod and jag. We recommend that you clean from the breech end of the barrel to protect the muzzle crown.
2. Using a properly fitting bore brush that is wet with solvent, brush the barrel with several full-length strokes. Allow the solvent to sit in the bore for a few minutes (follow the solvent manufacturers recommendations). Push clean, dry patches through the barrel to remove fouling and solvent. Repeat the solvent and patching process until the dry patches come out clean.
3. Oil the bore and exterior of the gun to prevent corrosion.

SCOPE MOUNTING

CVA rifles come drilled and tapped for easy installation of a scope and mounts. Do not drill additional holes in your barrel as this can weaken the barrel and cause it to burst, resulting in severe injury or death.

Without a doubt, the most common cause of unacceptable accuracy is inferior scope mounts and rings. Often the price difference between the cheapest mounts and rings on the shelf and a set of good quality heavy-duty mounts and rings is just a few dollars. Certainly it is less than the ammunition you will shoot before you figure out that those inferior rings were "false economy." CVA uses and recommends the DuraSight™ brand of precision scope mounts and rings to compliment your CVA rifle. These quality mounts and rings should be available from the dealer where you bought your rifle. If not, contact CVA Customer Service.

Follow the scope mount manufacturer's recommended instructions when installing the mounts and rings. The use of Loctite™ thread-locking compound is optional but certainly not required. If you decide to use this material, use a low-strength grade and use it sparingly. Take care to assure that the front bell on the scope is not contacting the barrel. Make sure that the rear bell of the scope is an appropriate distance from your eye so that you are not struck by the scope during recoil.

**SERVICE & REPAIR (770) 449-4687, MONDAY –FRIDAY 8:30AM-4:00PM
EASTERN TIME**

Should your CVA Optima Elite require repair, we recommend that it be returned to our Warranty Repair Center. This will assure that our competent staff of trained technicians performs all work. Under U.S. law, your Optima Elite can be shipped by you directly to our warranty repair center, and we can return it directly to you. If you use a dealer or gunsmith to ship the rifle, we must return it to the same dealer or gunsmith. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. (Section 178.147 Federal Firearms Regulations)

Any firearm returned to the repair center should be marked to the attention of BPF REPAIR DEPARTMENT. Please return the entire gun even if you feel the problem in with the barrel. A detailed letter of instructions should be enclosed to facilitate handling. Please be sure to include your name, shipping address, and a daytime phone number. A printable repair form is available on our web site at www.cva.com. All firearms must be unloaded and shipped via United Parcel Service (UPS). Shipping a loaded gun is not only dangerous and irresponsible; it is a violation of the law that must be reported. Once received our Repair Center will inspect and evaluate the problem. Should any work not be covered by warranty, you will be advised of the cost. No unwarranted work will be done without your approval. The address for the CVA Repair Center is:

CVA
Attn: BPF Repair Department
5988 Peachtree Corners East
Norcross, GA 30071

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

CVA warrants all factory-finished firearms to be free of defects in workmanship or materials for the lifetime of the firearm. This Limited Lifetime Warranty only applies to the original consumer owner. This warranty is put into effect by the return of the authorized warranty card within 15 days of purchase and is not transferable. To save time and postage, the warranty information may also be transmitted electronically via our web site at <http://www.cva.com/lifetime-warranty-registration.html>.

Any covered CVA firearm or part thereof that is returned postage paid to the Repair Center or Customer Service Department will be repaired or replaced to our commercial standard, free of charge, and returned to the consumer postage prepaid.

This warranty does not cover damage to any structures, buildings, vehicles, persons or animals, or any other damage resulting from careless handling, improper loading, rust or corrosion, neglect, improper maintenance or customer alterations.

The warranty does not cover normal wear of any part, metal or stock finish, cost of inconvenience due to product failure, or transportation to the Repair Center.

CVA reserves the right to refuse to repair or replace any firearm or parts thereof damaged by any of the above.

This warranty gives you certain specific legal rights. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. This warranty is void if:

- Unauthorized repair work has been performed by a third party.
- Gun is returned in an abused or neglected condition (rusty, corroded, etc.).
- Military surplus ammunition is used

VOLUNTARY RECALL INFORMATION

In August of 1997, CVA implemented a Voluntary Recall of all in-line rifle models with serial numbers ending in -95 or -96.

Example of a recalled serial number: 61-13-xxxxxx-95

If you, or someone you know, have a CVA in-line rifle with such a serial number, do not use or allow anyone else to use to gun under any circumstances. Call CVA immediately at 770-449-4687 for complete details and instructions on how to receive a replacement gun.

In May of 1999, Blackpowder Products, Inc. purchased the assets of Connecticut Valley Arms, Inc. and now operates under the trade name of Connecticut Valley Arms and/or CVA. Any claims relating to the above-described Voluntary Recall should be addressed to Connecticut Valley Arms, Inc., not to Blackpowder Products, Inc. Blackpowder Products, Inc. assumes no liability for any products manufactured or sold prior to January 1, 1998.