

**Manual for**  
**R-61/PA63/M74/MAKAROV/AP9**



**General Safety Precautions**  
**and**  
**Disassembly Procedures**



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**This Booklet.** The **Safety Precautions** in this booklet are important. You should read and understand all Safety Precautions prior to using your pistol. By understanding the inherent dangers in the use of any firearm, and by taking the precautions herein, you should be able to enjoy your pistol in complete safety. Failure to follow the procedures contained herein could result in serious injury to yourself or others and may cause damage to the pistol or other property.

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## Special Rules for Handling Semi-Automatic Pistols...

1. Risk of accident is greatly increased with a semi-automatic pistol when a cartridge is carried in the chamber. This practice is not recommended and should only be used in the case of self-defense.
2. If you **must** carry a semi-automatic pistol with a cartridge in the chamber, always lower the hammer to the uncocked position. Your pistol is equipped with a firing pin safety block, use the safety to lower the hammer, **not** the trigger.
3. When uncocking the hammer always ease the hammer down. **Never** let it fall down as this may cause the pistol to fire accidentally.
4. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction when manually operating the slide to load the first cartridge from the magazine into the chamber. Malfunctions that allow the pistol to fire when the slide snaps forward without the trigger being pulled are rare but can happen. **Always** grip the slide so that your fingers, hand elbow, head and other parts of your body are **behind** the pistol.

### **R-61/PA63/M74/MAKAROV/AP9**

The above semi-automatic pistols are a derivative of the time proven Walther PP and PPK designs. They are double action pistols which allow them to be fired with the hammer down or in the cocked position.

These weapons are an ideal sidearm for sports use, self-defense and small game hunting. While the safety design is very dependable, it is recommended that the chamber remains empty until the weapon is actually ready to be fired.

**Safety Note:** The safety of the pistol is located on the left rear of the slide. When the red dot is showing the safety is off and the pistol will fire when the trigger is pulled. When the safety is covering the painted red dot the safety is on.

When the safety is employed on a loaded pistol, the hammer will fall on a blocked safety pin. The safety pin block prevents the pistol from firing when the hammer falls.



# 10 Commandments of Firearm Safety

1. **Always** treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. **Always** keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
3. **Keep** your finger out of the gun's trigger guard and off the trigger until you have aimed at the target you intend to shoot and are ready to fire.
4. **Always** be certain that your target and the surrounding area are clear and it is safe to shoot before firing.
5. **Always** wear ear protection and shooting glasses when shooting.
6. **Always** use clean, dry original factory-made ammunition of the proper type and caliber for your gun.
7. **Never** point any gun, whether loaded or unloaded at anything you do not intend to shoot.
8. **All** firearms should be stored unloaded and in a secure and safe storage case that is inaccessible to children and untrained adults. Always store ammunition in a separate place.
9. **Always** ensure that your firearm is in good working order and that the barrel is free of dirt, grease and other obstructions before firing.
10. **Always** leave the safety on until you intend to fire.

## Disassembly of Your Pistol for Cleaning



Disassembly. First remove the magazine and inspect the chamber and magazine well to ensure that the pistol is unloaded.



After ensuring that the pistol is unloaded, let the slide go forward. Leaving the hammer cocked, pull down on the front of the trigger guard and push it to the right or left.





Holding the trigger guard in place with your trigger finger, draw the slide to the rear and lift upward until it comes off the frame.



Slide the recoil spring off the front of the barrel. No further disassembly is required and all parts of the pistol are now exposed for proper cleaning.

## Care and Cleaning of Your Pistol...

1. When you first receive your pistol it will have a light coat of grease and oil on it to preserve it. Before loading, make sure that all packing grease and oil has been cleaned from the bore, chamber and exposed mechanism.
2. Before disassembling your pistol for cleaning, **always** double check to ensure that it is unloaded.
3. After cleaning your pistol always check to be sure that there is no cleaning patch or other obstructions in the bore or chamber.
4. All firearms require periodic inspection and maintenance which may reveal the need for adjustment or repair. You should have your firearm inspected by a competent gunsmith on an annual basis to ensure that your pistol is in proper working order. If your weapon malfunctions or is damaged, discontinue to use the firearm until you have it repaired by a competent gunsmith. The use of a malfunctioning firearm or one in need of repair creates a potentially dangerous condition which may result in personal injury or property damage.



## Loading

1. **Always** make sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.
2. **Never** attempt to load or unload any firearm inside a vehicle, building or other confined space (except in a shooting range). Enclosed areas don't usually offer a completely safe direction to point the weapon during loading in case of an accidental discharge.
3. **Before** loading your pistol, always ensure that all grease and oil is removed from the bore and chamber and that there are no obstructions in the barrel. Any obstructions could result in a bulged or burst barrel or other damage to the firearm and could cause injury or property damage.

## Unloading

1. **Always** make sure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.
2. **First** remove the magazine, pull the slide to the rear and visually inspect the chamber to ensure that there are not any rounds in it. (The magazine release is the button located on the left hand side of the frame just in front of the grip on the R-61, PA63 and the AR9. On the Makarov and M74 the magazine release is located on the bottom of the pistol at the rear of the magazine well. Push the lever towards the rear of the pistol and remove the magazine.)
3. **Never** assume that any gun is unloaded until you have personally inspected it.



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