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**CENTERFIRE PISTOLS WITH  
FRAME-MOUNTED DECOCKING LEVER**



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**SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL**  
**Models 5924, 5926, 6924, 6926,**  
**4526, 4536, 1026, 1076**

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**WARNING**  
**TO AVOID UNINTEN-**  
**TIONAL DISCHARGE,**  
**KEEP FINGER OFF**  
**TRIGGER WHILE DE-**  
**COCKING PISTOL.**

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY,  
BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND  
THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS  
BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.**

This SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or when the firearm is loaned or presented to another person. A copy of the SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL is available FREE upon request from:

**Smith & Wesson**  
**Product Service Department**  
**2100 Roosevelt Avenue**  
**Springfield, MA 01102**

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS

Smith & Wesson has designed the most reliable firearms available. Smith & Wesson firearms incorporate many safety features; however, safe gun handling is your personal responsibility. Firearms are dangerous. Firearms can cause serious injury and death. Safety must be the prime consideration of anyone who handles firearms. Always treat a firearm as though it were loaded. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury from the firearm. In particular, you must secure firearms from children.

Do not allow any alteration or replacement of parts in your Smith & Wesson firearm unless performed by a qualified gunsmith using genuine Smith & Wesson parts. If you do otherwise, improper functioning of your firearm and serious injury may result.

### WARNING:

Warnings and instructions about the use of some Smith & Wesson component parts or accessories may be described in literature accompanying parts. In other cases, instructions specifying use of a part only in a particular handgun may actually be marked on the component part. Read and carefully follow the warnings and

instructions. Such warnings and instructions are provided to assure the safe functioning of the handgun. Failure to heed them may result in improper functioning and serious injury.

Any Smith & Wesson firearm is a precision instrument designed to function reliably with proper care and knowledgeable use. You must understand the safe operation and use of your Smith & Wesson firearm. Read and follow these instructions carefully. Do not use your firearm unless you fully understand these instructions and the safe operation of your firearm.

Many safety features are incorporated in your firearm. For your safety and the safety of others, do not rely on mechanical features alone. Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility. Accidents do not just happen. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense.

Insure the safe use of firearms. Follow these essential safety instructions and warnings.

## BASIC RULES

- **NEVER** point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Before handling any firearm, understand its operation.
- **ALWAYS** have your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use.
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded.
- Place your finger inside the trigger guard only when you are ready to fire.
- If you must carry a loaded firearm, **ALWAYS** carry it with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Never carry or store firearms with the hammer in the full cocked position.
- **DO NOT** allow a firearm to be used by individuals who do not understand its safe operation and the rules of safe gun-handling.
- **BE SURE** all accessories, such as holsters and grips, are compatible with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation.
- When transporting your firearm, be sure your firearm is unloaded and that the cylinder or action is open.
- Store your firearm unloaded. Safe and secure storage is one of your most important responsibilities.
- Store your unloaded firearm and ammunition separately and in places inaccessible to children and unauthorized persons.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target.

## PREPARATION FOR FIRING

- Wear safety glasses and ear protection whether indoors or out.
- Select a place to shoot which has a safe backstop, is free from obstructions and water surfaces which cause ricochets.
- Always be aware of other people so that persons cannot accidentally walk into the line of fire.
- Position the shooter and all others so that they are not within an area where they may be struck by particle-spitting from a revolver or by ejected cases from other types of firearms.
- Keep fingers and other parts of your body away from the muzzle and slide.
- When firing on a target range, be alert and follow the range officer's commands.
- Before anyone is allowed forward of the firing position, be sure that all cylinders and actions of firearms are open, that chambers are clear of cartridges, magazines are removed, and that firearms are pointing in a safe direction.
- Never use alcoholic beverages or other drugs before or during shooting.
- Be alert at all times. Never shoot if you are tired, cold or impaired in any way.
- Never cross obstacles such as fences or streams with a loaded firearm.
- If you are carrying a loaded firearm in the field, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Think before shooting.

**WARNING: Never use ammunition where the pressure levels exceed industry standards. Smith & Wesson pistols are manufactured from high quality materials (aluminum or steel alloys). These frames will provide extended service life. However, + P + cartridges—whose pressures often exceed even factory proof-test levels—should never be used in these models. All warranties, express or implied, are voided and Smith & Wesson will not be liable for property damage or personal injury and consequential damages, if this ammunition is used in these model centerfire pistols.**

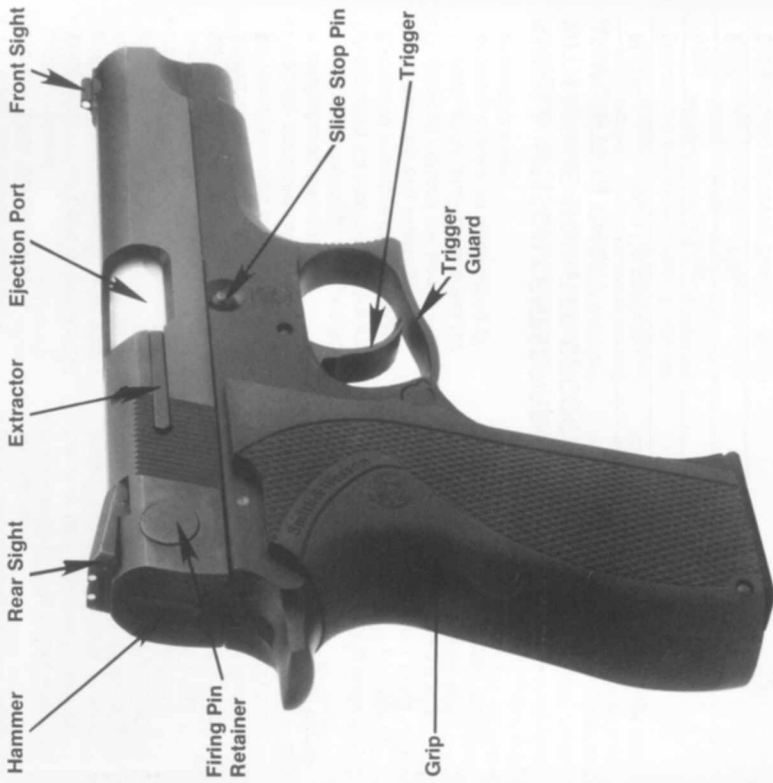
## AMMUNITION

- A firearm and ammunition are a system. Their performance is closely related.
- Your firearm has been designed for ammunition of a specific type and caliber; do not alter the barrel or chamber of your gun.
- Use only ammunition specifically recommended by Smith & Wesson for your firearm. Never mix ammunition. See chart on page 5 for recommended ammunition.
- Use only commercially manufactured ammunition.
- Never use a cartridge not specifically designated for use in your firearm. Excessive pressure can damage or even blow up any firearm.
- Periodically check the barrel breech, slide, and frame areas for erosion, cracks, or other signs of excessive wear.
- Never use non-standard or reloaded ammunition.
- If your firearm fails to fire when the hammer falls (misfires), keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction, remove your finger from the trigger, do not place your hand around the ejection port, wait 10 seconds, remove the cartridge from the chamber and dispose of it properly.
- If you have heard an unusual sound or felt an unusual recoil on firing, stop firing, wait 10 seconds, unload the firearm, and examine the barrel bore for obstructions.
- Make sure your barrel is clear and free of obstructions. If you see an obstruction, return your firearm to Smith & Wesson or take it to a qualified gunsmith. Never fire a firearm with an obstructed barrel.

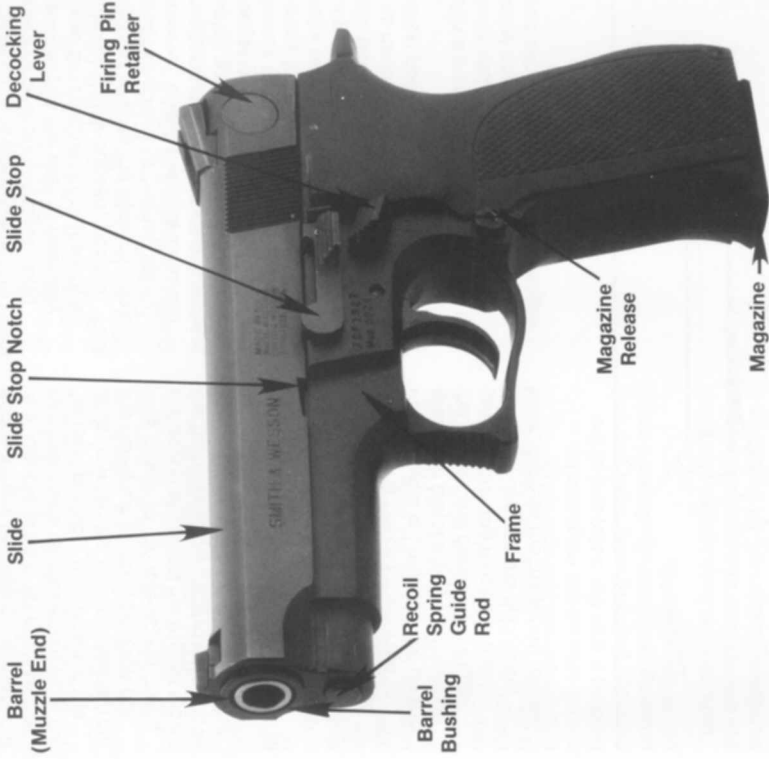
## SMITH & WESSON CENTERFIRE PISTOLS WITH FRAME-MOUNTED DECOCKING LEVER AMMUNITION CHART

Model	9mm Parabellum	.45 ACP	10mm
5924	Yes		
5926	Yes		
6924	Yes		
6926	Yes		
4526		Yes	
4536		Yes	
4576		Yes	
1026			Yes
1076			Yes

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## INSPECTING YOUR PISTOL

The Smith & Wesson Centerfire Pistol with Frame-mounted Decocking Lever allows the user to **manually** lower the hammer from the single-action (or fully-cocked) position. This feature replaces the slide-mounted decocking lever or manual safety; however, unlike the slide-mounted mechanism which can be left in the "safe" position, the frame-mounted decocking lever does **not** automatically decock the hammer each time the slide travels forward. The hammer of this pistol remains in the single-action (or fully-cocked) position each time the slide is released — such as after loading. The hammer returns to the single-action position after each shot.

With a magazine fully inserted in the pistol and with a cartridge in the barrel chamber, this pistol can be fired either double-action or single-

action simply by pulling the trigger. It is a "double-action" firing when the hammer starts its movement from the "at rest" position, fully down in the slide or when the hammer starts from the half-cock notch, a position not fully down. In "double-action" firing, the action of pulling the trigger moves the hammer rearward and then allows the hammer to fall forward firing the cartridge. A "single-action" firing occurs when the trigger is pulled while the hammer is in the fully-cocked position.

When you inspect your pistol, you should first check for yourself to insure that it is unloaded. To do this, grasp the pistol with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, point the muzzle in a safe direction depress the decocking lever, depress the magazine release,

and remove the magazine. With the muzzle still pointing in a safe direction, grasp the serrated sides of the slide from the rear with the thumb and fingers as shown in Figure 1, and briskly draw the slide fully rearward in order to extract any cartridge from the barrel chamber and clear it from the pistol. Do not obstruct the ejection port because doing so can interfere with ejection of a cartridge and thereby creates the risk of exploding an unchambered cartridge and possible injury. In order to lock the slide in the open position, allow the slide to move slightly forward from the rearmost position while pressing upward on the slide stop. You are now able to safely check the barrel chamber and bore visually for any obstructions. You must follow this procedure every time your pistol is inspected, cleaned, handed to another person, transported or stored. Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine.

Your pistol has been treated with either a preservative or oil to protect it against corrosion. Before use, oil should be removed from exposed surfaces. The barrel bore and chamber should be wiped using a clean patch or swab. Care should be taken to prevent foreign matter, including dirt and lint, from entering the mechanism and being trapped by oil.

Familiarize yourself with the decocking lever on your pistol. The decocking lever allows you to safely lower the hammer from the single-action or (fully-cocked) position. The decocking lever will not lower the hammer from the half-cock position to the "at-rest" position fully down in the slide.

**NOTE:** When operating the decocking lever, your finger should be kept off the trigger and outside the trigger guard.



(Figure 1)  
Clearing And Inspecting The Chamber

## LOADING

Do not load the pistol until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.

### **WARNING:**

**Smith & Wesson centerfire pistols are designed to disengage the trigger linkage, and thereby prevent the trigger from firing the pistol, when the magazine is removed from the pistol. After inserting a magazine, always test to make sure it is locked in place by applying some removal pressure to the exposed portion of the magazine butt plate.**

**For safe and reliable performance, use only those Smith & Wesson magazines specifically manufactured for your particular model and caliber of pistol. Follow the instructions in this Manual and any specific instructions which may be marked onto, or accompany, a magazine. Failure to use only those Smith & Wesson magazines specified for your particular model and caliber of pistol may result in the malfunction of your pistol.**

Load the magazine by pressing a cartridge head (rear of cartridge) downward on the forward portion of the magazine follower (or downward on the case of the previously-loaded cartridge) and sliding the cartridge fully under the lips of the magazine until the cartridge head is against the rear wall of the magazine. Repeat the procedure for the number of cartridges you wish to load, up to the magazine capacity. Do not attempt to load your magazine with more than the specified

number of cartridges because doing so can cause a feeding failure.

Inspect the pistol as previously described.

Hold the pistol in one hand with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction and with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard. Insert the loaded magazine into the magazine well of the pistol until it is locked in place. To make sure that the magazine is fully and securely inserted, apply some removal pressure to the exposed portion of the magazine butt plate. Press down on the slide stop to release the slide and allow it to carry fully forward. This strips a cartridge from the magazine and seats it in the chamber of the barrel. Push down firmly on the decocking lever to lower the hammer into the half cock notch.

### **WARNING:**

**This pistol can now be fired simply by pulling the trigger fully to the rear.**

If you wish to restore the magazine in your pistol to its full capacity, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine from the pistol. Remember that there is a round in the chamber; therefore, the weapon should be holstered or safely secured during this process. Load one cartridge into the magazine to replace the one which was chambered when you allowed the slide to carry forward. Reinsert the loaded magazine into the magazine well of the pistol until it is locked in place. To make sure that the

magazine is again fully and securely inserted, apply some removal pressure to the exposed portion of the magazine butt plate.

Your pistol is now fully loaded. The hammer is in the half-cock position and the trigger is forward. Your pistol is in a safe condition to be holstered and carried. The pistol can be fired in this condition by simply pulling the trigger fully to the rear. The hammer is not down all the way in the "at rest" position because the half-cock notch of the hammer has been engaged by the sear. This engagement will occur after the frame-mounted decocking lever has been used to lower the hammer from the single-action (or fully-cocked) position. The hammer of this pistol can only be placed into a fully-down position by pulling the trigger after you have inserted an empty magazine and made absolutely sure that the chamber is empty.

Never holster, carry or store your pistol with the hammer in the fully cocked position.

Remember to keep your pistol pointed in a safe direction under all conditions and always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.

