



# 92X PERFORMANCE

PISTOL

USER MANUAL



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WARNING, CAUTION and Notice headings are defined as follows:

 **WARNING:**

**The purpose of a WARNING is to draw attention to a potential dangerous situation that could result in personal injury.**

 **CAUTION:**

**A CAUTION concerns potential damage to firearm.**


 **Notice:**


A NOTICE highlights important procedures and statements that require more emphasis than general text.

Illustrations in the manual refer to 92X Performance Production or Production Optic.

The references “left” or “right” always refer to the firearm as hold by the user.

The contents of this manual are subject to change without notice.


 **Notice:** always keep this manual with your firearm. Include it with the pistol when it changes ownership or when it is loaned or presented to another person.


 **Notice:** The Manufacturer and/or its Local Official Distributors assume no responsibility for product malfunction or for physical injury or property damage resulting in whole or in part from criminal or negligent use of the product, improper or careless handling, unauthorized modifications, use of defective, improper, hand-loaded, reloaded or remanufactured ammunition\*, customer abuse or neglect of the product, or other influences beyond manufacturer's direct and immediate control.


\* See paragraph "Ammunition".

 **WARNING:** always ensure safety is engaged – if present until ready to fire. A safety, which is not fully engaged, will not prevent firearm discharge.

 **WARNING:** ALL FIREARMS HAVE LETHAL POTENTIAL. READ THE BASIC SAFETY RULES CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THEM FULLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS FIREARM.

 **Notice:** In addition to the Basic Safety Rules, there are other Safety Rules pertaining to the loading, unloading, disassembly, assembly and use of this firearm, located throughout this manual.

 **WARNING:** READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM. MAKE SURE THAT ANY PERSON USING OR HAVING ACCESS TO THIS FIREARM READS AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THIS MANUAL PRIOR TO USE OR ACCESS.

 **CAUTION:** we recommend the use of original Beretta spare parts and accessories. The use of other manufacturer's spare parts and accessories could cause malfunctions and/or breakages that will not be covered by the Beretta warranty.

# BASIC SAFETY RULES

**⚠ WARNING: PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL BEFORE HANDLING YOUR FIREARM.**

**⚠ WARNING: FIREARMS CAN BE DANGEROUS AND CAN POTENTIALLY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR DEATH, IF HANDLED IMPROPERLY. THE FOLLOWING SAFETY RULES ARE AN IMPORTANT REMINDER THAT FIREARM SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

## 1. NEVER POINT A FIREARM AT SOMETHING THAT IS NOT SAFE TO SHOOT.

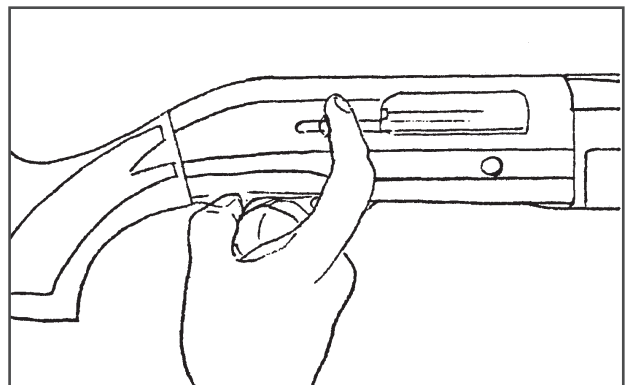
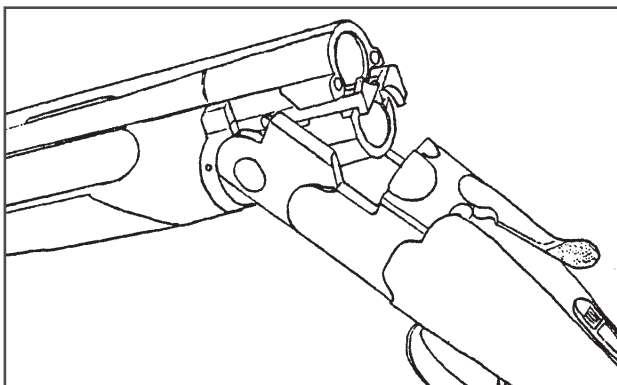
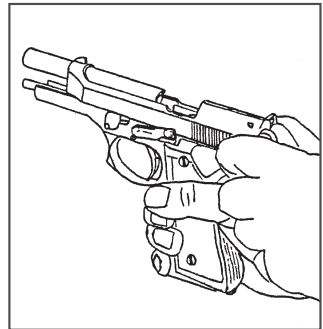
Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is especially important when loading or unloading the firearm.



When you are shooting at a target, know what is behind it. Some bullets can travel over a mile. If you miss your target or if the bullet penetrates the target, it is your responsibility to ensure that the shot does not cause unintended injury or damage.

## 2. ALWAYS TREAT A FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED.

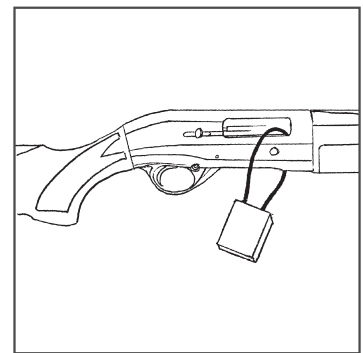
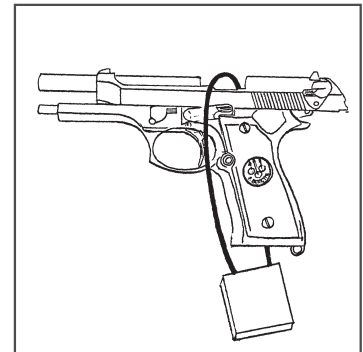
Never assume that a firearm is unloaded. The only certain way to ensure that a firearm has the chamber(s) empty is to open the chamber and visually and physically examine the inside to see



guarantee that a firearm is unloaded or cannot fire. Firearms can be checked by cycling or removing all rounds and by then opening and inspecting the chamber so that a visual inspection of the chamber for any remaining rounds can be made.

### **3. STORE YOUR FIREARM SO THAT CHILDREN CANNOT GAIN ACCESS TO IT.**

It is your responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 18 or other unauthorized persons do not gain access to your firearm. To reduce the risk of accidents involving children, unload your firearm, lock it and store the ammunition in a separate locked location. Please note that devices intended to prevent accidents - for example, cable locks, chamber plugs, etc, - may not prevent use or misuse of your firearm by a determined person. Firearm storage in a steel gun safe may be more appropriate to reduce the likelihood of intentional misuse of a firearm by an unauthorized child or person.



### **4. NEVER SHOOT AT WATER OR AT A HARD SURFACE.**

Shooting at the surface of water or at a rock or other hard surface increases the chance of ricochets or fragmentation of the bullet or shot, which can result in the projectile striking an unintended or peripheral target.



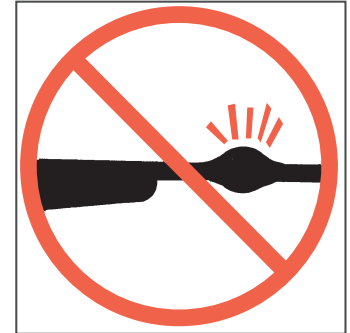
### **5. KNOW THE SAFETY FEATURES OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING, BUT REMEMBER: SAFETY DEVICES ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURES.**

Never rely solely on a safety device to prevent an accident. It is imperative that you know and use the safety features of the particular firearm you are handling, but accidents can best be prevented by following the safe handling procedures described in

these safety rules and elsewhere in the product manual. To further familiarize yourself with the proper use of this or other firearms, take a Firearms Safety Course taught by an expert in firearms use and safety procedures.

## 6. PROPERLY MAINTAIN YOUR FIREARM.

Store and carry your firearm so that dirt or lint does not accumulate in the working parts. Clean and oil your firearm, following the instructions provided in this manual, after each use to prevent corrosion, damage to the barrel or accumulation of impurities which can prevent use of the gun in an emergency. Always check the bore and chamber(s) prior to loading to ensure that they are clean and free from obstructions. Firing with an obstruction in the barrel or chamber can rupture the barrel and injure you or others nearby. In the event you hear an unusual noise when shooting, stop firing immediately, engage the manual safety and unload the firearm. Make sure the chamber and barrel are free from any obstruction, like a bullet blocked inside the barrel due to defective or improper ammunition.



## 7. USE PROPER AMMUNITION.

Only use factory-loaded, new ammunition manufactured to industry specifications: CIP (Europe and elsewhere), SAAMI® (U.S.A.). Be certain that each round you use is in the proper caliber or gauge and type for the particular firearm. The caliber or gauge of the firearm is clearly marked on the barrels of shotguns and on the slide or barrel of pistols. The use of reloaded or remanufactured ammunition can increase the likelihood of excessive cartridge pressures, case-head ruptures or other defects in the ammunition that can cause damage to your firearm and injury to yourself or others nearby.



## 8. ALWAYS WEAR PROTECTIVE GLASSES AND EARPLUGS WHEN SHOOTING.

The chance that gas, gunpowder or metal fragments will blow back and injure a shooter who is firing a gun is rare, but the injury that can be sustained in such circumstances can be severe, including the possible loss of eyesight. A shooter must always wear impact resistant shooting glasses when firing any firearm. Earplugs or other high-quality hearing protectors help reduce the chance of hearing damage from shooting.



## 9. NEVER CLIMB A TREE, FENCE OR OBSTRUCTION WITH A LOADED FIREARM.

Open and empty the chamber(s) of your firearm and engage the manual safety before climbing or descending a tree or before climbing a fence or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. Always unload a firearm, visually and physically check to see that the magazine, loading mechanism and chamber are unloaded, and action is open before handing it to another person. Never take a firearm from another person unless it is unloaded, visually and physically checked to confirm it is unloaded, and the action is open.



## 10. AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR JUDGMENT/REFLEX IMPAIRING MEDICATION WHEN SHOOTING.

Do not drink and shoot. If you take medication that can impair motor reactions or judgment, do not handle a firearm while you are under the influence of the medication.



## 11. NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.

Unload a firearm before putting it in a vehicle (chamber empty, magazine empty). Hunters and target shooters should load their firearm only at their destination, and only when they are ready to shoot. If you carry a firearm for self-protection, leaving the chamber unloaded can reduce the chance of an unintentional discharge.



## 12. LEAD WARNING.

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

**⚠️ WARNING:** It is **YOUR** responsibility to know and abide by Federal, State and Local laws governing the sale, transportation and use of firearms in your area.

**⚠️ WARNING:** This firearm has the capability of taking your life or the life of someone else! Always be extremely careful with your firearm. An accident is almost always the result of not following basic firearm safety rules.

### ESPECIALLY FOR U.S. CONSUMERS:

For information about Firearm Safety Courses in your area, please visit the National Rifle Association's web site at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org).



# CONTROLS

The following figures are side views of the 92X Performance pistol showing the main controls.



# AMMUNITION

## AMMUNITION (CARTRIDGE) NOTICE:

Beretta specifically disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury occurring with, or as the result of, the use of faulty, non-standard, “remanufactured,” hand-loaded or reloaded ammunition, or cartridges other than those for which the firearm was originally chambered. Serious damage or injury, even death, could result from the use of incorrect ammunition, from firing against bore obstructions and from propellant overloads. Use of improper ammunition, such as listed previously will void the manufacturer’s warranty. Use only high-quality, commercially-manufactured ammunition made in accordance with CIP (Europe and elsewhere) or SAAMI® (USA) standards. Be certain that the ammunition is the appropriate caliber and loading for the firearm and is clean, dry and in good condition. The pistol caliber is stamped on the back of the barrel, visible from the ejection port.


**⚠ WARNING:** Carefully inspect each cartridge before it is loaded in the magazine. Be certain the cartridge cases are not split or deformed, and that the cartridges do not possess any other dents or defects. This warning even applies to factory ammunition.

**Do not fire old ammunition. Primers, powder, cartridge cases, and bullets can deteriorate with time and cause damage to the firearm, or injury to the shooter or others.**


**⚠ WARNING:** The extended use of +P or +P+ ammunition may decrease component part service life expectancy. **DO NOT** use sub-machine gun ammunition because the chamber pressure may reach or exceed proof load pressure. Lead bullets have a tendency to cause bore leading, which may dramatically increase the discharge pressure. Be sure to remove all chamber and bore lead accumulation after each use. **DO NOT** shoot cartridges with jacketed bullets through a barrel previously fired with lead bullets before the bore is thoroughly delead.


## DRY FIRING & “DUMMY” ROUNDS


Dry firing is defined as firing a firearm with no ammunition in the chamber. Long term dry firing your Beretta 92X Performance pistol may result in damage to the firing pin. “Snap Caps” (inert chamber inserts that allow a firearm to be dry-fired without damaging the action) are available at most gun stores for those who wish to practice firing without live ammunition.


 **CAUTION:** “Dummy Rounds” with empty primer pockets are suitable for loading/unloading practice but **DO NOT PROTECT** the firing pin tip during dry firing.

## LOADING AND FIRING

 **WARNING:** A pistol can have a live round in the chamber and can fire even if the magazine is empty or has been removed.

 **WARNING:** Before loading the firearm, become familiar with the following loading procedures without the use of ammunition. Never handle a loaded firearm until you are fully familiar with the loading procedures. Always point the firearm in a safe direction.

 **WARNING:** Always keep your finger away from the trigger whenever you do not intend to fire.

 **WARNING:** Load the chamber only when ready to fire. In case of interruption of firing before the magazine is empty and the chambered round is fired, it is necessary to unload the pistol before decocking the hammer.

## HOW TO DE-COCK THE HAMMER

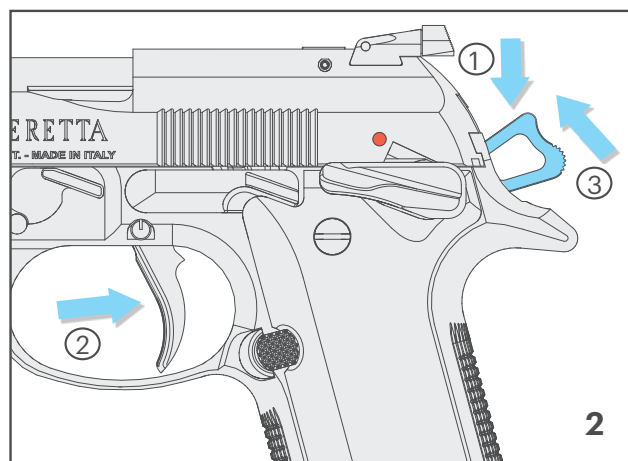
**⚠ WARNING:** the hammer de-cocking operation **MUST** only be performed with the pistol unloaded and the barrel chamber empty. This is due to the fact that the 92X Performance pistol **DOES NOT** feature mechanisms that permit de-cocking of the hammer with a round chambered.

**⚠ WARNING:** The hammer **DOES NOT** feature a notch that would be caught by the sear if the hammer were to accidentally slip from the thumb. The hammer must therefore never be de-cocked with a round in the chamber.

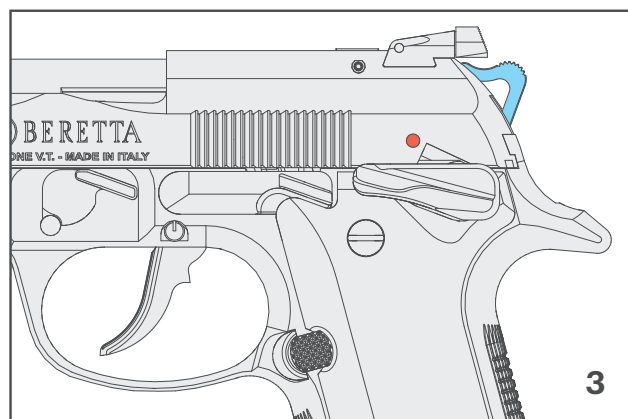
To de-cock the hammer, proceed as follows:

Check that the chamber is empty as described in the paragraph "LOAD CHECK" on page 29

Strongly retaining the hammer with the thumb of the hand which holds the pistol, depress the trigger and allow the hammer to move slightly forward under thumb control.



Simultaneously remove finger from trigger and cautiously let the hammer rotate until it stops on the fully de-cocked position.

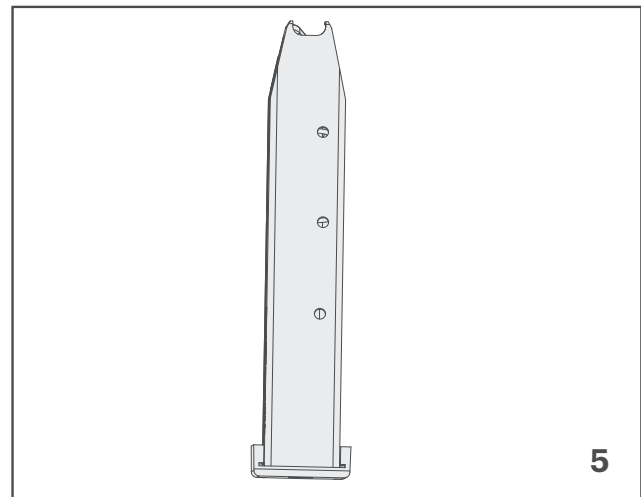
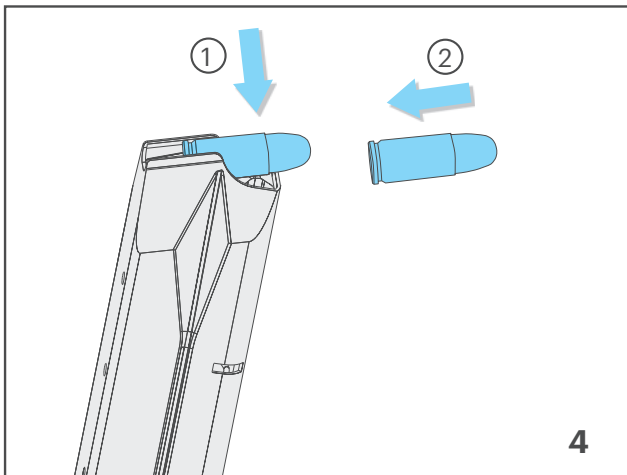


## LOADING THE MAGAZINE

**! WARNING:** Be sure that you have the correct cartridges for your pistol.

To load the magazine, remove it from the pistol by depressing the magazine release button.

Hold the magazine in one hand. With the other hand place a cartridge on the magazine follower in front of the lips at the top of the magazine. Press the cartridge down onto the follower and slide the cartridge completely under the lips until it is lodged fully inside the magazine body.



Repeat process until magazine is fully loaded. Holes on the back of the magazine allow for visual counting of cartridges.

**! CAUTION:** Do not try to force more than the maximum number of rounds indicated for your particular pistol into the magazine. An overloaded magazine may not function properly.



## LOADING THE PISTOL AND THE FIRING CHAMBER

**! WARNING:** Beretta assumes no responsibility for any injury or property damage resulting from improper or careless handling, intentional or accidental discharge of the firearm.

**! WARNING:** Be sure that the obstruction check has been completed prior to loading.

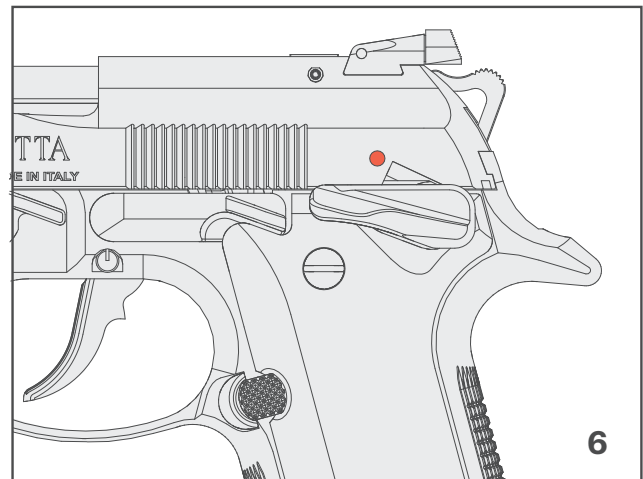
**! WARNING:** Point the firearm in a safe direction. Do not touch the trigger until you are ready to fire and are sure of your target and backstop.

The firing chamber of the pistol is the portion of the barrel into which the cartridge is fed. The firing chamber may be loaded in one of two ways:

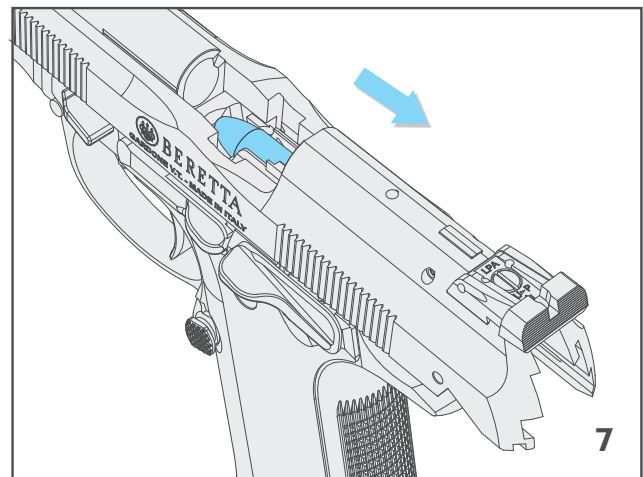
### 1. LOADING FROM MAGAZINE

Push the loaded magazine into the pistol grip completely to insure catch engagement.

Release the thumb safety, if engaged.

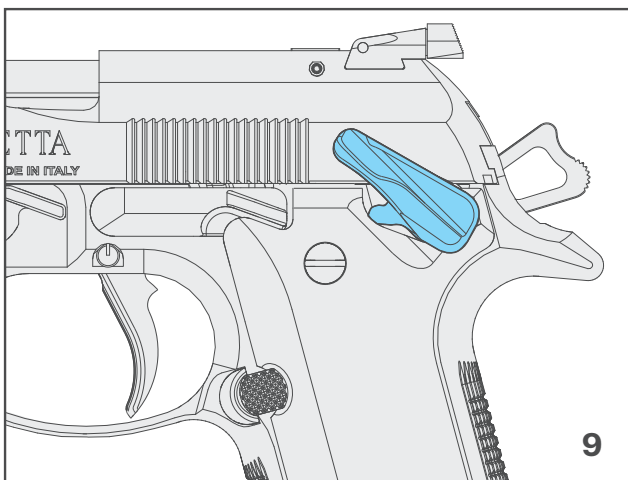
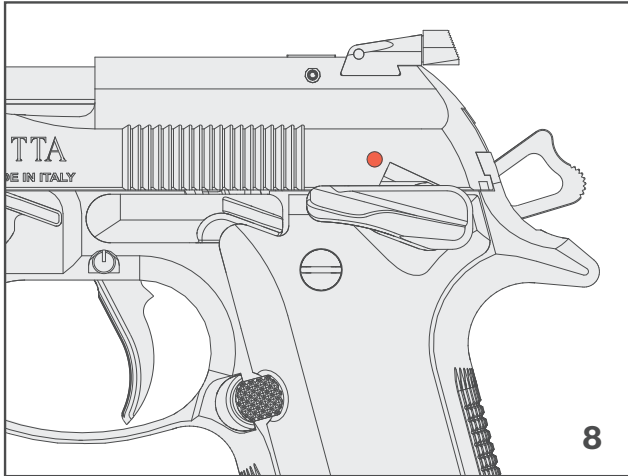


Pull back the slide and release it. The slide will automatically pick up a cartridge from the top of the magazine and feed it into the chamber.



**! WARNING:** THE PISTOL IS NOW CHAMBER LOADED, COCKED, THUMB SAFETY DISENGAGED AND READY TO FIRE BY PULLING THE TRIGGER. Immediately engage the thumb safety by rotating the safety lever with a fully upward thumb pressure so as to cover the red warning dot (the red dot is visible when the thumb safety is

disengaged).



**2. A PISTOL WHICH IS LOADED AND FIRED WILL AUTOMATICALLY PICK UP THE NEXT ROUND AND FEED IT INTO THE FIRING CHAMBER AS LONG AS THERE IS AMMUNITION IN THE MAGAZINE.**

If you want to replace the round which has been chambered from the magazine (remember that you are handling a loaded firearm with a live round in the chamber):

Check the thumb safety is en-

gaged.

Remove the magazine from the pistol by depressing the magazine release button.

Insert one more cartridge into the magazine.

Completely push the loaded magazine into the pistol grip to insure catch engagement.

**! WARNING: REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE HANDLING A LOADED FIREARM, WITH A LIVE ROUND IN THE CHAMBER. Keep your finger away from the trigger whenever you do not intend to fire.**

## UNLOADING

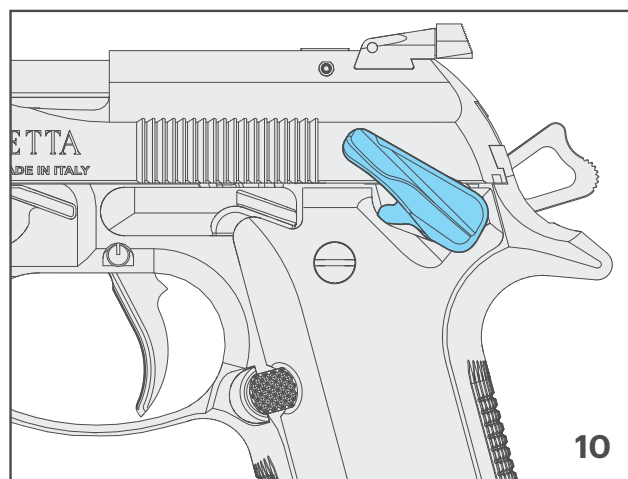
**⚠ Notice:** It is a good practice to store the pistol unloaded, with empty magazine, with empty chamber and with de-cocked hammer.

**⚠ WARNING: THE HAMMER DE-COCKING OPERATION MUST ONLY BE PERFORMED WITH THE PISTOL UNLOADED AND THE BARREL CHAMBER EMPTY.** This is due to the fact that the 92X Performance pistol does not feature mechanisms that permit de-cocking of the hammer with a round chambered.

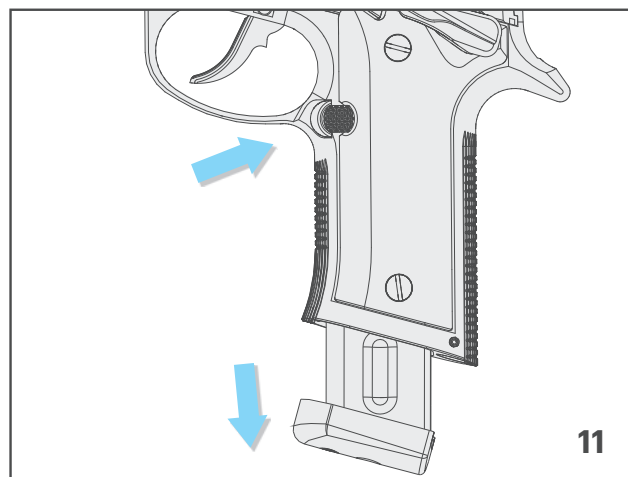
**⚠ WARNING:** The hammer DOES NOT feature a half-cock notch that would be caught by the sear if the hammer were to accidentally slip from the thumb. The hammer must therefore never be lowered with a round in the chamber.

**⚠ WARNING:** Always point the firearm in a safe direction. Keep your finger away from the trigger.

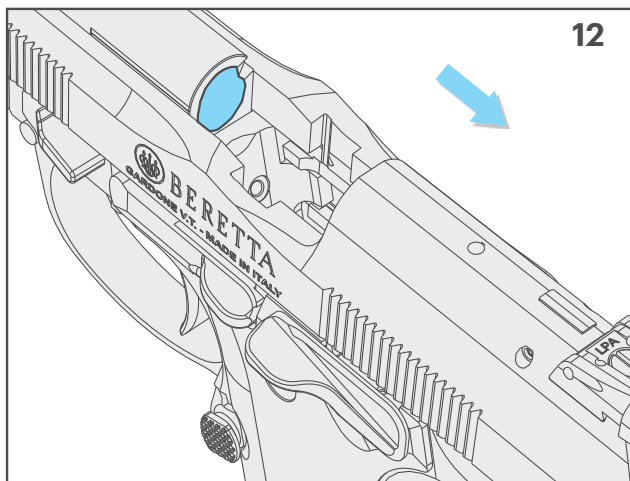
Make sure that the safety is engaged.



Keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction and remove the magazine from the pistol.



Release the thumb safety and grasping the slide serrations with thumb and index finger, fully retract the slide to remove the chambered cartridge.



## UNLOADING THE MAGAZINE

To unload the magazine, grasp it with one hand around the magazine box, bottom down and front end forward. With the tip of the thumb firmly press down on the cartridge rim and push towards the front of magazine box. As the cartridge moves forward, tip it slightly upward with the index finger.

**! WARNING:** Always visually inspect the firing chamber to ensure that it is empty. The chamber is empty when no cartridge is visible when looking into the open chamber.

Repeat until the magazine is unloaded.

When sure that the chamber is empty and the cartridge has been ejected, release the slide.

**! WARNING:** Releasing the fully retracted slide when a loaded magazine is in the pistol will feed a cartridge into the pistol's firing chamber. Having the hammer cocked, the pistol will be in the condition of being able to fire immediately.

To increase the service life of the hammer spring, it is advisable to lower the hammer.

## FIRING

**! WARNING:** Beretta assumes no responsibility for any injury or property damage resulting from improper or careless handling, intentional or accidental discharge of the firearm.

**! WARNING:** Be certain the firearm is pointed in a **SAFE** direction. Never put your finger on the trigger unless you intend to shoot.

**! WARNING:** High-quality eye and ear protection should be worn by all present when firing any firearm.

### WHEN READY TO FIRE:

Aim the pistol by aligning the top of the front sight with the top of the rear sight. Place the front sight on your target. This is your point of aim.

Release the thumb safety by simply pushing the thumb safety lever down all the way.

The Red Warning Dot, which is exposed when the safety lever is rotated completely downward, indicates that the safety is off.

**! WARNING: THE PISTOL IS NOW READY TO FIRE.**

**! WARNING:** Ensure that fingers or other parts of the hands and the face are kept away from the slide. Not respecting this warning can lead to serious injury. During the firing cycle, the slide moves to the rear violently and with great energy. Ensure that the other hand is kept away from the muzzle of the barrel.

Fire by squeezing the trigger.

**i Notice:** Since the hammer is cocked, the pull on the trigger simply releases the hammer letting it strike the firing pin. This firing mode is called single action.

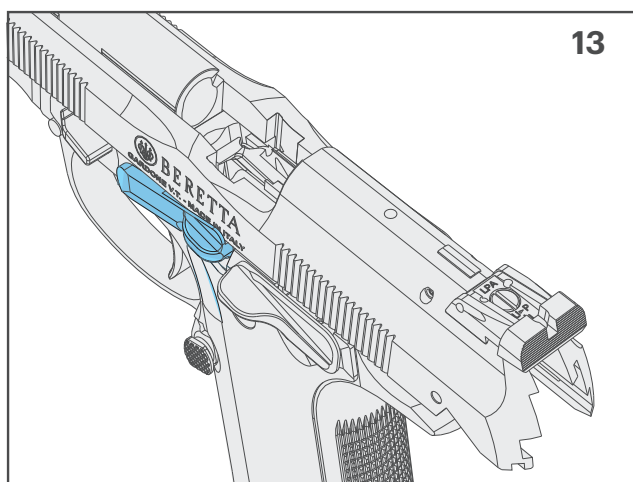
**i Notice:** If the hammer is un-cocked, the pull of the trigger will cock and then release the hammer, letting it strike the firing pin. This firing mode is called double action.

The discharge will recoil the slide which, in turn, will eject the fired cartridge case, cock the hammer and compress the recoil spring. Then the slide will automatically close, feeding the next cartridge from the maga-

zine into the chamber.

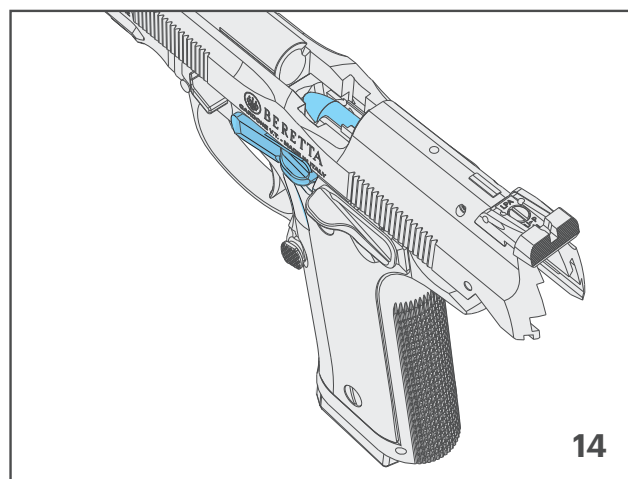
**! WARNING: THE PISTOL IS STILL CHAMBER LOADED, COCKED AND READY TO FIRE AGAIN. Keep your finger away from the trigger whenever you do not intend to fire.**

When the last round has been fired the slide remains open.

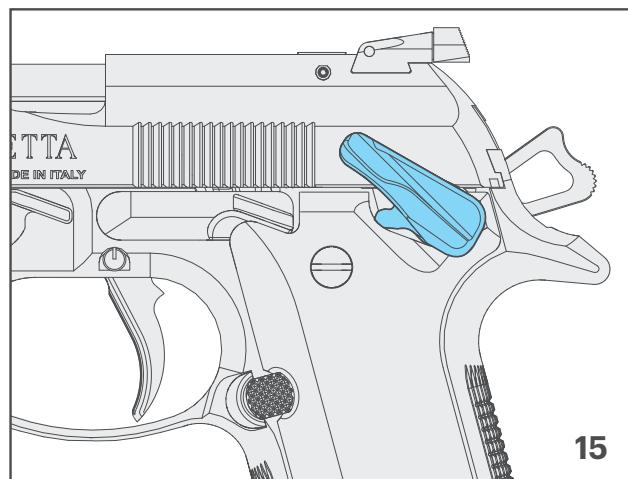


To fire again, remove the empty magazine and insert a loaded one.

Press the slide catch to close the slide and to load the chamber.



**! WARNING: THE PISTOL IS CHAMBER LOADED, COCKED AND READY TO FIRE AGAIN. Keep your finger away from the trigger whenever you do not intend to fire. IMMEDIATELY ENGAGE THE THUMB SAFETY.**



When you have completed shooting, remove the magazine, check that the firing chamber is empty, see "UNLOADING" on page 17 and close the slide pushing the slide catch again.

**⚠ WARNING:** Always unload the firearm immediately after shooting is completed. Never store a loaded firearm. To store the pistol see the paragraph “STORAGE” on page 44.

**⚠ WARNING:** If while firing the trigger is pulled and the firearm does not immediately fire: **CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY** and do the following:

Keep the firearm pointed in a SAFE direction in the event a “hang-fire” has occurred. A hangfire occurs when there is a delay in a cartridge’s ignition.

With the pistol pointed in a SAFE direction, wait one (1) full minute.

After one (1) full minute has elapsed, completely unload the firearm by following the instructions in this manual “UNLOADING” on page 17.

Carefully inspect your ammunition. Immediately refer to a qualified gunsmith if the striker indent on a fired cartridge’s primer is light, off-center or does not exist.

Following the instructions “FIELD STRIPPING” on page 31, field strip the pistol and look down the barrel to make sure that no obstruction exists. If a barrel obstruction is detected, a qualified gunsmith must remove the obstruction and inspect the pistol before it can be fired.

**⚠ WARNING:** If another cartridge is fired into an obstructed barrel, catastrophic failure can result.

**⚠ WARNING:** If, while firing, you hear a change in the sound of a fired cartridge, or feel a change in the amount of recoil, or detect any other irregularity, **CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY** and do the following:

Keep the firearm pointed in a SAFE direction. A “squib load” may have occurred. A “squib” occurs when a cartridge fires, but with insufficient force to drive the bullet out of the barrel. This can result in a dangerous bore obstruction.

With the gun pointed in a SAFE direction, completely unload the firearm by following the “UNLOADING” on page 17. Following the instructions “FIELD STRIPPING” on

page 31, field strip the pistol and look down the barrel to make sure that no obstruction exists.

**! WARNING: Never attempt to reuse or fire ammunition that did not fire the first time. Dispose of unfired or damaged ammunition properly, per the ammunition manufacturer's recommendation.**

## DESCRIPTION

The Beretta 92X Performance is the synthesis of the longstanding experience of the model 92, manufactured in well over two million units and reconfirms Beretta's tradition of steel framed pistols. Designed with extreme attention to details the Beretta 92X Performance pistol is created with the true connoisseurs, the expert marksmen and collectors in mind. This exclusive 92 model sports numerous special features, like its steel frame, the slim line of its "vertical" grip, the recoil-reducing slide, already tested in the Brigadier, Stock, Combat, Billennium and Steel I models, the ambidextrous, frame-mounted safety and the skeletonized hammer. The pistol Beretta 92X Performance Production and Production Optic are qualified to compete in the IPSC and USPSA competitions.

The pistol Beretta 92X Performance Defensive is qualified to compete in the IDPA competitions.



# SPECIFICATIONS

Model	PRODUCTION / PRODUCTION OPTIC	
Caliber	9x19 mm	9x21 mm
Approximate weight unloaded with empty magazine (g/oz)	1350/47.6	
Magazine Capacity (rounds)	15	
Rifling pitch (mm/in)	250/10	
Barrel rifling	6 right handed grooves	
Barrel length (mm/in)	125/4.9	
Overall length (mm/in)	222/8.7	
Overall width (mm/in)	US Market only 41/1.6 - Other Markets 48/1.9	
Overall height (mm/in)	148/5.8	
Sight radius (mm/in)	170/6.7	
Trigger pull (kg/oz)	3,0/105.8 double action; 1,5/52.9 single action	
Trigger Reset (mm/in)	2-4 / 0.078-0.157	
General Operation	Semiautomatic, short recoil	
Locking System	Cam operated, tilting locking block, locked breech	
Action	Double/single	
Front sight	Blade with fiber-optic, dovetailed to slide	
Rear sight	Micro metrical adjustable, notched bar, dovetailed to slide	
Frame	Alloy steel with NISTAN finishing	
Slide	Alloy steel with NISTAN finishing	
Barrel	Cold hammered alloy steel black finishing with internal chrome plating	
Safety features	Automatic firing pin safety Ambidextrous thumb safeties	

Model	DEFENSIVE	
Caliber	9x19 mm	9x21 mm
Approximate weight unloaded with empty magazine (g/oz)	1210/42,68	
Magazine Capacity (rounds)	15	
Rifling pitch (mm/in)	250/10	
Barrel rifling	6 right handed grooves	
Barrel length (mm/in)	125/4.9	
Overall length (mm/in)	222/8.7	
Overall width (mm/in)	41/1.6	
Overall height (mm/in)	148/5.8	
Sight radius (mm/in)	170/6.7	
Trigger pull (kg/oz)	3,0/105.8 double action; 1,5/52.9 single action	
Trigger Reset (mm/in)	2-4 / 0.078-0.157	
General Operation	Semiautomatic, short recoil	
Locking System	Cam operated, tilting locking block, locked breech	
Action	Double/single	
Front sight	Blade with fiber-optic, dovetailed to slide	
Rear sight	Micro metrical adjustable, notched bar, dovetailed to slide	
Frame	Alloy steel with NISTAN finishing	
Slide	Alloy steel with NISTAN finishing	
Barrel	Cold hammered alloy steel black finishing with internal chrome plating	
Safety features	Automatic firing pin safety Ambidextrous thumb safeties	

# SAFETY FEATURES

## THUMB SAFETY

92X Performance pistols feature a thumb safety on the frame that locks the sear and the slide in the closed position. The thumb safety can be engaged when the hammer is in de-cocked or cocked position. The thumb safety cannot be engaged with the slide in the open position.



## AUTOMATIC FIRING PIN SAFETY

When the trigger is not pulled completely back, a blocking device secures the firing pin and prevents it from moving forward, even if the weapon should fall from a height and strike the ground muzzle-down.

## SLIDE CATCH

The slide catch is a lever that holds the slide open and rearward after the last round is fired. This allows the user to immediately determine that the pistol does not have a round in the chamber or in the magazine.

## SLIDE OVERTRAVEL STOP

The left safety lever has been shaped to enter a matching groove cut into the slide rail to stop slide breech recoil overtravel.

## EXPOSED HAMMER

The exposed hammer allows the user to visually and immediately determine that the hammer is cocked or lowered.

# OPERATIONAL FEATURES

## SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIRING

92X Performance pistols will automatically reload after each round is fired, as long as there are cartridges in the pistol.

The locked-breech locking system with tilting locking block and the barrel short recoil operation are a warranty of long-life and shooting accuracy.

## MICRO METRIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE TRIGGER

92X Performance pistols feature a competition tuned trigger with screw to adjust the reset.

## REMOVABLE, HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINE

92X Performance pistols have a quickly removable, high capacity magazine which allows rapid reloading and extended use in emergency situations.

The type and capacity of magazine for 92X Performance are listed in "SPECIFICATIONS" on page 23.

## SIMPLE FIELD STRIPPING AND CLEANING

The disassembly device is designed to allow an extremely quick and simple field stripping of the pistol and also to avoid casual or involuntary disassembly. A pistol which can be easily field stripped can be more readily cleaned. Simple cleaning makes it easier for the user to properly maintain the pistol, which helps ensure continued reliability (see "MAINTENANCE" on page 42).

## STEEL FRAME

92X Performance pistols feature the exclusive frame manufactured with high resistance steel with NISTAN finish (Tin/nickel alloy plating has exceptional corrosion resistance and a superb finish). The increase of the weight gives the pistol better stability during firing.

## SLIDE

The slide was widened near the slide rails. The slight increase of the weight gives the pistol better stability while firing. The front profile also allows for a removable dovetailed front sight. Special designed serrations provides fast, easy racking of the slide.

## AMBIDEXTROUS SAFETY LEVER

Ambidextrous for easier thumb access. Extended length and width.

## SIGHTS

Front sight is blade, removable, dovetailed to the slide, with fiber optic. Rear sight is notched bar black serrated, dovetailed to the slide, micro metrically adjustable for elevation and windage.

## CHECKERED FRONT AND BACKSTRAP

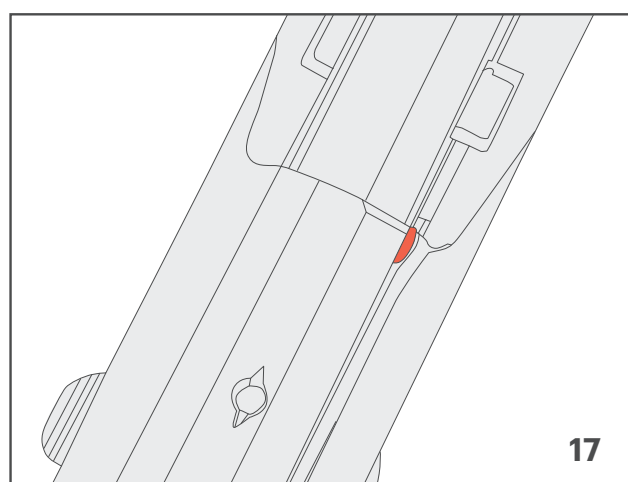
The front and back straps are fully checkered to ensure a firm hold. The top of the back strap area is precisely curved and relieved for a firmer, more comfortable grip.

## RUBBER PLASTIC WRAP-AROUND GRIP PANEL

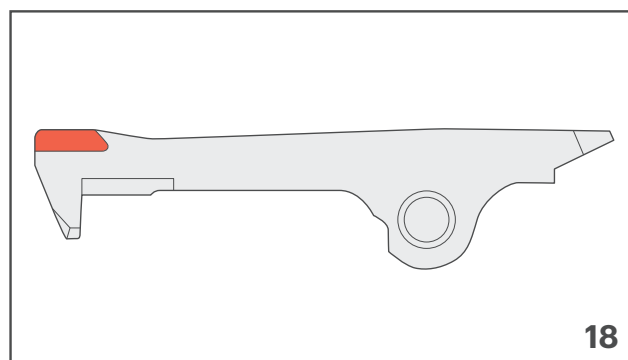
92X Performance features also a one-piece construction wrap-around grip panel designed for a solid, hand-filling grip, which keeps the grip rock-solid on the frame, also for shooters with large hands.

## LOADED CHAMBER INDICATOR

When a cartridge is chambered, the extractor head protrudes outside the slide breech, exposing a red warning signal. The protrusion can be felt by touch. This makes it unnecessary to pull back the slide to verify if the chamber is loaded.



The tab is located on the right side of the pistol's slide, near the chamber, and can be both seen and felt, allowing the user to check the chamber at night by feel or during the day by checking for the increased protrusion of the red tab.



**! WARNING:** The only certain way to check whether a pistol is loaded is to pull back the slide and visually inspect the chamber for a round.

**! WARNING:** 92X Performance pistols are **NOT** provided with a magazine safety. They are therefore capable of firing, if a round is chambered, even if the magazine has not been inserted or if it has been removed or if it has been removed from its seat.

### **REVERSIBLE MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON**

The magazine release button protrudes from the pistol side to facilitate the operation and can easily be assembled on either side of the pistol for right and left handed shooters.

### **SKELETONIZED HAMMER**

The skeletonized hammer gives the pistol a distinctive look.

## **GENERAL OPERATION**

Beretta's 92X Performance semi-automatic pistols use a short recoil locked-breech system with falling block.

When the pistol is fired, the pressure developed by combustion gas recoils the slide-barrel assembly.

After a short run of slide-barrel assembly, the locking block tilts down and releases the slide letting it recoil while the barrel stops against frame. The slide, during its rearward movement, extracts and ejects the fired cartridge case, cocks the hammer and activates the recoil spring. Pushed by the recoil spring, the slide then moves forward feeding the next cartridge from the magazine into the chamber and causing barrel-slide locking.

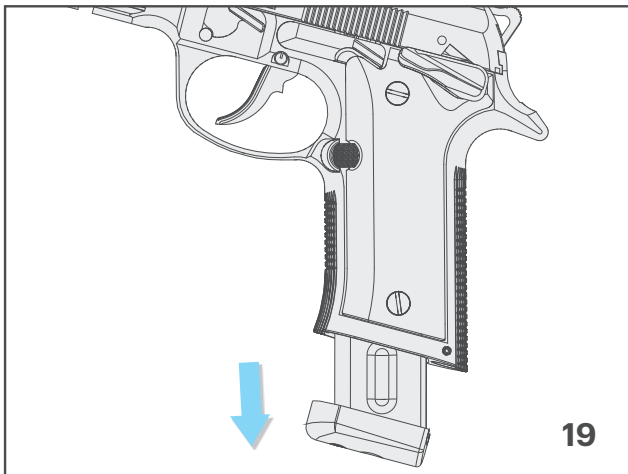
The slide is designed to stay open after the last cartridge has been fired and ejected.

# LOAD CHECK

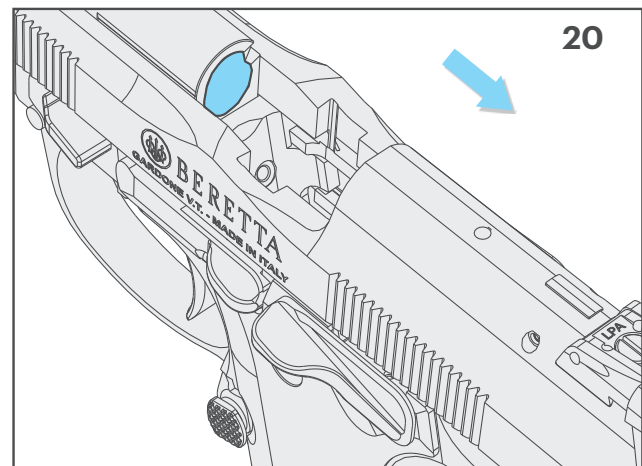
**! WARNING:** Keep your finger OFF OF THE TRIGGER and the barrel pointed in a SAFE direction when checking to be certain your 92X Performance pistol is unloaded.

To visually check that your pistol is unloaded, carefully follow the steps below.

Remove the magazine by depressing the magazine release button.



Retract the slide and visually inspect the cartridge chamber. The pistol is unloaded when no cartridge is visible when looking into the open chamber.



For safety, you should...

Always visually check to see that the chamber is unloaded. Never assume that a firearm is unloaded (even with a gun that is new and in its original packaging).

Never point a firearm toward yourself or another person.

Lock the slide in the open position and remove the magazine before handing the pistol to another person.

Never take any pistol from another person unless the slide has been locked open, the magazine has been removed and the chamber has been visually checked to confirm it is unloaded.

# LOCKING THE SLIDE TO THE REAR


 **WARNING:** Keep your finger **OFF OF THE TRIGGER** and the barrel pointed in a **SAFE** direction.


 **WARNING:** Always keep your finger away from the **ejection port**.

Locking the slide in the open position can be accomplished in 2 ways.

1) insert an empty magazine into the pistol. Retract the slide until the slide locks in the open position.

 **Notice:** The slide will be released when pulled to the rear if a **LOADED** magazine is inserted.

 **Notice:** The slide will be released when pulled to the rear if **NO** magazine is inserted.

 **Notice:** The slide will remain locked in the open position when the magazine is re-

moved.

2) with no magazine in the pistol, retract the slide while pressing up on the slide catch to lock the slide in the open position.



# FIELD STRIPPING

**! WARNING:** Make sure the pistol is unloaded. If not, unload it following the procedure “UNLOADING” on page 17.

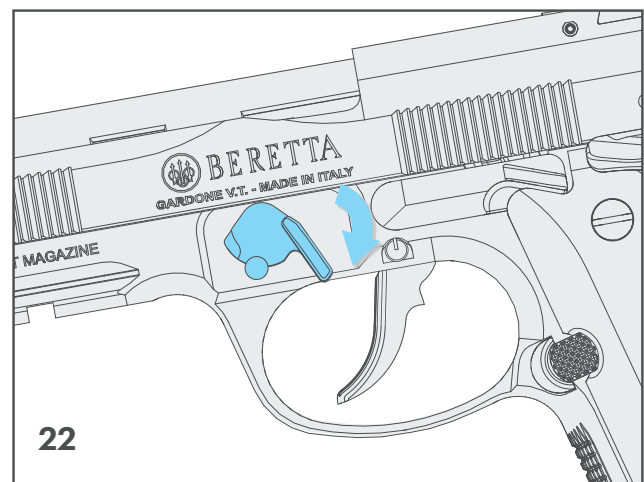
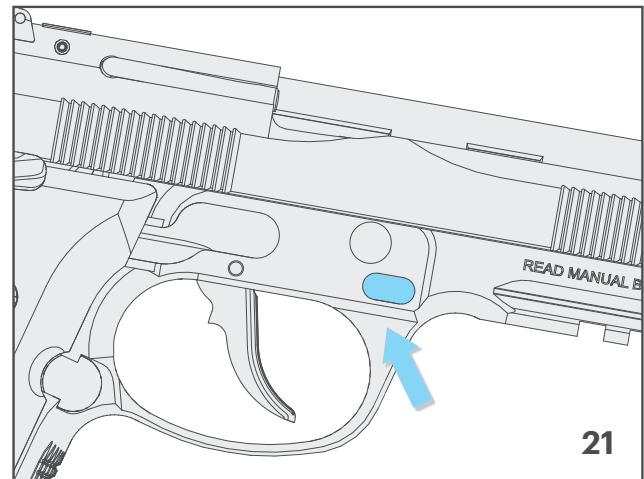
**! WARNING:** Always point the firearm in a safe direction. Keep your finger away from the trigger.

**! CAUTION:** It is recommended to wear protective glasses when performing maintenance operations.

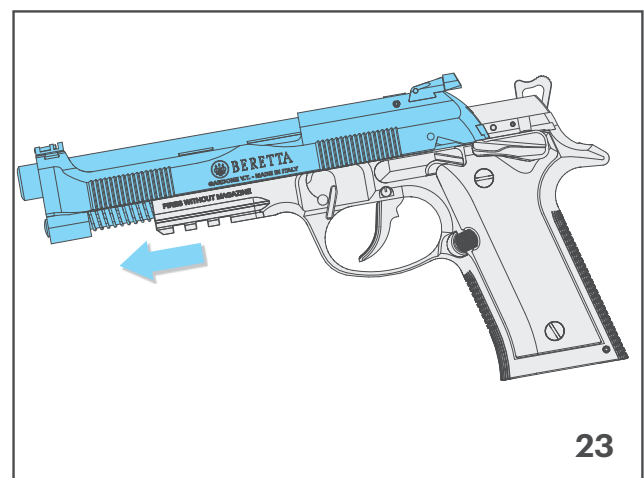
**! CAUTION:** It is advisable to carry out the field stripping and the assembly operations over a table to catch components should they drop.

Remove the magazine by depressing the magazine release button.

Hold the pistol in the right hand and with left forefinger press the disassembly latch release button which protrudes from the right side of the pistol. While it is held in, rotate the disassembly latch on the left side of the frame with the thumb clockwise approx. 90° downward.



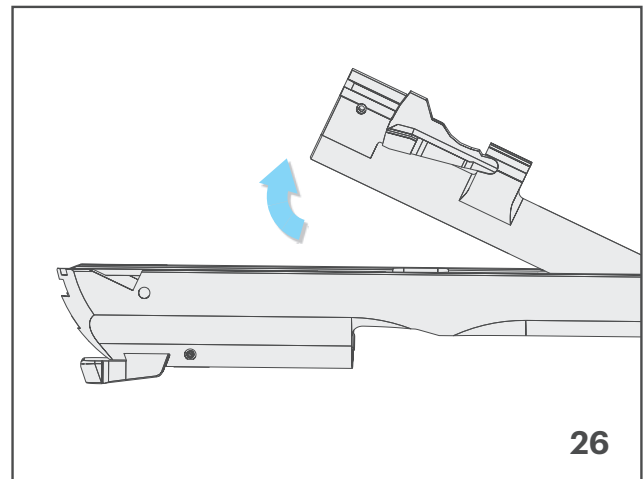
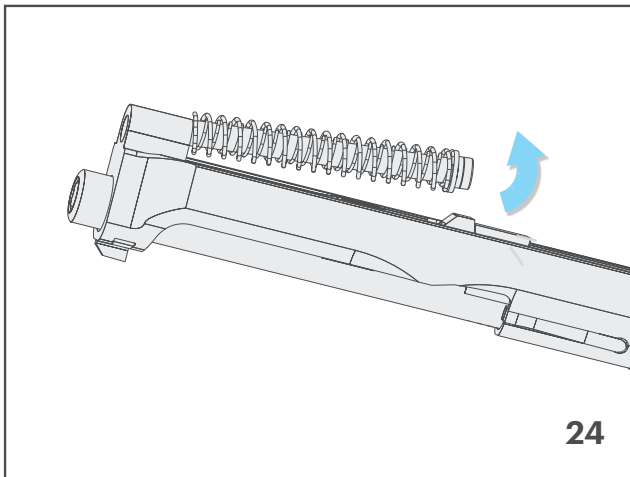
Pull the slide-barrel assembly with locking block, recoil spring and spring guide forwards



Slightly press recoil spring and spring guide.

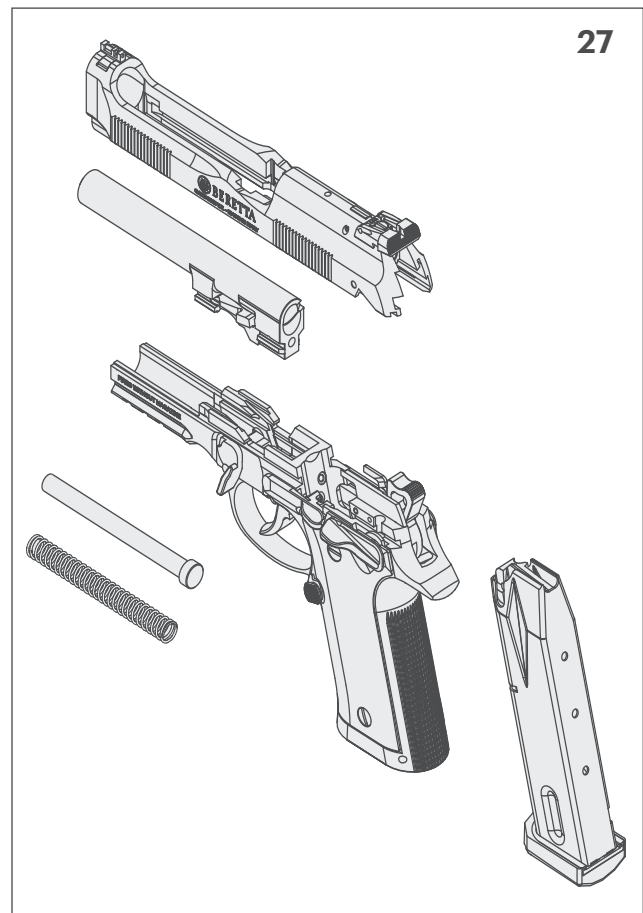
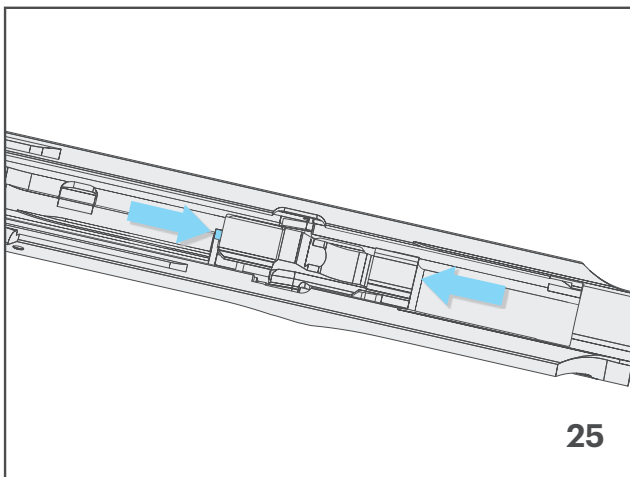
**! WARNING: Spring and spring guide are under tension.**

Lift spring guide and recoil spring, letting the latter stretch slowly.



**! CAUTION: No further disassembly is recommended unless done by a competent gunsmith.**

Depress the locking block plunger.  
Remove the barrel's locking assembly from the slide



## RE-ASSEMBLY

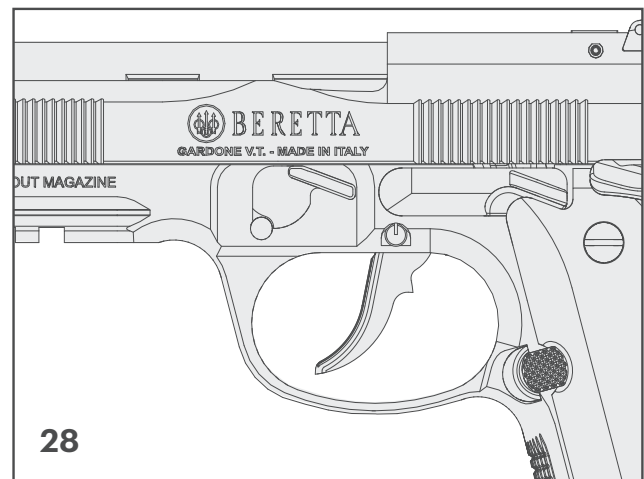
Assemble the pistol following the Field Stripping procedure in reverse order. It is advisable to pay attention to the following points:

When the barrel and locking block assembly are correctly inserted into the slide, they should rest securely inside the slide without movement. (The extractor must lie in its groove in the barrel).

The locking block lugs should rest firmly in their seats in the slide (the locking block plunger should protrude from the barrel).

The recoil spring guide head should lodge in the center of its groove in the locking block.

When the slide and barrel assembly are placed back on the frame, the slide/barrel assembly should be pushed beyond the rear of the frame (or aligned with it) before the disassembly latch is rotated into its original position.



# HOW TO ADJUST THE REAR SIGHT

**⚠ WARNING:** Make sure the pistol is unloaded. If not, unload it following the procedure “UNLOADING” on page 17.

**⚠ WARNING:** Always point the firearm in a safe direction. Keep your finger away from the trigger.

Beretta 92X Performance Production pistols are equipped with rear sight adjustable both in windage and in elevation (micrometric adjustment).

Rear and front sights are dovetailed to the slide for replacement.

Both rear and front sight removing direction is from right to left.

Beretta 92X Performance pistol comes with sights zeroed.

If factory settings are not satisfactory, proceed as follows:

- **ELEVATION:** to rise the point of impact (the point you hit on the target) turn counterclockwise the upper screw (elevation

screw) using the dedicated tool provided.

Turn by increments of one click until the desired adjustment is obtained.

To lower the point of impact, act in the opposite direction (turn the screw clockwise).


- **WINDAGE:** to move the point of impact to the right, turn the side screw clockwise by clicks until the desired adjustment is obtained. To move the point of impact to the left, act in the opposite direction (turning the side screw counterclockwise).

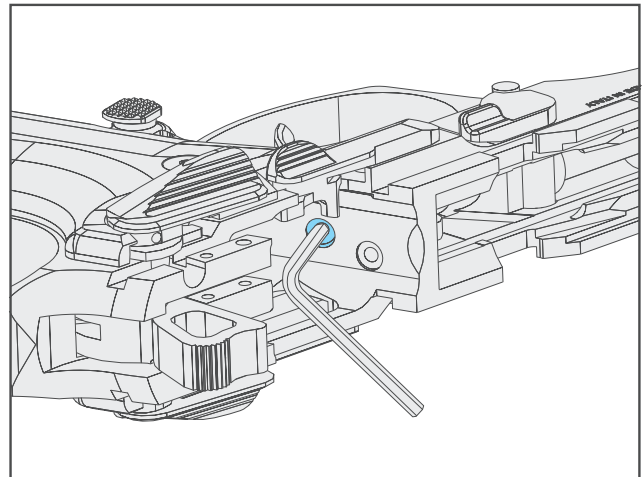
# HOW TO ADJUST THE TRIGGER RESET

Disassemble the pistol (see paragraph "FIELD STRIPPING" on page 31).


Trigger reset is the return trigger travel that re-connects the trigger mechanism and allows to fire a subsequent round.


With the 1.5 mm hexagonal key supplied unscrew (counter-clockwise) the lower hexagonal dowel on the frame to increase the trigger reset and vice versa.


 **CAUTION:** adjusting screws from factory are not glued in position to allow adjustment. While adjusting in the convenient position Beretta recommends to add Loctite® to prevent unscrewing.



# HOW TO REPLACE THE MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON

 **WARNING:** Make sure the pistol is unloaded. If not, unload it following the procedure “UNLOADING” on page 17.

 **CAUTION:** Before proceeding with the disassembly of the parts, closely observe and memorize the position of the components to make assembly easier.

 **Notice:** It is advisable to perform field stripping and assembly operations over a table to catch components should they drop.

With a suitable screwdriver unscrew and remove the grip panels.


Press the back (flat side) of the magazine release button down and away. The magazine release assembly will then drop out.


Insert the new magazine release button (grooved side) in position tilting it slightly.


Holding the button (grooved side) of the magazine release assembly firmly in place, press its flat side and push it until it clicks into place. The operation is done correctly when the magazine slides easily into its housing.

Replace grip panels with screws.

# HOW TO REVERSE THE MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON

 **WARNING:** Make sure the pistol is unloaded. If not, unload it following the procedure “UNLOADING” on page 17.

 **CAUTION:** Before proceeding with the disassembly of the parts, closely observe and memorize the position of the components to make assembly easier.

 **Notice:** It is advisable to perform field stripping and assembly operations over a table to catch components should they drop.

With a suitable screwdriver unscrew and remove the grip panels.

Press the back (flat side) of the magazine release button down and away. The magazine release assembly will then drop out.

Reverse the magazine release assembly and insert the button (grooved side) in position tilting

it slightly.

Holding the button (grooved side) of the magazine release assembly firmly in place, press its flat side and push it until it clicks into place. The operation is done correctly when the magazine slides easily into its housing.

Replace grip panels with screws.

# AIMING DEVICE

## INSTALLATION

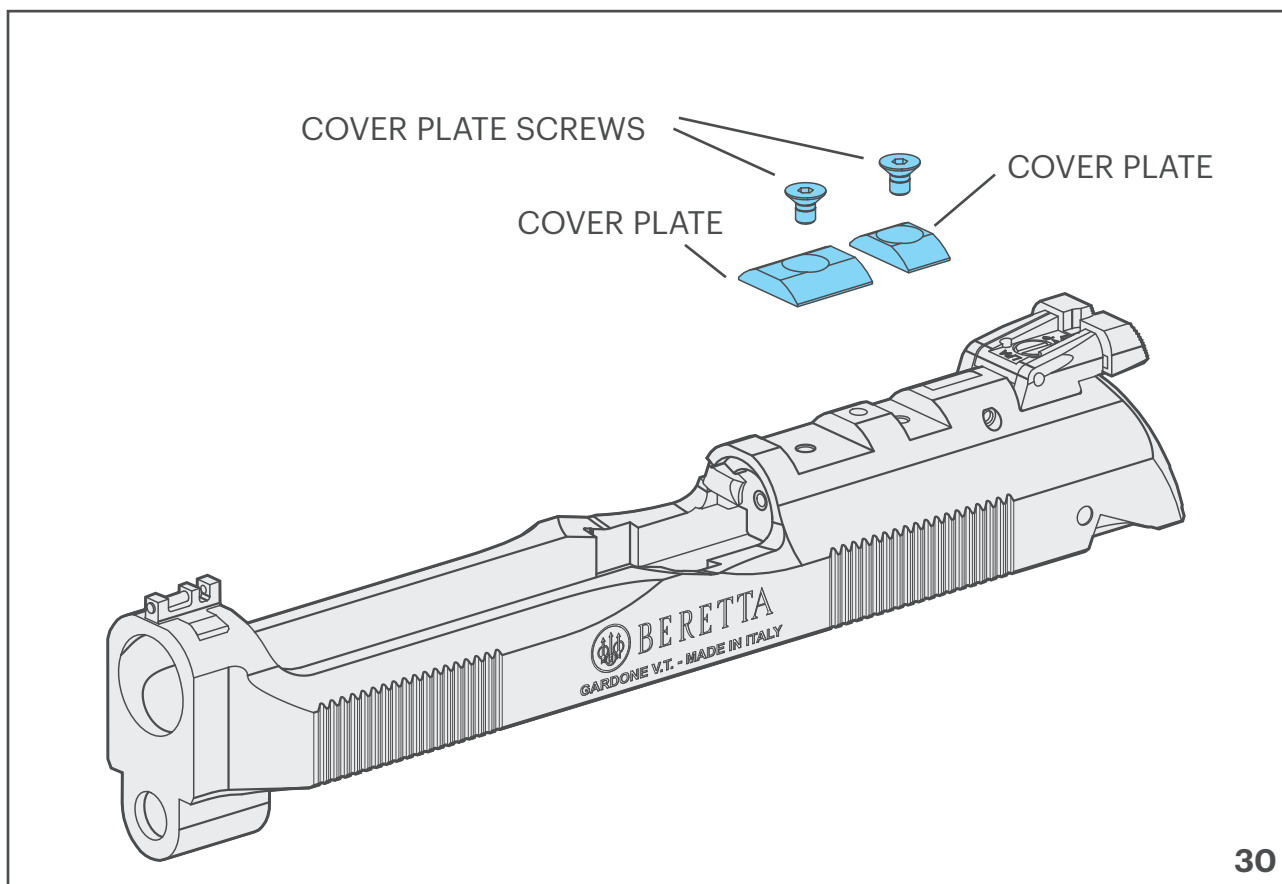
**! WARNING:** Make sure the pistol is unloaded. If not, unload it following the procedure “UNLOADING” on page 17.

To install the red dot aiming device, remove the cover plates from the slide of your 92X Performance Optic Pistol by unscrewing the two screws (socket countersunk M3X6) using a suitable key.

**i Notice:** Use the chart at page 40 to select the proper mounting plate and screws for your aiming device.

Install the mounting plate on top of the slide and fasten it by means of the two socket cap screws M3X6 using a suitable key.

**! WARNING:** a sight which is not mounted securely may become detached upon recoil of firearm. If it becomes



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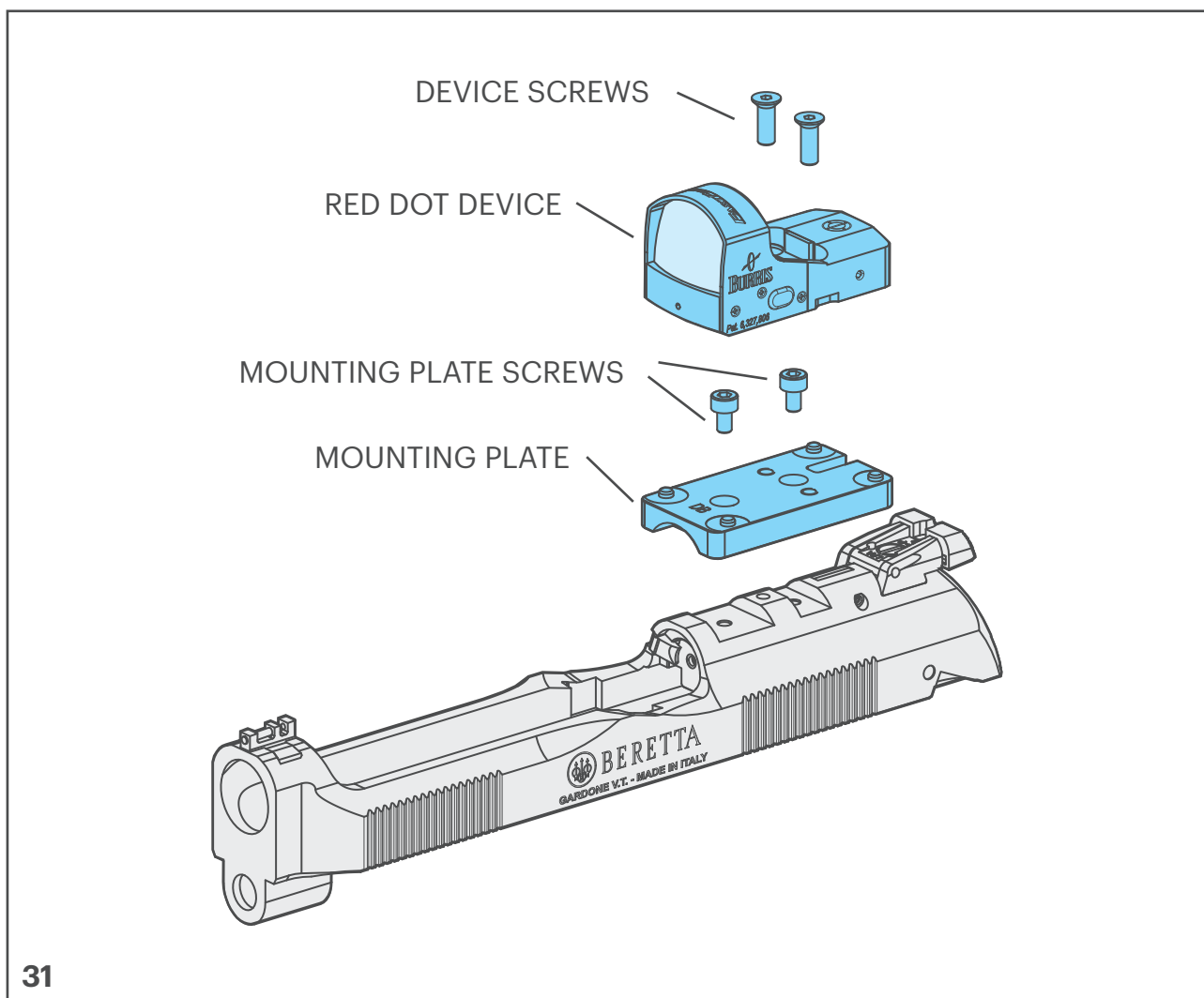






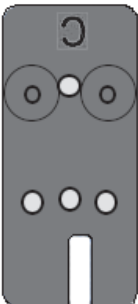
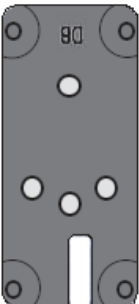
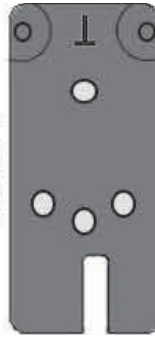
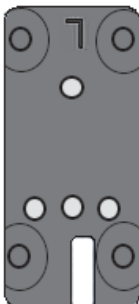
detached it may fly back and strike the shooter or bystander and cause injury. Observe the condition of the mounting screws after firing. If the mounting screws show signs of loosening **DO NOT** fire the gun again until you have re-tightened the screws. The original screws come with a drop of glue applied; if it could not be

enough the use of Loctite® is recommended.


Install your aiming device on the mounting plate.

Using the screws, fasten the sight onto the slide using an allen key. Details on different screws and keys are given in the chart at page 40.



<p>SOCKET CAP SCREW M3,5X12 (SUITABLE KEY)</p> 	<p>C-MORE STS</p>			
<p>SOCKET COUNTERSUNK SCREW M3,5X10 (SUITABLE KEY)</p> 		<p>DOCTER</p>		
<p>SOCKET COUNTERSUNK SCREW M3,5X12 (SUITABLE KEY)</p> 		<p>BURRIS FAST FIRE III</p>	<p>TRIJICON RMR</p>	
<p>SOCKET COUNTERSUNK SCREW M3,5X19 (SUITABLE KEY)</p> 	<p>PLATE "C"</p> 	<p>PLATE "DB"</p> 	<p>PLATE "T"</p> 	<p>LEUPOLD DELTA POINT</p> 


## REMOVAL

 **WARNING:** Before installing or removing the aiming device, unload the pistol in accordance with the unloading procedure of the User Manual. Unload the magazine in accordance with the User Manual.

To remove the red dot aiming device, unscrew the fastening screws and remove them and the device. Details on different screws and keys are given in the chart at page 40.

Then remove the mounting plate by unscrewing the fastening socket cap screws M3X6 using a suitable key.

Install the cover plates on the slide of your 92X Performance Optic pistol fastening them with two socket countersunk M3X6 by means of a suitable key.

 **Notice:** Beretta also recommends Toni System mounting plates for 92X Performance Optic pistols. Please refer to manufacturer's instructions for correct installation and removal of the plates.

# MAINTENANCE

Every day the pistol is fired or at least once a month, cleaning and lubricating is recommended.

**⚠ WARNING:** Excess oil and grease obstructing the bore, even partially, is very dangerous when firing and may cause barrel rupture and serious injury to the shooter and bystanders. Never spray or apply oil to the cartridges. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearm.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Always keep the outside surface of the firearm slightly lubricated, to allow the surface coating treatment to last.

## BARREL

Spray the supplied brush with Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil. Insert the brush into the barrel from the chamber and scrub the chamber and bore thoroughly. If necessary, first clean the bore with a gun solvent.

Dry the chamber and bore by pushing a cotton patch through the chamber and bore with the brush. Change the patch until it emerges clean.

Clean the locking block with a cotton patch soaked in Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil. If necessary use the supplied brush.

Lightly oil the inside of the barrel by passing through it a clean cotton patch soaked in Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil. Lightly oil the locking block and outside of the barrel.

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not clean the barrel with the pistol assembled.

**ⓘ Notice:** Cleaning the barrel from the breech (chamber) end will avoid damaging the muzzle or bore.


## SLIDE

Clean the slide with a patch and Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil, paying special attention to the breech face and extractor, slide rails and underside of the breech. If necessary, use the supplied brush. Wipe slide surfaces with a clean patch. Lightly oil the slide.

## RECOIL SPRING AND SPRING GUIDE

Lightly oil the recoil spring and spring guide with Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil. After long use it could be necessary to first scour these parts using the supplied brush.

## FRAME

 **CAUTION:** Hammer and sear finishing is DLC (Diamond Like Carbon). Use of abrasive paper or polish, not to mention filing, will remove the coating.

With a cotton patch soaked in Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil, clean all areas covered by gunpowder residue and dirt.

Wipe outer frame surfaces clean and lightly lubricate the rails and moving parts. Lightly oil the disassembly latch, magazine release button, slide stop, trigger, hammer, safeties and the trigger mechanism levers. Lightly oil the frame.


## MAGAZINE

Make sure the magazine is thoroughly clean and the follower slides easily downward if pressed.


If necessary, lightly oil with Beretta oil or a good grade gun oil the internal walls of the maga-


zine box.


Run a dry patch through the box. Do not leave lubricant inside the magazine box.

 **CAUTION:** Do not apply excess oil. Accumulation of oil attracts dirt and dust, which can interfere with the functioning and reliability of the firearm.

# STORAGE

 **WARNING:** Always store the pistol **UNLOADED**, with the magazine empty.

 **WARNING:** Always store your firearm so that children can not gain access to it. To reduce the risk of accidents involving children, unload your firearm, lock it and store the ammunition in a separate locked location. (See point 3 of the **BASIC SAFETY RULES**).

 **CAUTION:** Before storage, always check the conditions of the pistol and its case. Make sure the case is dry and that the firearm is dry and oiled. Traces of moisture or drops of water could damage the pistol.

# TROUBLE-SHOOTING

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not attempt to make repairs to any firearm without proper knowledge or training. Do not alter parts or use substitute parts not made by Beretta. Any alterations or adjustments that may be necessary to the operating mechanism should be performed by the Manufacturer or by its Local Official Distributor.

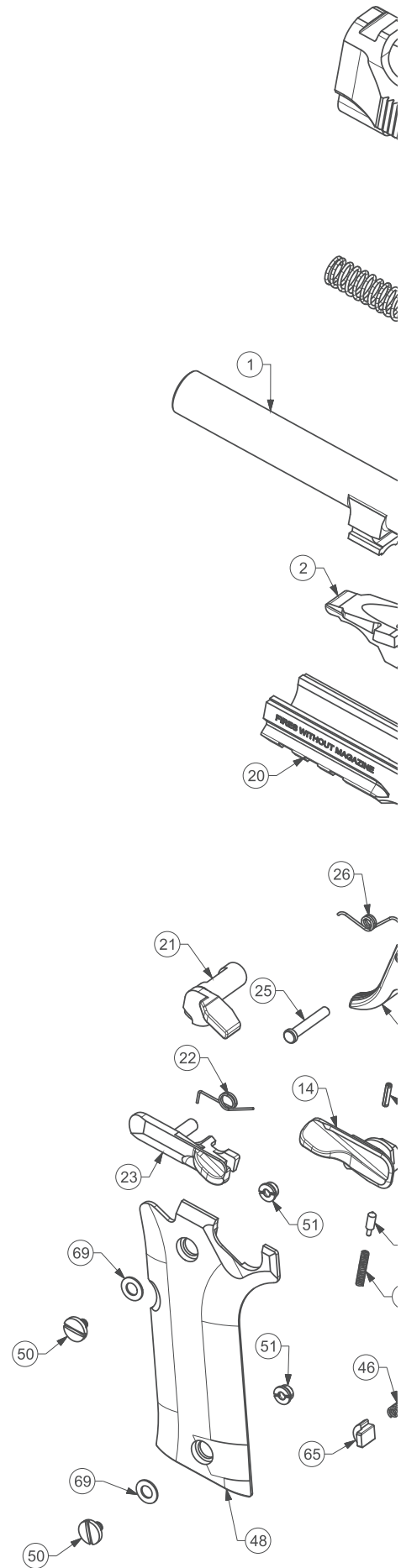
**⚠ WARNING:** Do not attempt to alter the internal parts of your pistol's firing mechanism. Altering internal parts can cause an unsafe condition.

**⚠ WARNING:** Altering the internal parts of your pistol's firing mechanism voids the manufacturer's warranty.

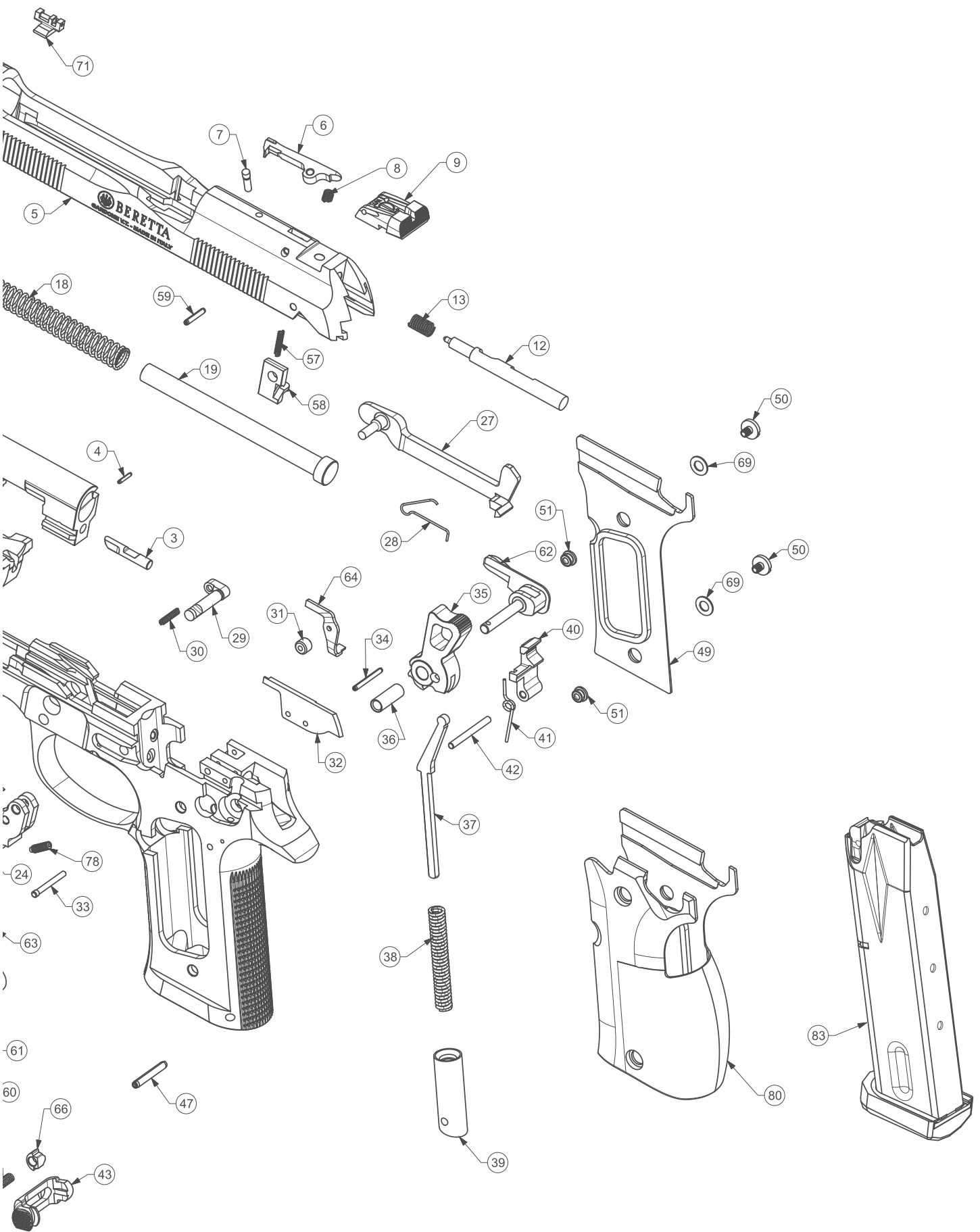
MALFUNCTION	PROBABLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Mis-introduction of a cartridge into the chamber	Defective cartridge	Inspect and replace cartridge
Mis-fire	Defective cartridge	See instructions given in paragraph "FIRING" on page 19.
Mis-extraction or defective extraction	Dirty cartridge chamber Defective or dirty ammunition Dirt under the extractor	Clean and lubricate cartridge chamber Replace or clean cartridge Clean the extractor seat

# PARTS LISTING

POS.	DESCRIPTION
1	BARREL
2	LOCKING BLOCK
3	LOCKING BLOCK PLUNGER
4	LOCKING BLOCK PLUNGER PIN
5	SLIDE
6	EXTRACTOR
7	EXTRACTOR PIN
8	EXTRACTOR SPRING
9	REAR SIGHT
12	FIRING PIN
13	FIRING PIN SPRING
14	SAFETY LEVER, LEFT
18	RECOIL SPRING
19	RECOIL SPRING GUIDE
20	FRAME
21	DISASSEMBLING LATCH
22	SLIDE CATCH SPRING
23	SLIDE CATCH
24	TRIGGER
25	TRIGGER PIN
26	TRIGGER SPRING
27	TRIGGER BAR
28	TRIGGER BAR SPRING
29	DISASSEMBLING LATCH RELEASE BUTTON
30	DISASSEMBLING LATCH RELEASE BUTTON SPRING
31	SPACER
32	EJECTOR
33	HAMMER RELEASE LEVER PIN
34	EJECTOR SPRING PIN
35	HAMMER
36	HAMMER PIN
37	HAMMER SPRING GUIDE
38	HAMMER SPRING
39	HAMMER SPRING CAP
40	SEAR
41	SEAR SPRING
42	SEAR PIN
43	MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON
46	MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON SPRING
47	HAMMER SPRING CAP PIN
48	LEFT GRIP PANEL
49	RIGHT GRIP PANEL
50	PANEL SCREW
51	PANEL BUSH
57	FIRING PIN CATCH SPRING
58	FIRING PIN CATCH
59	FIRING PIN CATCH PIN
60	SAFETY LEVER SPRING
61	SAFETY LEVER PLUNGER
62	SAFETY LEVER, RIGHT
63	SAFETY SPRING PIN
64	FIRING PIN CATCH LEVER
65	MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON SPRING GUIDE, LEFT
66	MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON SPRING GUIDE, RIGHT
69	SPRING WASHER
71	FRONT SIGHT
78	RESET ADJUSTING SCREW
80	PALM SWELL GRIP
83	MAGAZINE







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