FIREARM MAINTENANCE

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SERIAL NUMBER OF FIREARM
The serial number is located on the lower receiver half of the firearm on the right side below the safety button, and is used for registration & identification. It is recommended that you record your serial number in the manual and also keep the information in a secured location.

**SKO/SKO-SHORTY:** BOTH ACTIONS HAVE AN INERTIA SPRING ASSIST ACTION. ALL NEW SPRINGS NEED A BREAK IN PERIOD TO ALLOW FOR LIGHT LOAD AMMUNITION. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO FIRE 2-3 BOXES OF HEAVY 1 1/4 OZ. HUNTING LOADS TO ‘BREAK IN’ THE FIREARM FOR THE USE OF LIGHT LOAD SHOTSHELLS.

**SKO-SHORTY:** THE SKO-SHORTY MUST BE HELD FIRMLY WITH BOTH HANDS SO THAT THE SHOTSHELL BLOW BACK POWER IS NOT DAMPENED, ANY BACKWARD MOVEMENT OF THE FIREARM WILL AFFECT CYCLING THE ACTION.
1. MODIFYING OR ALTERING THE SKO CAN CAUSE HARM.
Under no circumstances should you in any way change or alter parts of this firearm. To deviate from manufacturing specifications on the trigger, mechanical components, barrel, safety mechanisms, or using parts other than those provided is NOT RECOMMENDED. The adaptation of any parts or their removal may result in death, bodily harm or may compromise the safety of others. ANY ALTERATIONS or changes to parts or the assembly of the firearm VOIDS THE WARRANTY.

2. MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF THE FIREARM
Each time the firearm is used it should be wiped clean for residue removal, lubrication and oxidation prevention. Before any cleaning is conducted ALWAYS unarm the firearm by removing the magazine, opening the bolt and with a tool physically inspect the chamber to make sure that it is clear.

IMPORTANT WARNING: ALWAYS TAKE CARE WHILE BOLT IS BACK. CONTACT WITH BOLT HOLD OPEN LEVER WILL CAUSE THE BOLT TO SLAM SHUT.

IMPORTANT WARNING!! DURING ORDINARY USE OF THIS SEMI-AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN, AMMUNITION DISCHARGE GASES ASSIST THE BOLT RELEASE AND CARRIER RETURN TRAVEL. THESE GASES CARRY SMOKE DUST AND POWDER ASH ONTO COMPONENTS UNDER THE FOREND. THE USER SHOULD ROUTINELY REMOVE THE FOREND, OIL SPRAY AND WIPE CLEAN ALL TRANSLATING COMPONENTS AND LUBRICATE SPRING AND GUIDE ROD AFTER EVERY 100-150 ROUNDS.
SKO - 12 SPECIFICATIONS

| CALIBER: 12 GAUGE, 2 ¾” AND 3” SHELLS ONLY |
| OPERATION: GAS AND SPRING OPERATED, SEMI AUTOMATIC |
| WEIGHT: 6.5 LBS. EMPTY |
| BARREL LENGTH: 18.625” |
| MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 2, 5, 10 |

SKO - SHORTY SPECIFICATIONS

| CALIBER: 12 GAUGE, 2 ¾” AND 3” SHELLS ONLY |
| OPERATION: GAS AND SPRING OPERATED, SEMI AUTOMATIC |
| WEIGHT: 7 LBS. EMPTY |
| BARREL LENGTH: 18.625” |
| MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 2, 5, 10 |

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READ ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM

In order to achieve the best performance from your shotgun PLEASE read all of the instructions, safety guidelines, and warnings carefully so that they are fully understood. The manual directs you to operate the firearm so that it is safe and reliable. It is important that the firearm user be fully knowledgeable and conscious of all operation and safety rules associated with proper gun handling. Any questions see above contact information.
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A GUN OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

The United States Constitution ensures that responsible citizens have the right to own a firearm. Treat this honor and privilege with care and respect. You, as a firearm owner, have the obligation of ensuring that any and all shooting activities are safe for everyone. This requires your personal commitment to carefully read, fully understand and exercise and practice the principles of proper firearm safety at all times. REMEMBER TO TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED ALWAYS!

DISCLAIMER

This firearm manufactured by Standard Manufacturing Company LLC, in which these safety rules apply, is sold under the expressed and written conditions that the manufacturer accepts NO LIABILITY in part or in whole for bodily injury, death or property damage from the following:

- Improperly or carelessly handling or discharging the firearm.
- Using defective, improper caliber, hand-loaded or reloaded ammunition.
- Using ammunition of improper length or charges exceeding SAAMI specification.
- EXPLODING OR BURNING TRACER ROUNDS ARE NOT TO BE USED IN THIS FIREARM.
- Inadequate maintenance and care of the shotgun resulting in corrosion, damage, dents or impact cracks.
- Negligence of malfunctions. In a jam, failure to fire or an ammunition malfunction; the user is to STOP IMMEDIATELY and inspect that the barrel is completely clear and that there are no obstructions in the barrel or action of the gun that may compromise function.
- Resale of the firearm in contradiction of any applicable laws, restrictions or adaptations to meet any of these requirements.
- Altering or converting the firearm's original appearance, functioning mechanisms, accessories or its original mechanical configuration.
- Discharging with criminal intent or negligence or ignorance of background.
- Failure to understand, adhere to, and practice the rules of firearm safety when using, demonstrating or just viewing and handling the firearm.
- Any circumstances outside of the manufacturer's direct or immediate control.
FIREARM SAFETY

IMPORTANT WARNING: IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO RECEIVE PROPER TRAINING FROM A COMPETENT FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR OR AUTHORITY BEFORE BEGINNING TO SHOOT OR WHEN HANDLING THE FIREARM.

IMPORTANT WARNING: FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

1) COMPLETELY READ AND UNDERSTAND YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL GUIDELINES BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM.
   You should fully understand the function of all the components and mechanics of the firearm. Before you remove the firearm from the box thoroughly read the owner's manual on how to properly carry, handle, load, unload, and store your new firearm. Know the rules of proper gun safety and exercise them at all times because failure to do so may result in death or injury to yourself or others. Because it is impossible to list every firearm situation or scenario, be aware that certain circumstances may require additional safety rules unique to a particular situation. In these cases, we recommend that you use sound gun safety rules, judgment, and discretion.

2) ALWAYS LEARN THE SPECIFIC MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR SHOTGUN. All firearms are different thus it is important for you to understand how to properly carry, use, and handle each one according to its specific guidelines. Before using any firearm, one must completely familiarize themselves with the type of firearm and its specific safe handling procedures for loading, unloading, carrying, shooting, maintenance and storing.

   NEVER Give or hand over the shotgun to any person who has not thoroughly familiarized himself or herself with all of the information, safety rules and warnings in the owner's manual, or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs or is not of sound mind or is incapable of the physical strength to safely direct and operate the firearm.

IMPORTANT WARNING: ALWAYS TAKE CARE WHILE BOLT IS BACK. CONTACT WITH BOLT HOLD OPEN LEVER WILL CAUSE THE BOLT TO SLAM SHUT.
3) **ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.** Firearms should be kept unloaded when not in use. Whenever you pick up a firearm, always keep fingers away from the trigger and immediately engage the safety device, remove the magazine and retract the bolt or open the action to visually inspect the chamber and confirm that it is clear. Always remove the magazine and unload all ammunition from the chamber after: 1) shooting, 2) before putting the firearm away, 3) when not in use, 4) before handing it over to another person, and 5) when demonstrating function.

- **NEVER** Leave a loaded gun unattended, propped up against a surface, or out of your hands.
- **NEVER** Assume a firearm is unloaded when handling it, even if you used it last. When someone hands you or when storing a firearm, **ALWAYS** check to make sure there is no ammunition in it and the chamber is clear.
- **NEVER** Load a cartridge into the chamber until you are ready to fire.
- **NEVER** Carry or transport your firearm with live ammunition in the chamber.
- **NEVER** Pass a firearm to another person or accept a firearm from another person, until the bolt or action is open and you have personally checked that the weapon is completely unloaded.
- **NEVER** Haul a loaded firearm openly or in a carrying case.
- **NEVER** Transfer or hand a loaded firearm to someone else.

4) **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.** When holding the firearm be sure to rest your finger on the trigger guard and along the side of the gun.

- **NEVER** Touch the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- **NEVER** Engage in horseplay while handling a firearm.
- **NEVER** Rely on the safety devices of the gun. Mechanical safeties are never foolproof and can wear or hidden defects in parts can cause malfunction over time.
- **NEVER** Remember to always handle all firearms using proper gun safety guidelines, always keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

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IT IS ALWAYS MOST SAFE TO HANDLE A FIREARM UNLOADED WITH THE CHAMBER EMPTY AND THE ACTION BOLT HELD OPEN.

5) **ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** A safe direction is one in which an accidental discharge cannot or would not cause injury or harm to yourself, others or property. Use extreme caution especially when loading and unloading your firearm. When handling any firearm always treat it as if it was loaded and ready to fire, even if you think it is empty. The recommended carrying position of your loaded shotgun is bolt closed on an empty chamber. It can quickly be armed by pulling and releasing the charger handle. A safety mechanism may fail in certain unusual circumstances. Always keep fingers clear of the trigger until ready to fire.

- **NEVER** Point your firearm at anything you don’t intend to shoot.
- **NEVER** Use a firearm under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other substances that may impair your judgment, skills, or physical ability.
- **NEVER** Target shoot or hunt with a firearm when you are fatigued or too tired to operate your firearm safely.
- **NEVER** Use your firearm if you have an illness or disability that could compromise your judgment and the safety of yourself or others.

6) **ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION.** All firearms are manufactured to use a certain caliber or gauge of ammunition. Only use ammunition that the manufacturer has recommended. Always verify before loading that you have the correct ammunition that matches the manufacturer's recommendations. Using improperly reloaded or incorrect ammunition can cause death and injury. Using incorrect ammo or reloads can also damage or destroy your firearm and will **VOID ANY WARRANTY**. This gun is manufactured for 12 gauge 2 ¾” & 3” shells only.

**ALWAYS STOP AND INSPECT ACTION WHEN A JAM OCCURS. DO NOT RECHARGE CHAMBER OR KEEP TRYING THE TRIGGER BEFORE INSPECTING THE BOLT & CHAMBER.**

- **NEVER** Shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.
- **NEVER** Use hand loaded, non-standard or reloaded ammunition.
- **NEVER** Fire ammunition that exceeds industry standard pressure specifications.
- **NEVER** Use old, soiled, rusted, tarnished, or damaged ammunition.
- **NEVER** Use ammunition which does not feed reliably in your particular firearm as it may malfunction at a critical juncture.
7) **ALWAYS STORE YOUR FIREARM IN A SECURED STORAGE AREA TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OR USE FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS.**

There are many types of firearm storage devices as well as locking devices that attach directly to the firearm itself. Each individual must consider their particular circumstances so that the firearm is stored and maintained for optimal safety and security. Metal gun safes are recommended over open racks or glass front cabinets. Mechanical safeties built into the firearm can fail and should not be relied on in safe gun handling and adherence to all firearm safety rules. Additionally, always store your ammunition locked up and secured separately from any firearms.

- **NEVER** Store or hide a firearm that is loaded.
- **NEVER** Leave your firearms where unauthorized access from other individuals can occur.
- **NEVER** Allow your firearms to be accessed by individuals who do not understand or follow the rules of proper gun safety.
- **NEVER** Leave an unsecured firearm in a bed, drawer, closet, vehicle or any other location that could allow children or other unauthorized individuals to access them.
- **NEVER** Allow children under the age of 18 access to any firearms without close supervision and proper firearm safety training.

8) **ALWAYS COMPLY WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS THAT GOVERN THE OWNERSHIP, STORAGE, CARRYING, AND USE OF FIREARMS.**

- **NEVER** Vandalize any public or private property by using it as a target.
- **NEVER** Poach a game animal out of season.

9) **ALWAYS KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND.** Before you pull the trigger be sure of your target and what is behind it. Shoot only in areas that have approved backdrops such as a shooting range, or backstops such as a hillside or berm. Also, know how far your shot will travel in case you miss the target or the bullet ricochets. Always keep fingers clear of trigger until you are ready to shoot.
NEVER Fire in a direction in which there are people.
NEVER Fire at a sound, movement, or a flash of color that you have not identified.
NEVER Shoot directly upwards or at a high angle of elevation. Firing into the air can have enough energy to travel long distances and accidently injure or kill someone.
NEVER Shoot across a highway or other roadway.

10) ALWAYS WEAR EYE/EAR/BODY PROTECTION. Noise, gases and debris can cause injury so it is very important that one wears protective gear to preserve their hearing and eyesight. Also, while in the field wear at least 1000 square inches or more of blaze orange so that you are visible to others.

NEVER Discharge a firearm in a poorly ventilated area.

IMPORTANT WARNING: POSSIBLE LEAD EXPOSURE CAN OCCUR WHEN DISCHARGING FIREARMS, CLEANING THE FIREARM OR HANDLING AMMUNITION IN A POORLY VENTILATED AREA. LEAD AND ITS COMPONENTS IS A SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE DESTRUCITION/IMPAIRMENT, CANCER, OR OTHER SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS AND INJURY. ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES AND WASH YOUR HANDS AND OTHER CONTACT AREAS THOROUGHLY AFTER EACH EXPOSURE.

IMPORTANT WARNING: STOP SHOOTING WHEN FAILURE TO FIRE OR UPON HEARING A REDUCED CHARGE.

11) ALWAYS HANDLE WITH EXTREME CARE IF YOUR GUN FAILS TO FIRE WHEN THE TRIGGER IS PULLED. If the ammunition doesn’t fire when you pull the trigger, STOP! And remember to always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. Keep your face away from the breech, then put the safety on, carefully open the action, unload the firearm and dispose of the cartridge safely. Always keep in mind that anytime there is a shell in the chamber, your firearm is LOADED and ready to fire. Even if you tried to shoot and the firearm did not fire, always treat it as if it could still discharge. An ammo malfunction leaving debris in the barrel may cause injury or death if not cleared before next shot fired.

NEVER Try continuously pulling the trigger when there is no firing ignition or a jam. Clear the gun of ammunition and inspect the bolt, chamber and ammunition before continuing or recharging the chamber.
12) ALWAYS TREAT THE FIREARM AS IF IT WAS LOADED, EVEN IF THE SAFETY IS POSITIONED CORRECTLY AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER WHEN LOADING, UNLOADING AND CARRYING. A gun is a mechanical device and is not foolproof and is subject to wear and tear over time. Always keep your fingers away from the trigger when you are loading and unloading. If the manual safety proves to be ineffective for any reason, the danger of an unintentional discharge exists, the weapon is then to be immediately unloaded and restricted from further use. Contact Standard Manufacturing so that the gun can be inspected and repaired. REMEMBER...THAT ANY FIREARM SAFETY MECHANISM CAN FAIL EVEN IF THE SAFETY IS ENGAGED, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS ASSUME THAT A FIREARM IS LOADED AND DANGEROUS WHEN HANDLING IT.

- NEVER Risk an accidental discharge by walking with a loaded firearm when going through or climbing obstacles such as a fence or other obstructive barriers.
- NEVER Rely on your gun's safety mechanisms.
- NEVER Sleep with a loaded firearm in your possession.
- NEVER Leave a loaded firearm leaning against any surface or obstacle.
- NEVER Keep your finger on the trigger until ready to fire.

13) ALWAYS KEEP YOUR SHOTGUN IN THE SAME MECHANICAL AND STRUCTURAL CONFIGURATION AS IT WAS WHEN IT WAS MANUFACTURED. This shotgun was produced under specific manufacturer guidelines and should not be altered or changed under ANY circumstances. Performing conversions by altering the trigger, mechanical components, safety mechanisms, or using any other products other than those provided in the original box is NOT RECOMMENDED by the manufacturer, and could result in death, bodily harm, or compromise your safety or the safety of others. Any alteration made to the firearm also VOIDS THE FACTORY WARRANTY. Like any mechanical device it is subject to normal wear and tear from use. In order to maintain optimal safety and performance it should be periodically serviced. You must regularly clean and lubricate your firearm to maintain its functionality, accuracy, safety, and reliability. Before cleaning, lubricating or performing any routine maintenance on a firearm always make sure that you perform a safety check to make sure that the firearm is completely unloaded. If for some reason your firearm does require repairing, you must contact Standard Manufacturing Co. LLC. Using unauthorized personnel to repair your firearm will void your manufacturer's warranty.

- NEVER Alter, convert, or change your firearm from its original manufacturer's configuration.

IMPORTANT WARNING!! THE USER SHOULD ROUTINELY REMOVE THE FOREND, OIL SPRAY AND WIPE CLEAN ALL TRANSLATING COMPONENTS AND LUBRICATE SPRING AND GUIDE ROD AFTER EVERY 100-150 ROUNDS.
IMPORTANT WARNING: THIS FIREARM WAS DESIGNED TO FUNCTION PROPERLY IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION. THE MANUFACTURER WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE OR LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ALTERATION PERFORMED ON THE FIREARM AFTER IT LEAVES THEIR CONTROL. THIS INCLUDES ANY ADDITION OR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTS OR ACCESSORIES THAT ARE NOT MANUFACTURED BY STANDARD MFG. CO. ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE FIREARM IS SPECIFICALLY CONTRARY TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS AND WE DO NOT AUTHORIZE ANY CHANGES AFTER MANUFACTURE. DO NOT JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF OR OTHERS BY MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR FIREARM.

14) ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF ANY OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING. Before loading, always perform a safety check to make sure that there is no ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Examine the barrel for any obstructions or debris such as excess lubricant, dirt, or grease. If the bore is obstructed it can cause increased pressure causing the barrel to bulge or burst during use. Always use a cleaning rod and patch to remove any residues or obstructions in the barrel. Be familiar with your firearm. If the noise or recoil seems muffled or weak then STOP! Immediately unload your firearm and check to make sure nothing is lodged in the barrel.

AN AMMO MALFUNCTION LEAVING DEBRIS IN THE BARREL MAY CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH IF NOT CLEARED BEFORE THE NEXT SHOT IS FIRED.

NEVER Try to shoot out an obstruction by loading another shell and firing.

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15) ALWAYS PRACTICE CLOSING, LOCKING OPEN THE BOLT AND MAGAZINE REMOVAL. Before inserting a loaded magazine into the firearm become accustomed to the button release and bolt hold open functions by operating them with an empty firearm. When there is no magazine clip or a loaded magazine in the firearm, the user must depress the bolt hold open button while retracting the bolt with the charger handle to keep the action opened. The bolt must be retracted and kept back with the bolt hold open button to extract a chambered round or to check that the chamber is clear. The magazine release button must be depressed to remove the magazine clip.

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TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

TRANSPORTATION
For your own safety and the safety of others, always transport the shotgun unloaded, de-cocked and under lock. Never carry or transport the shotgun with a round in the chamber and the hammer cocked. It is best to keep the gun bolt open with the magazine removed and the chamber empty while walking to shooting stations or storage locations.

STORAGE
Firearms should always be stored securely and unloaded, under lock and key. When storing your shotgun, keep it separated from any ammunition, and out of the reach of children and other inexperienced or unauthorized persons. Never place or store any firearm in such a manner that it may be dislodged or dropped. After all safety checks are made, the trigger may be pulled on an EMPTY chamber to de-cock the gun for storage.

1) Press the magazine release button and pull downward on the magazine clip to extract the magazine. Pull charger handle completely back to open the action and eject a round.
2) Visually and physically inspect the chamber with a tool to ensure it is empty.
3) Depress the top tab of the bolt hold open lever and the bolt will release forward. The trigger may be pulled on an EMPTY CHAMBER before long-term storage.
4) Pick up and store all ammunition rounds in a secured area.
5) Perform proper maintenance such as cleaning and oiling after each shooting session.

IMPORTANT WARNING: MAKE SURE FINGERS ARE CLEAR OF EJECTION PORT. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR LOSS OF FINGERS. MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE BOLT HOLD OPEN BUTTON CANNOT BE PRESSED WHILE PERFORMING A PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF THE CHAMBER. PRESSING THE BUTTON CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR LOSS OF FINGER.

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LOADING AND UNLOADING THE SHOTGUN

LOADING THE SHOTGUN

1) First, point the shotgun in a safe direction. Remember, a safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off, it would not cause injury, damage, death, or property damage. Always perform a check to make sure that the chamber is empty.

2) When the magazine is empty, the bolt hold open lever holds the bolt open and to the rear. Press the magazine release to remove the empty magazine. Close the action and insert the loaded magazine and check that it has been locked in place.

Remember to only use ammunition that is recommended by the manufacturer. It is recommended to load the magazine on a closed action and translate the charge handle to arm the gun.

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MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE BOLT HOLD OPEN BUTTON CANNOT BE PRESSED WHILE PERFORMING A PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF THE CHAMBER.
PRESSING THE BUTTON CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR LOSS OF FINGER.

3) If the magazine was installed with the bolt closed, pull the charger handle completely back and release. If the bolt is held back, push down the bolt hold open lever with your left hand, this will allow the bolt to move forward and chamber a round. Visually check that the top round is being stripped and the bolt has closed completely.

THE SHOTGUN IS NOW LOADED AND READY TO FIRE!

IMPORTANT WARNING: ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING

UNLOADING THE SHOTGUN

1) Point the shotgun in a safe direction. Remember, a safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off, it would not cause injury, property damage, or death.

2) Keep your fingers off the trigger and remove the magazine. Press the magazine release button on the right side of the lower receiver half and pull down on the magazine clip.

3) Pull back the charging handle one or more times to insure the chamber is empty. Watch for a live round or empty case to be ejected. Pull the charging handle fully rearward and lock the bolt with the bolt hold open lever.

4) Make sure the last round in the chamber has been extracted and ejected. Visually and physically (with a tool) check the chamber and the magazine well to make sure the shotgun has been fully unloaded. Perform a safety check by physically inserting a rod or tool in the chamber to feel for the presence of a round or cartridge case in the chamber.

THE SHOTGUN IS NOW UNLOADED!
SKO SHOTGUN DISASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS
(SKO-12 SHOWN IN PICTURES)

IMPORTANT WARNING: THIS MANUFACTURED FIREARM WAS DESIGNED TO PERFORM WITH ITS ORIGINAL PARTS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY REPLACEMENT PARTS YOU BUY ARE OFFERED BY STANDARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND CORRECTLY INSTALLED AND THAT THE PARTS HAVE NOT BEEN ALTERED OR CHANGED. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ONLY FACTORY PARTS BE USED AS REPLACEMENTS TO ASSURE THAT THE FIREARM REMAINS FUNCTIONALLY SAFE AND OPERATES ACCURATELY. THE GUN OWNER ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CORRECT REASSEMBLY AND FUNCTIONING OF THE FIREARM AFTER ANY DISASSEMBLY OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS.

IMPORTANT WARNING: BEFORE YOU BEGIN ANY DISASSEMBLY ALWAYS 1) POINT THE SHOTGUN IN A SAFE DIRECTION 2) BE SURE THAT YOU REMOVE THE MAGAZINE FROM THE FIREARM 3) VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY INSPECT THE CHAMBER TO CONFIRM THAT IT IS EMPTY.

1) Point the shotgun in a safe direction and keep fingers off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
2) Depress the magazine release button on the right side of the lower receiver and remove the magazine. (Fig. 18-1)
   Some downward pressure on the magazine while activating the button is helpful.
3) Pull the bolt back completely to the rear with charger handle and lock it in place by depressing the bolt hold open lever at the bottom tab (Fig. 18-2).

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4) Once the bolt is locked to the rear, both visually and with a tool physically inspect the chamber of the shotgun to confirm that the chamber is empty. (Fig. 18-3) Also check to make sure the magazine well is clear. Then cycle the bolt forward by pressing the bolt hold open lever at its top tab. (Fig. 18-4)

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5) Unscrew the forend locking knob and remove it. (Fig. 18-5)

6) Slide the lower forend forward and set aside. (Fig. 18-6)

7) At the front of the picatinny sight rail, remove the picatinny hold pin by pushing it out in either direction. (Fig. 18-7)
8) Optional - With an allen wrench remove #10-24 socket cap screw holding picatinny sight rail to the receiver.

9) Remove the knurled lock nut and gas regulator nut and spring. The first thin knurled locking nut is a reversed thread to keep the gas system and barrel tight, turn clockwise to loosen. The longer knurled spring-loaded nut is standard thread (counter clockwise to loosen). If you have questions about this breakdown, please call STANDARD MFG. CO. LLC for more information. (Fig. 18-8, 18-9 and 18-10)

10) Pull bolt slightly back with charger handle and slide the barrel assembly forward out of the receiver allowing bolt to return to its forward position. As the barrel slides forward it must be lifted slightly to clear the return spring/carryer attachment and then it is separated. (Fig. 18-11)

11) After the barrel is removed the top forend shroud may be removed by removing the flat head socket cap screw holding it to the top rail mount.

Fig. 18-7 Picatinny hold pin removal
Fig. 18-8 Remove LH thread lock nut
Fig. 18-9 Remove spring nut & O-ring sleeve
Fig. 18-10 Spring loaded nut and LH thread lock nut removed
Fig. 18-11 Move bolt back and remove barrel
12) To remove the bolt:

A) The charging handle must be removed. To remove the charging handle you must pull the carrier assembly slightly forward to align the handle with the arched cutout above the slot in the bolt body. (Fig. 18-12) The charging handle may then be extracted with a bit of force. (Fig. 18-13)

B) The lower receiver must be separated to remove the bolt and carrier assembly. To separate receiver halves, the rear and front receiver detent pins must be removed. Push the receiver pins towards their flanged end to remove. (Fig. 18-14 and 18-15)

C) Pull the lower receiver down to displace the feed ramp so that the bolt, carrier and recoil spring may slide out the front of the receiver. (Fig. 18-16 and 18-17)

D) The bolt and carrier may be separated and cleaned. Further disassembly is not required for regular cleaning and maintenance.

The shotgun can be reassembled in the reverse order.

TWO (2) BOLT RETURN SPRINGS ARE SUPPLIED. THE HEAVY LOAD RETURN SPRING IS INSTALLED AND COLORED RED. IT MAY BE REPLACED WITH THE .055 WIRE LIGHT LOAD SPRING FOR 1 OZ. OR OTHER LIGHT RECOIL LOADS.
All 2 ¾” and 3” steel or lead shot 12 gauge shotgun cartridges manufactured and loaded with current U.S. industry specifications can be used in the SKO shotgun. This shotgun has a 3 inch chamber and may be used with all standard commercially manufactured 2 ¾ inch (70mm) and 3 inch (76mm) standard inert payload shot shells. It is intended to be used with only standard ammunition of the proper gauge and loading meeting SAAMI standards. Remember that the shotgun functions by the use of kinetic energy generated by the recoil and recoil spring power. Therefore, the recoil spring and guide rod should be clean and lubricated and always use ammunition that is strong enough to fully cycle the action. The SKO shotgun may require a breaking in period to get the best function for using light loads. If you experience any initial functioning problems, we recommend firing 3-4 boxes of standard hunting cartridges and clean and lubricate return spring guide rod, ensure the light load bolt return spring is installed and not the red colored heavy load spring for reduced recoil loads.

AMMUNITION DISCLAIMER: THE MANUFACTURER DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS A RESULT OF USING FAULTY, NON-STANDARD, REMANUFACTURED, HANDLOADED (RELOADED) AMMUNITION OR SHOTSHELLS OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THE FIREARM WAS ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED.

AMMUNITION WARNING: FIREARMS CAN BE DAMAGED, AND DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ANY CONDITION WHICH GENERATES EXCESSIVE PRESSURE OR UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF GAS WITHIN THE FIREARM. THESE ADVERSE CONDITIONS CAN BE CAUSED BY CHAMBER OR BORE OBSTRUCTIONS, PROPELLANT POWDER OVERLOADS, OR BY OLD, DEFECTIVE, INCORRECT, OR IMPROPERLY LOADED AND ASSEMBLED SHOTSHELL COMPONENTS. IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO USE A SHOTSHELL WITH PRESSURE THAT EXCEEDS THOSE DEVELOPED TO INDUSTRY STANDARDS. ANY FIREARM CAN BE BLOWN UP WITH EXCESSIVE PRESSURE.

LEAD EXPOSURE WARNING: POSSIBLE LEAD EXPOSURE CAN OCCUR WHEN DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN A POORLY VENTILATED AREA, CLEANING THE FIREARM, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION. LEAD AND ITS COMPONENTS IS A SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE DESTRUCTION/IMPAIRMENT, CANCER, OR OTHER SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS AND INJURY. ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES AND WASH YOUR HANDS AND OTHER CONTACT AREAS THOROUGHLY AFTER EACH EXPOSURE.
**CHOKE**

The Standard Mfg. Co. SKO shotgun comes with 1 screw-in internal choke and a choke wrench. Before you attempt to install a choke always perform a safety check to visually and manually make sure that the shotgun is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction. To install the choke it is recommended that you lubricate the threads. Then you can insert it into the end of the barrel and hand screw it to start. It can then be tightened with the choke wrench to secure it in place.

**SCREW-IN CHOKE WARNING:** NEVER PEER DIRECTLY INTO THE SHOTGUN'S MUZZLE OR CHANGE CHOKES WHEN THE GUN IS LOADED REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE SAFETY. NEVER FIRE THE SHOTGUN IF THE SCREW-IN CHOKE IS NOT FULLY AND TIGHTLY BOTTOMED TO THE BARREL THREADS, OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED OR “CROSS-THREADED”, OR IF EITHER THE THREADS OF THE BARREL OR THE CHOKE INSERT IS DAMAGED. IN THIS SITUATION THE BARREL WILL BE DAMAGED AND THE CHOKE INSERT MAY BE PROPELLED OUT OF THE MUZZLE WITH HIGH VELOCITY, WHICH CAN RESULT IN DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. NEVER FIRE THE SHOTGUN WITHOUT THE SCREW-IN CHOKE IN PLACE AS IT WILL CAUSE AN UNPREDICTABLE SHOT PATTERN AND DAMAGE THE CHOKE THREADS IN THE BARREL THUS MAKING CORRECT INSTALLATION OF THE SCREW-IN CHOKE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT EXPENSIVE RE-BARRELING. NEVER USE OTHER MAKES OF CHOKE TUBES EXCEPT FOR THE CORRECT STANDARD MFG. OR CSMC BRAND AND NEVER ALTER ANY COMPONENTS PROVIDED WITH YOUR SHOTGUN.

**IMPORTANT WARNING:** DURING ORDINARY USE OF THIS SEMI-AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN, AMMUNITION DISCHARGE GASES ASSIST THE BOLT RELEASE AND CARRIER RETURN TRAVEL. THESE GASES CARRY SMOKE DUST AND POWDER ASH ONTO COMPONENTS UNDER THE FOREND. THE USER SHOULD ROUTINELY REMOVE THE FOREND, OIL SPRAY AND WIPE CLEAN ALL TRANSLATING COMPONENTS AND LUBRICATE SPRING AND GUIDE ROD AFTER EVERY 100-150 ROUNDS.
CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

IMPORTANT WARNING: BEFORE YOU START CLEANING YOUR SHOTGUN ALWAYS MAKE SURE IT IS UNLOADED AND POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY WITH A TOOL INSPECT THE CHAMBER.

LUBRICATION WARNING: FIRING A SHOTGUN WITH OIL, GREASE, OR OTHER DEBRIS PARTIALLY OBSTRUCTING THE BORE MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM OR INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND THOSE NEARBY. BEFORE FIRING MAKE SURE THE BORE AND CHAMBER OF THE BARREL IS UNOBSRUCTED AND DRY. NEVER SPRAY OR APPLY LUBRICANT ON SHOTSHELLS. AFTER A MISFIRE OR DROP ON THE MUZZLE INSPECT BORE FOR OBSTRUCTION. FIRING ANOTHER SHOTSHELL BEHIND AN OBSTRUCTION MAY DAMAGE THE SHOTGUN AND CAUSE DEATH OR INJURY. ONLY USE LUBRICANTS PROPERLY AND SPARINGLY. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR SHOTGUN.

1) Disassemble your shotgun. (See pages 16-19)
2) Using a proper cleaning rod, run a solvent-wetted patch through the bore several times. This will then be followed by running dry patches through the bore to remove any debris or residue.
3) If the bore is leaded to the extent that the above patch cleaning procedure did not remove the lead, then scrub the bore full length with a solvent-wetted brass bristle brush. When the leading is loose then repeat step #2.
4) The surfaces of bolt carrier, ejector, and inside surfaces of the receiver should be coated very lightly with lubricating oil.
5) Reassemble the shotgun and wipe the exterior metal surfaces sparingly with an oiled cloth. Swab the bore with an oily patch before storing the firearm.
6) Place the shotgun in a safe, locked storage space where unauthorized persons cannot access the firearm. Never store the shotgun in a leather case as leather attracts moisture even though it may appear dry.
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Be sure to register your SKO shotgun on line at standardmfgllc.com. Fill out your warranty cards and return.

Limited Warranty Policy

This warranty applies to the fire arm or accessory sold and the weapon is assed as any claim made under the warranty.

Warranty Exclusions

The warranty is void if the firearm has been altered, abused, misused, damaged by acciden, fired with hand loaded or reqoaded ammunition, obstructed in the barrel, or damaged due to failure to provide regular and necessary maintenance. The manufacturer has the right to research, inspect, and test the weapon to assess any claim made under the warranty. The manufacturer provides parts to the original retail purchaser a Limited Warranty for a period of (1) year from the date of purchase, subject to defects in material or workmanship. If the original retailer or any authorized repair service center makes any adjustment or repair to the weapon, it will be the discretion of the manufacturer as to whether the parts/labor or replacement and shipping will result in a charge to the consumer.