

⚠ WARNING:

BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM, READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

If there is anything you do not understand, get help from someone qualified in the safe handling of firearms.



**SAFETY
AND
INSTRUCTION
MANUAL**

**COLT® COWBOY™
SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER**

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This instruction manual should always accompany this firearm.
When you lend, give or sell this firearm, be sure this manual goes with it.**

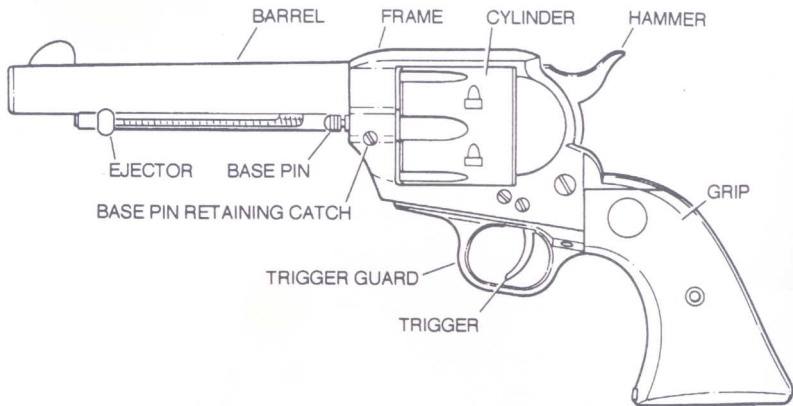


Figure 1—COLT® SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER

SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS BEFORE REMOVING THIS FIREARM FROM ITS PACKAGE.

This Colt product is classified by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Treasury Department, as a firearm or dangerous weapon; it is, therefore, potentially lethal!



WARNING: IF THIS FIREARM IS CARELESSLY OR IMPROPERLY HANDLED, UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE COULD RESULT AND COULD CAUSE INJURY, DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.



CAUTION: CAREFULLY READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL WHICH GIVES BASIC ADVICE ON THE PROPER HANDLING AND FUNCTIONING OF THIS COLT FIREARM PRIOR TO LOADING AND FIRING. However, your safety and the safety of others (including your family) depends on your mature compliance with that advice, and your adoption, development and constant employment of safe practices.

If unfamiliar with firearms, seek further advice through safe handling courses run by your local gun clubs, NRA approved instructor, or similar qualified organizations.

NOTICE

Colt shall not be responsible for injury, death, or damage to property resulting from either intentional or accidental discharge of this firearm, or from its function when used for purposes or subjected to treatment for which it was not designed. Colt will not honor claims involving this firearm which result from careless or improper handling, unauthorized adjustment or parts replacement, corrosion, neglect, or the use of wrong caliber ammunition, or the use of ammunition other than original high quality commercially manufactured ammunition in good condition, or any combination thereof. Colt will not honor claims involving this firearm for any reason or cause when such claims are made by the second or subsequent owner.

IMPORTANT

Before it left the factory this firearm was tested, carefully inspected, and packaged. Colt cannot control product handling after it leaves the factory; therefore, please examine this firearm carefully at the time of purchase to insure that it is unloaded and undamaged. The dealer will be pleased to assist you in making this examination and endeavor to answer your further questions.

This instruction manual should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership.



CAUTION: USE ONLY ORIGINAL HIGH QUALITY COMMERCIALLY MANUFACTURED AMMUNITION IN GOOD CONDITION WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CALIBER OF YOUR REVOLVER — SEE TABLE BELOW.

Revolver Chamber Size	Suitable Ammunition						
	44 Spec.	44-40	45 Colt	357 Mag.	38 Spec.	38 Spec.+P	38-40
44 Special	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
44-40	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
45 Colt	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
357 Mag.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
38-40	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

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Revolver Type	Barrel Lengths	Finishes	Sights
Cowboy Single Action Revolver, 45 Colt, 357 Magnum, 44 Special, 44-40, 38-40	4 ³ / ₄ " , 5 ¹ / ₂ " 7 ¹ / ₂ " or 12"	Colt Blue (color case hardened frame)	Fixed rear square notch. Fixed front blade.

If you accept the risk of danger from loading this revolver then follow these safety instructions to reduce the risk of accidental discharge resulting in injury, death or damage to property. You may be an experienced safe shooter already familiar with the procedures in this instruction manual, or you may never have handled a gun before but if you decide to load live ammunition into this revolver we urge you to **read this entire instruction manual carefully**. You must follow the safety instructions for your safety and the safety of others.



WARNING: DO NOT CARRY THIS FIREARM WITH A LOADED CHAMBER IN FRONT OF THE HAMMER. THIS WILL MINIMIZE THE RISK OF AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE.



WARNING: When *you* squeeze the trigger, *you* must expect the gun to fire, and *you* must take full responsibility for firing it. *Your* care can avoid accidental discharge, and *you* will thereby avoid accidental injury and death.

CAUTIONS



GENERAL HANDLING CAUTIONS

1. ALWAYS HANDLE YOUR REVOLVER AS IF IT WERE LOADED so that you never fire it accidentally when you think it is unloaded.
2. NEVER POINT YOUR REVOLVER AT ANYTHING YOU DO NOT INTEND TO SHOOT so that if it fires accidentally, injury, death, or damage to property will be prevented.

3. NEVER TAKE ANYONE'S: WORD THAT A GUN IS UNLOADED; check for yourself with fingers off the trigger and gun pointed in a safe direction, so that you never fire the gun accidentally when you think it is unloaded.

4. ALWAYS KEEP AND CARRY YOUR REVOLVER EMPTY, WITH THE HAMMER IN THE SAFETY POSITION, except when you intend to shoot, so that your revolver cannot be fired when you do not mean to fire it.

5. ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR REVOLVER IS NOT LOADED, THE HAMMER IS AT HALF-COCK AND LOADING GATE IS OPEN BEFORE LAYING IT DOWN, OR HANDING IT TO ANOTHER PERSON, so that it cannot be fired when it is unsafe to do so.

6. NEVER LEAVE REVOLVER COCKED READY TO FIRE. This condition is extremely dangerous, and revolver could easily be accidentally discharged, causing injury, death, or damage to property.

7. NEVER LEAVE A LOADED REVOLVER UNATTENDED. Someone, especially a child, may fire it and cause injury, death, or damage to property.

8. ALWAYS INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO RESPECT FIREARMS. If you teach your children to shoot, teach them to treat and use the revolver properly, and always supervise them closely. Always stress safety so that your children will not fire the revolver when it is unsafe to do so.



RANGE CAUTIONS

9. ALWAYS BE SURE YOUR BACKSTOP IS ADEQUATE to stop and contain bullets before beginning target practice so that you do not hit anything outside the range shooting area. THINK! *What will you HIT if you MISS the target?*

10. ALWAYS PUT A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN CHARGE TO MAINTAIN SAFETY CONTROL WHEN A GROUP IS FIRING ON A RANGE. Obey his commands so that discipline is maintained to reduce the likelihood of accidents.

11. ALWAYS CARRY YOUR REVOLVER EMPTY WITH THE LOADING GATE OPEN WHILE ON A RANGE until preparing to fire. Keep it pointing towards the backstop when loading, firing and unloading, to eliminate the risk of injury, death, or damage to property.



LOADING/UNLOADING CAUTIONS

12. ALWAYS BE SURE BARREL BORE AND CYLINDER CHAMBERS ARE CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS. Clean a fouled revolver immediately so that it will function correctly and safely.

13. ALWAYS USE ONLY CLEAN, DRY, ORIGINAL HIGH QUALITY COMMERCIALLY MANUFACTURED AMMUNITION IN GOOD CONDITION WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE CALIBER OF YOUR REVOLVER. (See page 4). Gun and ammunition manufacturers design their products within exacting engineering safety limits.

Handloads are sometimes outside those limits and can be so unsafe as to blow up the cylinder and frame and cause injury, death, or damage to property.

14. ALWAYS EXERCISE EXTREME CARE TO KEEP MUZZLE POINTING IN A SAFE DIRECTION, WELL CLEAR OF YOUR BODY, PARTICULARLY WHEN UNLOADING REVOLVERS THAT DO NOT HAVE EJECTOR RODS.



SHOOTING CAUTIONS

15. NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TAKE DRUGS BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING, as your vision and judgment could be seriously impaired making your gun handling unsafe.

16. ALWAYS SEEK A DOCTOR'S ADVICE IF YOU ARE TAKING MEDICATION, to be sure you are fit to shoot and handle your revolver safely.

17. ALWAYS WEAR AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WEAR EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING, especially on a range. Without ear protection, the noise from your revolver and other guns close to you, could leave a "ringing" in the ears for some time after firing, while the cumulative long term effect could be permanent hearing loss.

18. ALWAYS WEAR AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WEAR PROTECTIVE SHOOTING GLASSES. Flying particles could damage eyes and cause blindness; but protective shooting glasses should prevent such injury.

19. ALWAYS KEEP AN EMPTY CHAMBER IN FRONT OF HAMMER WITH HAMMER IN SAFETY POSITION WHEN REVOLVER IS LOADED UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE. This will minimize risk of an accidental discharge.

20. ALWAYS HOLD REVOLVER BY THE GRIP AND KEEP BOTH HANDS WELL CLEAR OF, AND BEHIND THE CYLINDER. Never hold it near the cylinder as very hot gas and lead particles may be sprayed out around the cylinder...these would injure your hands.

21. NEVER SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER OR PUT YOUR FINGER IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE AIMING AT A TARGET AND READY TO SHOOT. This will prevent you firing the revolver when it is pointing in an unsafe direction.

22. ALWAYS BE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND THE AREA BEHIND IT BEFORE YOU SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER. A bullet could travel through or past your target up to 1½ miles... if in doubt, don't shoot. THINK! *What will you HIT if you MISS the target?*

23. NEVER SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE SUCH AS ROCK, OR A LIQUID SURFACE SUCH AS WATER. A bullet may ricochet and travel in any direction to strike you, another person or an object you cannot see, causing injury, death, or damage to property.

24. NEVER DISCHARGE A FIREARM NEAR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. Flame and sparks erupt from the firearm when discharged. They could start a fire or cause flammable liquids and gases to explode.

