



**Instructions**

**for your**

***WINCHESTER***®

**model**

**12**

# WINCHESTER®

## model 12

### “The Perfect Repeater”

Outstanding natural pointing qualities, effortless operation, trouble-free performance and time-proven durability have gained the WINCHESTER Model 12 a world-wide reputation as “The Perfect Repeater”. Pride of more than one million sportsmen, it is easily the best-known of all shotguns and unequalled in popularity for marsh, field and upland shooting, at the traps or on the skeet fields.

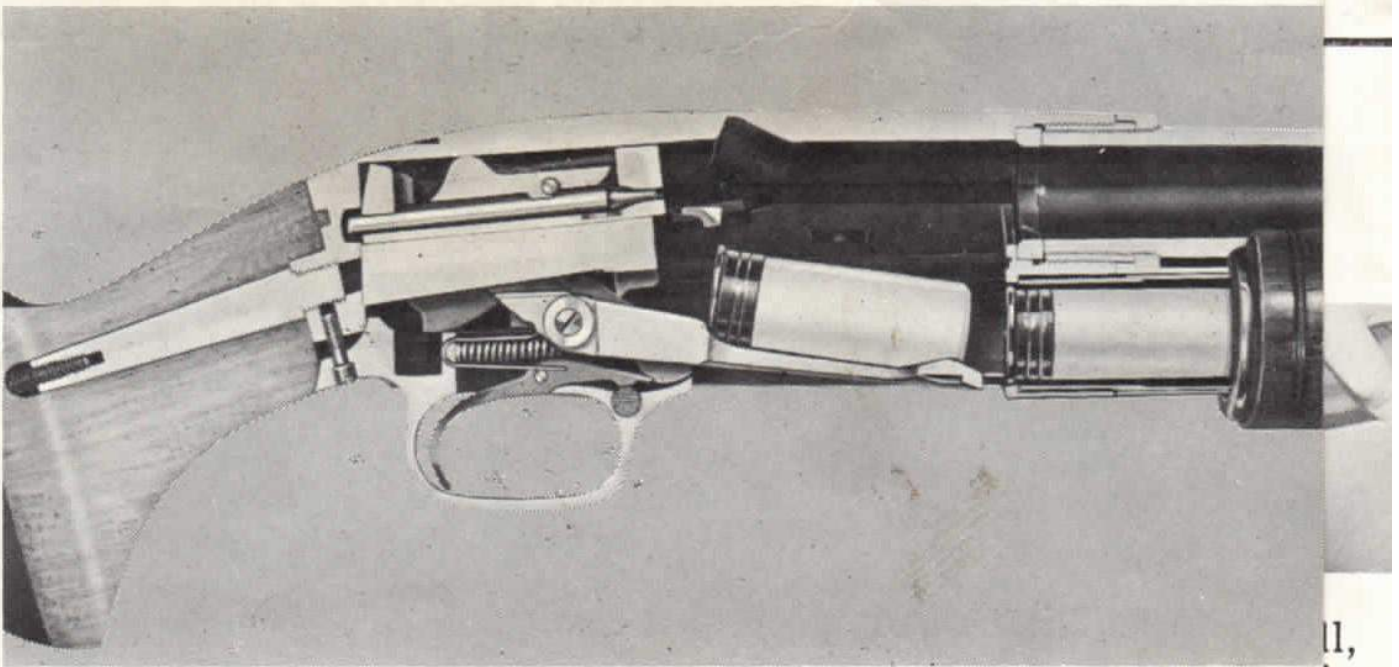
Only the finest of gun steels—WINCHESTER Proof (Chrome Molybdenum) Steel—is used in the manufacture of your Model 12. Individual parts are carefully treated to exactly the right hardness for strength and wearing qualities . . . then machined and gauged to the strictest tolerances, superbly finished and fitted for smoothest operation. The graceful receiver is forged from a single billet of steel and closed at both rear and top for utmost protection. Model 12’s barrel is noted for its strength, uniformity and consistency of pattern performance. Stock and slide handle are of carefully finished American walnut.

No other take down system compares with that of the Model 12 in speed, simplicity and facility. No tools are required and both sections are of nearly the same length. Equally popular, is the ease with which your Model 12 is loaded or unloaded and its simple, jam-proof loading system from magazine to chamber. The magazine holds six Super-Seal crimp shells or five of the rolled crimp type. With one round in the chamber, your Model 12 is either a seven or six-shot repeater.

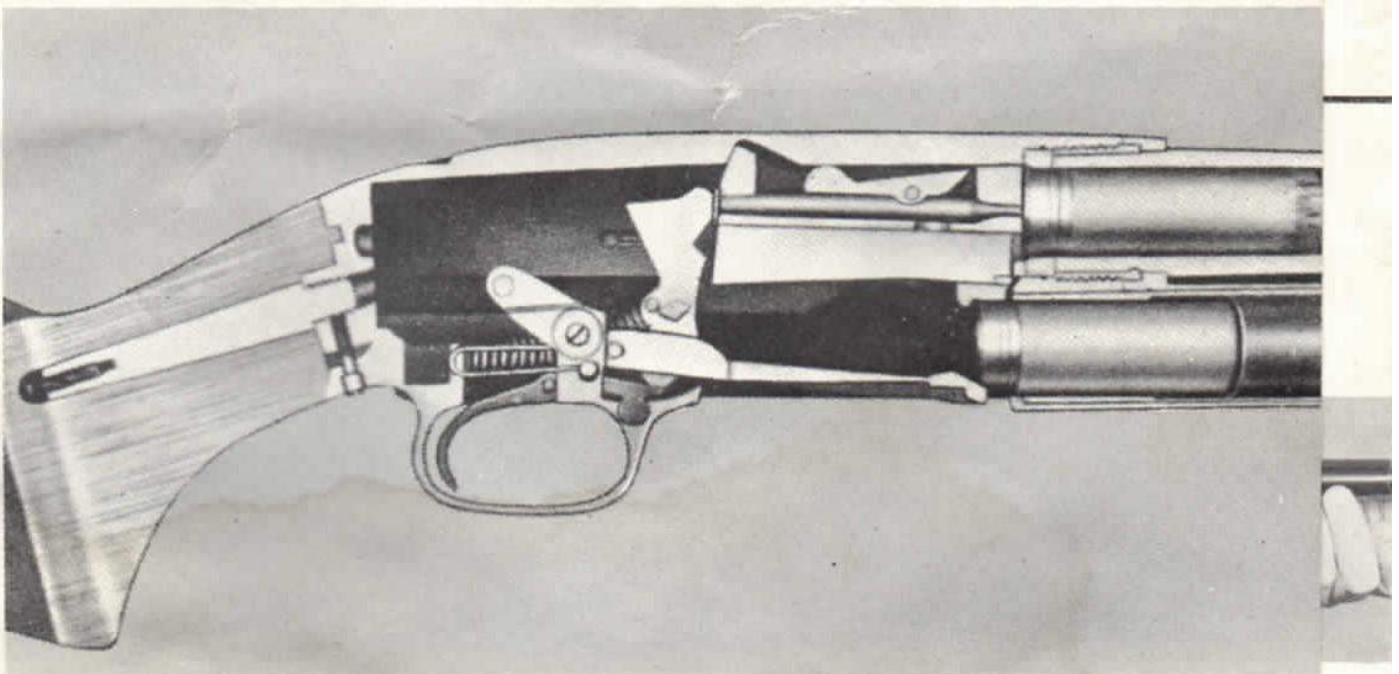
For maximum protection while reloading, Model 12 has three automatic safety features. (1) When the action is in rearward position, the firing pin is locked in the breech

bolt, with point fully withdrawn. (2) At the slightest rearward motion of the slide handle, hammer is immediately secured until action is again closed. (3) When the gun is fired, recoil disengages the action slide lock and slide bar, permitting the action to be manipulated for reloading. If the hammer should fall on an empty chamber, however, or in case of a misfire, a slight forward push on the slide handle is necessary to disengage bar and slide. This provides vital protection in case of a "hang fire."

There is a Model 12 for every shooting need in many combinations of gauge, barrel length and choke . . . and in Field, Magnum Duck, Skeet, Trap and Pigeon grades. Whatever your choice of style—in the field or in the gun rack, this sleek, splendidly performing repeater will make you proud to be its owner.

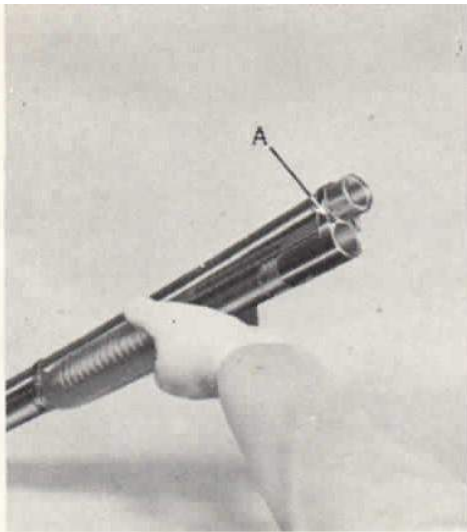


*Model 12 Field Gun (Action Open)*



*Model 12 Field Gun (Action Closed)*

# to Assemble



**1.** Pull trigger. Be sure action slide handle is fully forward and slide lock flush with receiver extension at "A". This prevents slide bar scratching receiver.



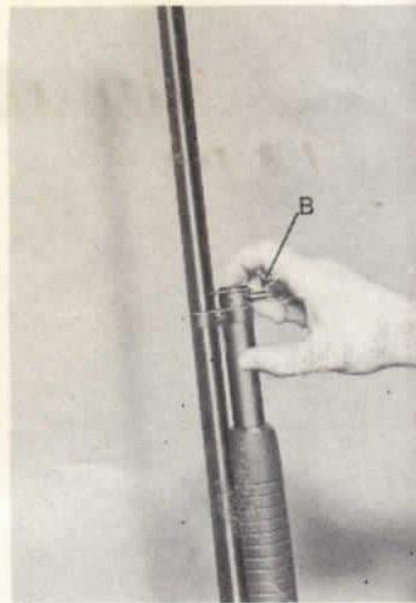
**2.** Holding receiver portion in left hand and barrel assembly in right hand, at right angles to each other, insert threaded barrel shank into receiver.



**3.** Turn barrel assembly clockwise until the contours of the receiver and the receiver extension coincide.



**4.** Pull slide handle fully rearward and push magazine downward as far as it will go.



**5.** Push out magazine locking pin "B". Using pin as a lever, turn magazine one quarter turn clockwise, as shown. Pin will not rotate, unless magazine is at full depth in receiver.



**6.** Push magazine locking pin back into magazine tube. Threaded end of the tube is now engaged with the receiver and locked.



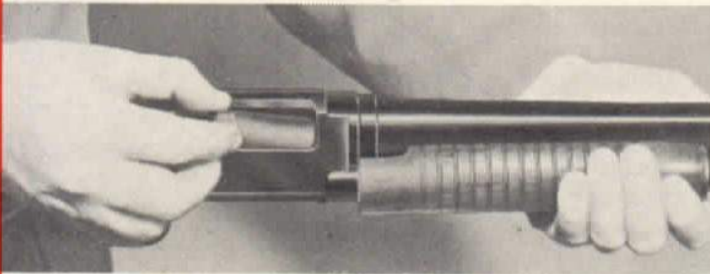
**7.** Bring action slide handle fully forward. Arrows on receiver and receiver extension should coincide. Gun is now ready to fire.



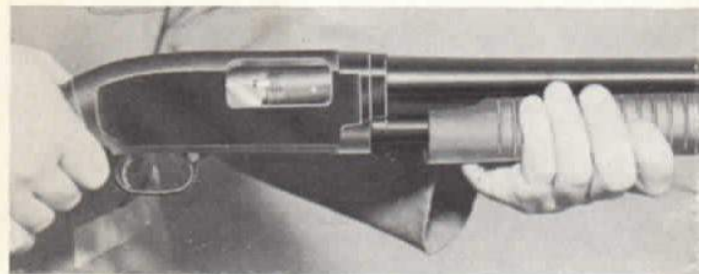
**8.** Place safety in "on" position by pushing safety button from right to left (as shown). Red "danger" ring will then be covered.

## to Load Chamber

**1.** Be sure safety is "on". Depress action slide lock at the left rear of the receiver. This unlocks action and permits action slide handle to drop or be pulled rearward, fully opening the action. Whether gun is loaded or unloaded, if the action is fully closed and cocked, the slide lock must be depressed before the slide handle can be manipulated. When firing, however, recoil automatically unlocks action.

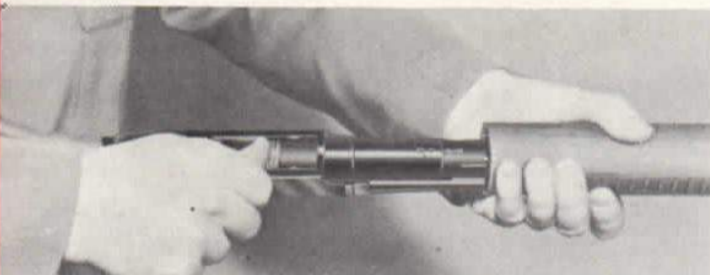


**2.** Drop shell in loading port.

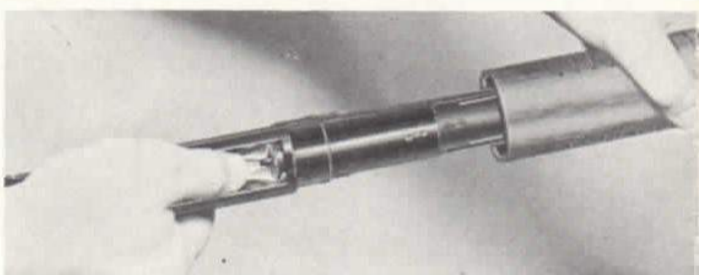


**3.** Chamber shell by pushing slide handle fully forward.

## to Load Magazine

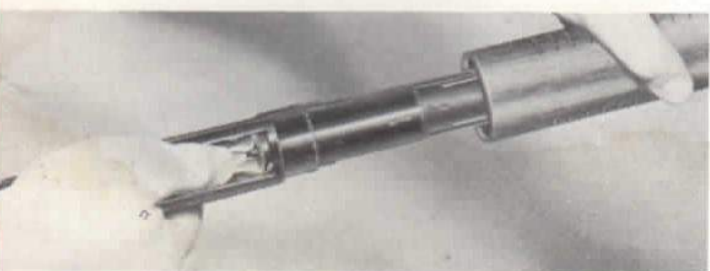


**1.** Invert gun. Depress carrier with the shell and insert the round into the magazine.

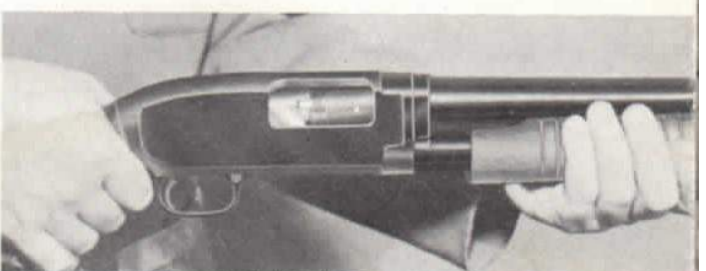


**2.** After loading each shell, carrier can be kept partially depressed and in contact with the end of the last shell loaded. Push final shell in far enough to permit carrier to snap back into its normal position.

## to Unload Magazine and Chamber



**1.** Be sure safety is "on". Invert gun and fully depress carrier with thumb. Allow shells to be ejected from magazine, one by one.



**2.** When magazine is empty, depress action slide lock at rear of receiver, and pull slide handle fully back to remove shell from chamber.

## to Fire

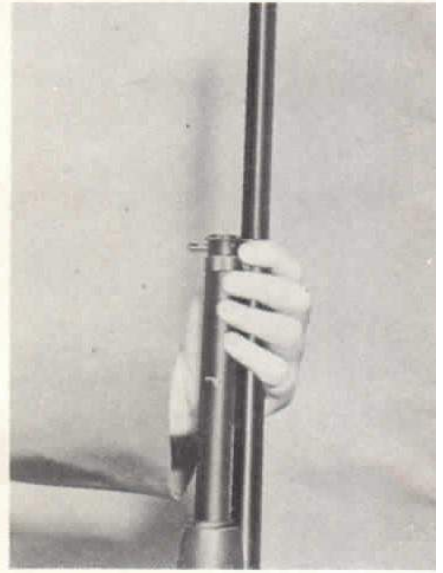
1. Unlock safety, as shown, exposing red "danger" ring on safety button. Press trigger. Successive manipulations of the slide handle after each shot will eject empty shell, load a new shell and cock action. Immediately after firing put safety "on".



## to Take Down

*Be sure gun is unloaded  
—both magazine and chamber*

1. Push magazine locking pin flush with magazine tube.



2. Using magazine locking pin as a lever, turn magazine one quarter turn counter-clockwise. This will unlock magazine tube from receiver.



3. Push action slide handle fully forward, withdrawing the action slide bar from the receiver.



4. Grasping stock with one hand and barrel assembly with the other, twist one quarter turn counter-clockwise. Withdraw barrel from receiver.

## to Remove Three-Shot Magazine Plug

Federal Migratory Bird Regulations limit the capacity of any auto-loading or repeating shotgun used for migratory game bird shooting to three shells.

Your Model 12 comes to you with a wooden plug in the magazine. The plug permits only 2 shells to be inserted in the magazine. Until the wooden plug is removed your Model 12 has total capacity of 3 shots—two in the magazine and one in the chamber. To remove this plug follow these directions:

1. Depress wire spring "A" in magazine locking pin with a screw driver and pull pin entirely out of magazine.

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**2.** Remove both screws at front end of magazine holding top of metal magazine plug to prevent its sudden ejection.



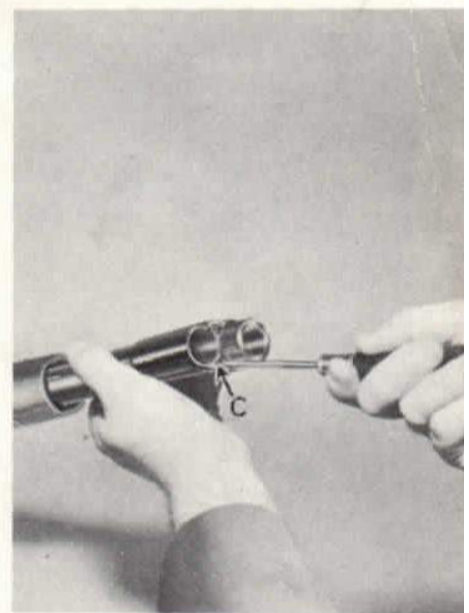
**3.** Allow metal magazine plug and magazine spring to slowly extend to spring's full length then lift out spring and remove wooden plug from magazine tube.



**4.** Replace spring in magazine, magazine plug, magazine plug screws and locking pin.

## to Tighten Model 12 Take Down

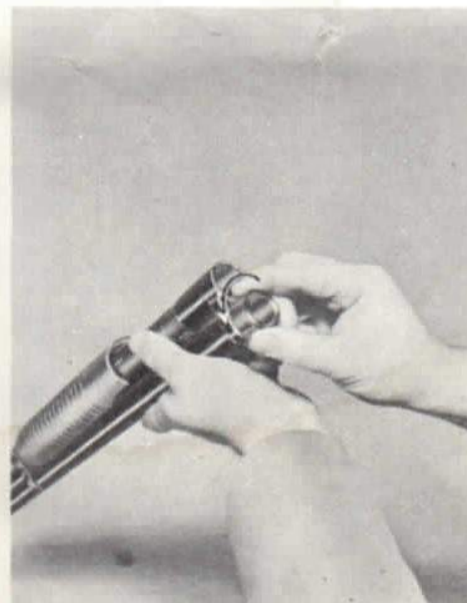
Unusually frequent taking down and reassembly of your Model 12 may, after a long period, result in some looseness of the barrel, in the receiver. This condition is unlikely, but, in any event can be easily corrected.



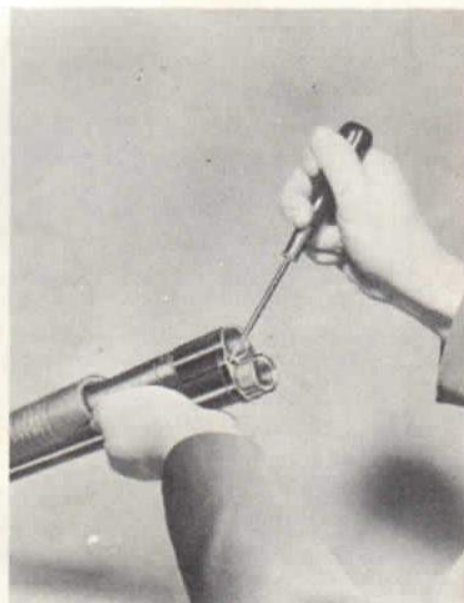
**1.** Remove adjusting sleeve lock screw "C" in right side of receiver extension face.



**2.** Draw down the adjusting sleeve lock, disengaging the notches with those on the adjusting sleeve.



**3.** Turn adjusting sleeve one notch in direction of arrow to tighten. Turning in other direction will loosen the joint.



**4.** Push adjusting sleeve lock back into place and replace lock screw. If the barrel is still loose, repeat procedure.

# care of your model 12

Your WINCHESTER Model 12 is world-famous as "The Perfect Repeater." As with other top quality products, proper care will guarantee its long life and smooth, efficient operation.

Neglect is the great spoiler of firearms. Rain, snow and dampness are constant threats to barrels, actions, magazines and all metal parts. Perspiration from your hands is a major cause of rusty exterior surfaces. Good judgment and proper equipment, however, will eliminate danger.

Although modern ammunition will not dirty or foul barrels and actions, dampness CAN. After shooting in bad weather, wipe out the bore of your Model 12 with an oily patch and cover exposed surfaces with a thin film of oil. The action should be cleaned after exposure to rain, snow or salt spray and a film of oil applied. This is made easy in your Model 12 through an exclusive feature which permits you to easily remove the trigger assembly, including hammer and carrier, by taking out one screw located in the lower tang at the rear of the trigger guard.

When storing, apply gun grease to all exposed surfaces, then place your Model 12 in a gun case, if available. Store in a dry place. Do not plug the muzzle with any obstruction. Before firing, be certain that all grease is wiped from the arm, especially the bore.

Should your WINCHESTER Model 12 ever need repairs, return it to the WINCHESTER factory where it will receive the same careful attention and care used in its manufacture.



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