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Masterpiece Arms DS Series Owner's Manual



When you purchased your MPA DS Series Double Stack, Wide Body 1911, you purchased one of the most accurate and reliable pistols in its class. MasterPiece Arms uses state of the art manufacturing technology to design and produce our firearms, tests and re-tests our products to provide you with one of the most enjoyable guns available.

We sincerely hope that you have many years of fun and safe shooting with your MPA DS Series Pistol.

Respectfully Yours

MasterPiece Arms

**READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE OPERATING YOUR MPA
FIREARM.**

WARNING

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms classifies this MPA Pistol as a firearm or dangerous pistol. If used or handled improperly it could cause injury and possibly death.

Read and understand this manual before using this firearm. Follow these instructions with the utmost regard to safety, handling, operation, & cleaning. Failure to follow these instructions and safety precautions could cause personal injury and/or damage to your firearm and may void your warranty.

Always assume that the firearm is loaded until you positively verify that the chamber is empty.

- Do not permit others to use the pistol until they have read this manual and are familiar with the safety precautions for operating this firearm.
- Your safety and the safety of your family and others depend on your safe and mature adoption, development and consistent employment of **SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING PRACTICES**. If you are unfamiliar with firearms seek further advice through safe gun handling courses offered by your local gun clubs, qualified instructors, or similar qualified organizations.
- Always store ammunition separately from the firearm.
- All loaded pistols are very dangerous. Treat them accordingly.
- Never carry this pistol in a pocket, purse, or other carrying case while loaded.
- At all times be aware of the direction the gun is pointed. Whether the gun is loaded or unloaded never point the gun at any thing you do not intend to shoot. Your first assumption should always be that the firearm is loaded.
- Never touch the trigger unless you intend to fire the firearm.
- Before loading make sure that the pistol is in a **SAFE** condition..
- Verify that the bore of the barrel is not obstructed in any way before loading. Note that congealed oils and grease in the bore can be obstructions.

- While loading always be certain that the pistol is pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not load the chamber of the pistol (see “Loading” for details) until you are ready to fire the pistol. Once the chamber is loaded and the safety selector is set to “FIRE” the pistol will fire if the trigger is pulled.
- Always wear firearms related safety glasses and hearing protection when firing this pistol.
- Do not shoot at hard surfaces or at water. Bullets can unpredictably ricochet in any direction and unintentionally injure or damage someone or something. Be aware of what is behind your target because a bullet may travel up to a mile past the target. If in doubt about safety, DON'T FIRE.
- When unloading this pistol remove the magazine and only after the magazine has been removed pull back the bolt to visually check to verify that the chamber is empty.
- It is not normal for this pistol to malfunction. If it should malfunction stop using it immediately and do not use it again until the source of the problem is positively identified and competently corrected by the manufacturer or a reputable gunsmith.
- When working on a malfunctioning gun always assume that it is loaded. Wear eye and ear protection and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- The design and tolerances found in the MPA DS Series guns require genuine MasterPiece Arms manufactured parts. Do not make alterations. Such changes can make the pistol unsafe and will void the warranty.
- Before cleaning the pistol always be certain that it is not loaded.
- Never lubricate a loaded gun and never get lubricant on ammunition. Lubricant may damage ammunition leading to misfires.
- This manual is only applicable to the MPA DS Series pistols. All instructions, warnings and precautions are not applicable to any other make or model.
- When firing this or any MPA pistol, never put your hand, finger, arm or any other appendage on top of the ejection port. Failure to do so can cause serious injury.
- Never put your hand, finger, are or any other appendage in front of the muzzle (end of barrel) when firing this pistol. Failure to do so will cause serious injury.

General Pistol Overview:

An MPA handgun functions as a single-action, short recoil , automatic loading firearm - more commonly referred to as 'semi-automatic.' A semi-automatic firearm will fire a single cartridge and automatically reload another round into the chamber with each pull of the trigger. All MPA model handguns will continue this reloading operation until all ammunition rounds have been emptied from the magazine and there is no remaining supply from which to chamber a new round. The slide will remain open after the last round has been fired from the handgun.

Safety Reference: MPA DS handguns have a mechanical Grip Safety and a Thumb Safety device to assist you in the safe handling of the firearm. These features, when engaged, provide additional protection against Accidental Discharge by preventing the trigger from releasing the hammer and striking the firing pin.

The Grip Safety assists in preventing the handgun from firing without the Grip Safety being depressed.

The Thumb Safety locks the slide and restricts movement. The Thumb Safety also prevents the sear from disengaging the hammer allowing the hammer to strike the firing pin. On all MPA models, the Thumb Safety can be operated from both sides of the handgun (referred to as an ambi-safety). The Thumb Safety can only be engaged with the hammer in the cocked position ready to fire.

Special Consideration: Safety systems provide only a limited amount of protection, and – like any mechanical system – can malfunction unexpectedly. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Specifications:

MPA DS Hybrid Pistol

- Type of Pistol.....Magazine Fed Semi-Auto
- Ammunition.....9mm
- Safety.....Grip Safety, Thumb Safety
- Finish.....DLC/PVD Coating
- Magazine.....126 & 140mm
- Barrel Length.....5"
- Overall Length.....8.9"
- Height of gun7.3"
- Weight of gun without magazine.....2.5.lb.

MPA DS Commander Pistol

- Type of Pistol.....Magazine Fed Semi-Auto
- Ammunition.....9mm
- Safety.....Grip Safety, Thumb Safety
- Finish.....DLC/PVD Coating
- Magazine.....126 & 140mm
- Barrel Length.....4.25"
- Overall Length.....7.9"
- Height of gun without magazine.....7.3"
- Weight of gun without magazine.....2.1 lbs

Before Loading this Firearm:

1. Learn to recognize and identify each of the functional components of this MPA firearm.
2. Understand how to safely operate this firearm by carefully reading the instructions on the following pages.
3. Follow each step for operating this MPA firearm as described in this manual with the chamber empty, the magazine removed, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
4. Practice operating the firearm with it unloaded. Continue your practice until you have become familiar with the firearm functions and can comfortably handle the firearm in a safe manner.
5. Repeat these steps frequently to assure safe shooting conditions.
6. Review this manual of operation and safety instructions periodically. If you have not handled this or any other firearm recently, be certain to review this manual before you load this firearm with live ammunition.

Preparing to Fire:

Loading the Magazine Preparing the handgun for firing is composed of three basic steps: Loading the magazine, Inserting the magazine, and Loading the Handgun Chamber.

WARNING! Load magazines carefully.

1. Avoid dropping the magazine or the ammunition as damage or an accidental discharge can occur
2. Hold the magazine with the feed lips up, and the loading opening pointing outward (as shown below).
3. With your shooting hand, carefully insert a round through the loading relief, pressing down and to the rear of the magazine until the round is properly positioned. The primer end of the case should be in contact with the rear wall of the magazine. Repeat until the magazine is full.

Preparing to Fire: Inserting the Magazine

SAFETY WARNING! Keep the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction.

1. Do not use magazines that show signs of damage, cracking or excessive wear. Consult a qualified gunsmith if the magazine binds, fails to seat fully and securely, fails to release smoothly, or loads ammunition into the chamber of the handgun erratically.
1. Check for dirt and debris in the magazine port and clean or clear as needed.
2. Securely hold the handgun with your shooting hand with the magazine port pointing down as shown.
3. Insert the tip of the magazine into the magazine port of the handgun, with the ammunition feed opening pointing to the front of the handgun and the body of the magazine angled to match the angle of the grip as shown below.
4. Push the magazine into the magazine port until it is firmly seated and the magazine retainer locks into place.

Preparing to Fire - Loading the Chamber

SAFETY WARNING! Keep the muzzle of the handgun pointed away from anyone and in a safe direction.

1. For this operation, the Thumb Safety must be in the READY or FIRE position and the handgun will be capable of firing a round. Your finger must be off the Trigger and outside of the Trigger Guard unless directed to do otherwise by these instructions.
1. Pull the slide fully back and inspect the chamber for dirt or debris. If the chamber needs cleaning or clearing, push the Slide Lock UP to hold the slide open.
2. Load the chamber by pulling the slide to its rear most position and allowing the slide to snap back into position on its own. Do not interfere with its forward movement.
3. Set the Thumb Safety to the SAFE position until you have chosen a target and are prepared to fire the handgun.

Firing the Handgun: General Precautions

SAFETY WARNING! Don't shoot unless you are absolutely sure of your target and what exists beyond it.

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction. Until you have chosen a target and are prepared to fire the handgun, keep the Thumb Safety in the SAFE position.
2. To assure safe, trouble-free performance beginning with the first time you fire your MPA handgun, follow the cleaning and lubricating instructions as shown on our Cleaning and Lubrication Video.
3. To assure safe firing conditions:
 - a. Always handle a loaded firearm responsibly.
 - b. Follow all safety precautions and customs of firearm safety at all times.
 - c. Always keep the muzzle pointed away from anyone and in a safe direction.

- d. Always have the Thumb Safety set to SAFE (in the up position) when the handgun is cocked and ready to fire.
- e. Never release the thumb safety until you have aimed your handgun at your intended target and are ready to fire.
- f. Always position yourself sufficiently away from other people to assure everyone's safety when firing.
- g. Always squeeze the trigger slowly and deliberately towards you with your index finger when firing. Do not pull the trigger abruptly, in a jerking motion, or use another finger, under any circumstances.
- h. Never shoot any firearm in an unstable stance or position.
- i. Never drink alcohol or use other drugs before or during a shooting session. In the case of prescription medications, consult your doctor about possible side-effects that could interfere with your ability to safely handle a firearm.
- j. Never shoot at a hard surface or at the surface of water. Make sure you have a safe backstop. Firing the Handgun: In Case of Malfunction WARNING! Never attempt to remedy a malfunction yourself before completing a course of training by a qualified instructor.
- k. Malfunctions occur from improper firearm handling, defective ammunition, or from damaged parts. A malfunction can be recognized by the improper feeding or ejection of a round of ammunition - a condition otherwise known as a "jam".
- l. The remedy of malfunctions requires specialized training and should not be attempted without first completing a full course of instruction by a person qualified in the safe use of semi-automatic handguns.
- m. MPA assumes no responsibility for malfunctions which occur from user abuse, neglect, or failure to follow the warnings and instructions in this manual.
- n. Never attempt to remove an ammunition round or casing from the chamber or ejection port with your finger.
- o. Never use excessive force to remedy a jam or attempt to remove a stuck round with a tool or object which can damage a firearm or set off a live round of ammunition.

WARNING! Always have any firearm that malfunctions examined by a qualified gunsmith.

Firing the Handgun (Actual Operation):

1. In Case of Misfire WARNING! Never point your firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Always keep the muzzle pointed away from people and in a safe direction. Should a firearm fail to fire...
 - a. Always keep the muzzle pointed in the direction of your target. An ammunition round can have delayed ignition, called a "hang fire", and can fire unexpectedly - up to a minute - after being struck by the firing pin.
 - b. Always remove the ammunition magazine first, before attempting to determine the cause of misfire. Check the ammunition for proper type. Inspect the primer for firing

indentation, to determine whether or not the firing pin engaged the primer, or if the firing pin hit the primer firmly.

c. Never re-chamber damaged or misfired ammunition. Keep them separate from other rounds.

d. Never shoot any firearm if it continually misfires or malfunctions. A firearm that consistently misfires or malfunctions should be examined by a qualified gunsmith.

WARNING! Always check the barrel for obstructions. Use only ammunition of the proper type for the firearm you are using.

2. Removing the Magazine Clearing the handgun is composed of two basic steps: Removing the magazine and Unloading the chamber.

SAFETY WARNING! Until you pull the slide back and check for a remaining round in the chamber, the handgun is **LOADED** and capable of firing a round. Keep the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction. Your finger must be off the trigger and outside the trigger guard.

1. Make sure that the Thumb Safety is in the **SAFE** position.
2. Hold the handgun in your shooting hand, and place your other hand underneath the grip area to catch the magazine.
3. Fully depress the magazine release. The magazine should slide out of the handgun freely.

Clearing the Handgun

SAFETY WARNING! Keep the muzzle of the handgun pointed away from anyone and in a safe direction. The Thumb Safety must be in the **READY** or **FIRE** position and the handgun is capable of firing a round. Your finger must be off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until you confirm the ammunition magazine is removed and the chamber is empty.

1. With the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction, release and remove the ammunition magazine, pull the slide back and move the slide stop **UP** to keep the chamber open. If there was a round in the chamber it should eject with the opening of the slide.
2. Inspect the chamber. If there is a round in the chamber, carefully remove it and place it in a appropriate storage container.
3. Release the slide stop and slowly close the slide only after confirming the ammunition magazine is removed and the chamber is empty.
4. With the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction, depress the trigger to release the hammer.
5. If you are finished shooting, have confirmed the ammunition magazine is removed and the chamber is empty, remove any remaining ammunition from the magazine.
6. Store the ammunition, the handgun, and the magazine in appropriate storage containers.

SAFETY WARNING! Until the magazine is removed and the chamber is empty, the handgun is **LOADED** and capable of firing a round. Keep the muzzle pointed away from yourself and in a safe direction. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and **OFF** the trigger.

Cleaning Product Warning: You should avoid solvent immersion and prolonged ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Never use cleaning products with Trichloroethylene, ammoniated solvents, rubbing alcohol or strong alkaline solvents. Discoloration and Damage to the coating/finish can occur if these cautions are ignored. Use of these type cleaners will void the warranty on the finish of the pistol.

Carry & Transport

WARNING! Carry only empty firearms when traveling. Before Carrying or Transporting Any Firearm:

1. Always remove the magazine and check the firearm for an empty chamber before carrying or transporting. Note: MPA model handguns must be checked by first removing the ammunition magazine from the firearm to prevent a round from entering the chamber.
2. Never carry any firearm with the hammer in the cocked or halfcocked position. Keep the hammer forward, with the chamber empty, until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always carry firearms in a case or holster specifically made for the type of firearm you are using until you are ready to fire.
4. Never carry any firearm with your finger on the trigger or inside the trigger guard.
5. Never carry any firearm by the muzzle end.
6. Always keep any firearm's muzzle pointing in a safe direction when carrying it or preparing to shoot. Remain alert at all times. Be aware of how you could prevent an accident in the event of a stumble or fall by keeping the muzzle pointing away from any person or object that could be endangered.
7. Avoid dropping your firearm under any circumstances.

SAFETY WARNING! Never carry a loaded firearm when you climb a tree, cross a fence, jump over an obstacle, or go across areas where you are likely to trip, slip, stumble or fall.

STORAGE

SAFETY WARNING! Never leave your firearm unattended until you have unloaded it and secured it from unauthorized handling and use.

Before storing or leaving this firearm unattended:

- Immediately remove the ammunition magazine from the firearm and check for an empty chamber.

Note: Any semi-automatic type handgun must be checked by first removing the ammunition magazine from the firearm to prevent a round from entering the chamber.

1. Remove all unfired ammunition from the firearm, the magazine, clothing, and from around the shooting area. Place unfired ammunition in a safe and separate location from the firearms.
2. Place the unloaded firearm in an appropriate storage case or holster.

3. Keep this and all firearms securely locked up and out of sight, away from any possibility of unauthorized access or unexpected discovery, until ready to use.
4. Always remain aware of the danger of firearms, even when stored.
5. Check firearm storage frequently, to be certain the location remains secure and has not been violated in any way.

SAFETY WARNING! Store firearms and ammunition separately, under lock and out of the sight of and beyond reach of children, minors, and adolescents.

Handgun Maintenance: Disassembly

SAFETY WARNING! Always remove the magazine and any ammunition in the firearm's chamber before disassembly. Always wear safety goggles during disassembly and reassembly to protect your eyes while handling springloaded parts.

General preparations...

1. Choose a clean, stable surface at which to comfortably disassemble the firearm. Allow sufficient room to place the parts removed from the firearm without interfering with the disassembly process. To prevent damage to the firearm, disassemble the firearm on a clean, lint-free cloth.
2. Read through the entire disassembly procedure before attempting to disassemble any of the MPA model handguns.
3. The following disassembly procedure requires manual dexterity and specific tools. Seek the service of a qualified gunsmith for assistance if you are uncertain of your ability to perform the following disassembly process.
4. Contact MPA for further clarification or instructions should any of the parts or assemblies shown in the disassembly process of this manual appear different from those found on your MPA model.

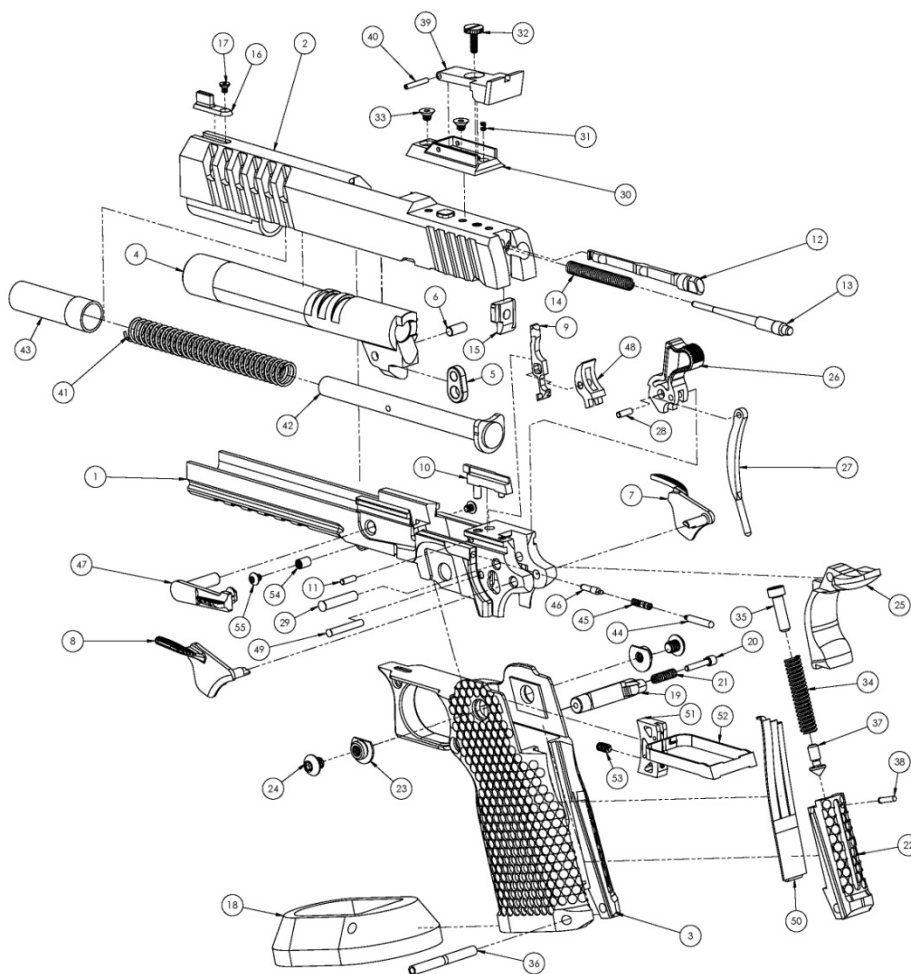
Disassembly:

For Disassembly Instructions, please visit the Masterpiece Arms Channel on YouTube for an instruction video on how to Disassemble and Reassemble your DS Pistol.

Accuracy X Sight Module System:

For instructions on the Accuracy X Sight Module System, please visit the Masterpiece Arms Channel on YouTube for an instruction video on how this system works and methods of change from Iron Sight to Red Dot Modules. .

ITEM NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	DS9-GFR	DS9 Government Frame	1
2	DS9-GSD	Government Slide	1
3	DS9-G01	DS9 Grip 01	1
4	DS9-GBL	Government Barrel	1
5	DS9-LNK	Barrel Link	1
6	DS9-LKP	Barrel Link Pin	1
7	DS9-ASL	Ambi Safety, Left	1
8	DS9-ASR	Ambi Safety, Right	1
9	DS9-DSC	Disconnecter	1
10	DS9-EJ	Ejector	1
11	DS9-EJP	Ejector Pin	1
12	DS9-EXT	Extractor	1
13	DS9-FP	Filing Pin	1
14	DS9-FPR	Firing Pin Spring	1
15	DS9-FPT	Firing Pin Stop	1
16	DS9-ST	Front Sight (Standard Height)	1
17	DS9-FSS	Front Sight Screw	1
18	DS9-G01-LMW	G01 Large Magwell	1
19	DS9-G01-MC	G01 Magazine Catch	1
20	DS9-MCL	Magazine Catch Lock	1
21	DS9-MCS	Magazine Catch Spring	1
22	DS9-G01-MSH	G01 Mainspring Housing	1
23	DS9-G01-BSH	Grip Bushing	2
24	DS9-G01-BSS	Grip Bushing Screw	2
25	DS9-G01-SFT	Grip Safety (Beavertail)	1
26	DS9-HMR	Hammer	1
27	DS9-HMS	Hammer Strut	1
28	DS9-HSP	Hammer Strut Pin	1
29	DS9-HP	Hammer Pin	1
30	DS9-OP-IRN	Iron Sights Optics Plate	1
31	DS9-OP-RSR	Rear Sight Elevation Spring	1
32	DS9-OP-BES	Rear Sight Elevation Screw	1
33	DS9-OP-PSC	Optics Plate Screw	2
34	DS9-MS	Mainspring	1
35	DS9-MSC	Mainspring Cap	1
36	DS9-MSP	Mainspring Pin (Comp Magwell)	1
37	DS9-MPL	Mainspring Plunger	1
38	DS9-MPL	Mainspring Retaining Pin	1
39	DS9-OP-RST	Rear Sight	1
40	DS9-OP-BRP	Rear Sight Roll Pin	1
41	DS9-GRS	Gov't 9mm Recoil Spring	1
42	DS9-GGR	Gov't Guide Rod (Recoil Spring Guide)	1
43	DS9-RP	Reverse Plug (Recoil Spring Plug)	1
44	DS9-SFP	Safety Plunger	1
45	DS9-PLS	Safety Slide Stop Plunger Spring	1
46	DS9-SSP	Slide Stop Plunger	1
47	DS9-SS	Slide Stop	1
48	DS9-SR	Sear	1
49	DS9-SRP	Sear Pin	1
50	DS9-SRS	Sear Spring	1
51	DS9-TBL	Trigger Blade	1
52	DS9-TBW	Trigger Bow	1
53	DS9-TSS	Trigger Blade Set Screw	1
54	DS9-TGB	Trigger Guard Bushing	1
55	DS9-TBS	Trigger Guard Bushing Screw	2



Conditional Lifetime Warranty

To Original Purchaser

All **MasterPiece Arms** firearms come with a conditional lifetime warranty (conditions listed below). Warranty covers any defect or malfunction due to poor workmanship or materials.

Warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the gun. The original purchaser is to fill out the warranty card located on the inside of the last page of the owner's manual provided with every **MasterPiece** firearm. Warranty will not be valid unless card is on file.

The other option is to follow this link:

<https://masterpiecearms.com/technical-support/warranty-info/>

If firearm is defective or malfunctions due to materials or workmanship, simply return the unit to **MasterPiece Arms** with a short note describing the problem. Owner will be expected to cover the shipping cost to **MasterPiece Arms**. Then MPA will pay for return shipping, repair work, and all replacement parts required.

MasterPiece Arms reserves the right to inspect and determine if the problem is due to misuse, abuse or neglect, which are NOT covered by this warranty. **MasterPiece Arms** must perform all warranty evaluations and repairs, no consideration or reimbursements will be made to any repairs not performed by **MasterPiece Arms**.

Warranty will not cover any of the following conditions:

- *Damage incurred from use with an unauthorized attachment or accessory.

- *Modification of the unit by persons other than **MasterPiece Arms**.

- *Unit returned by persons other than the original purchaser.

- *Firearms used as rental equipment or for commercial use.

- *Improper installation of parts.

- *Weather damage.

- * **Cleaning Product Warning:** You should avoid solvent immersion and prolonged ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Never use cleaning products with Trichloroethylene, ammoniated solvents, rubbing alcohol or strong alkaline solvents. Discoloration and Damage to the coating/finish can occur if these cautions are ignored. Use of these type cleaners will void the warranty on the finish of the pistol.

- *Abuse

- *The entire gun must be returned for warranty repair consideration. If an incomplete gun is returned for warranty repair, no repairs will be considered.

Our liability is limited to the price paid for the product. In no event will **MasterPiece Arms** or their resellers be liable for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages resulting from the performance or failure to perform under this agreement. All ammunition must be of the proper caliber and type for the firearm and must meet the provisions of C.I.P. or SAAMI in size and gas pressure. Use

of improper ammunition voids the warranty and releases the producer from any product liability and or warranty. By acceptance of this product, the purchaser agrees to the terms of this warranty.

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Warranty Registration Card

MasterPiece Arms Serial # _____ Date Purchased: _____

Owner: Mr./Mrs./Ms. -

Agency/Company:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Purchaser's Name if different from Owner:
