# Browning Bar C.F. Field Service Manual

This manual is written to assist trained gunsmiths in the repair and servicing of Browning products. It should never be used by an untrained person to repair any firearm. Read the entire manual carefully and pay special attention to the portions dealing with safety.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS
Before carrying out any instructions given throughout this manual, be certain to read the NOTES and CAUTION notes given in regard to those instructions. Generally, these precautionary notes follow the related instructions. In any case, read all the instructions and cautions on any step involving assembly or disassembly before proceeding with that step.

Failure to obey a Safety Warning — CAUTION — may result in injuries to you or to others.

Failure to obey a NOTE regarding the repair process may result in incorrect procedure which could cause malfunctions and/or damage to the firearm.

CAUTIONS:
1. Be certain the firearm is unloaded before proceeding with any service work.
2. Appropriate safety glasses should be worn by service personnel and bystanders when removing or reinstalling any springs or spring-loaded components.
3. As noted in the attached parts list on Page 3, some of the Browning supplied spare parts must be fitted by Browning Service Dept. in Arnold, Missouri, or qualified gunsmiths. No other persons should attempt to fit these specific parts.
4. If for any reason it becomes necessary to load and discharge this firearm, it is recommended that reference be made to the Owner's Manual for proper loading, handling and safety procedures. These Owner's Manuals are supplied with each new rifle and extra copies may be obtained by contacting Browning, Route 1, Morgan, Utah 84050.
5. Section VI provides lists of special tools which may be required and the recommended points of lubrication.

SECTION I
DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTIONAL OPERATION
The BAR is a centerfire, gas operated semi-automatic rifle. Magazine capacity is four rounds (three in Magnum calibers). 

The Safety is a crossbolt-type blocking Trigger movement when in the "ON SAFE" position. When the Trigger is pulled, the Safety is in the "OFF SAFE" position, it rotates about its pin causing the Disconnector to move forward against the Sear. This causes the Sear to disengage from the Hammer which is driven forward by two compressed mainsprings to strike the Firing Pin. The Firing Pin moves forward compressing the Firing Pin Spring, strikes and ignites the primer of the chambered cartridge.

As the bullet travels down the barrel and passes the gas port, gas pressure is bled into the Gas Cylinder driving the Gas Piston rearward. Excess pressure is bled off through the Gas Regulator. The Gas Piston travels rearward approximately 1/5" and imparts its momentum to the Inertia Piece which is connected to the Bolt Sleeve through the Action Rods.

As the Bolt Sleeve is driven rearward by the Inertia Piece, the Action Spring is compressed and the Cam Pin rotates the Bolt unlocking it from the locking lugs in the Barrel. During this unlocking process, the Timing Latch, attached to the Bolt Sleeve, is engaged in a short slot in the left side of the Receiver.

After the Bolt has been fully unlocked and starts moving rearward, the Timing Latch is cammed into the sleeve. This keeps the Bolt in proper orientation with the locking lugs of the Barrel until the Bolt and Bolt Sleeve are returned forward.

In moving rearward, the empty case is extracted from the chamber. Ejection occurs by action of the compressed Ejector Spring and Ejector when the forward end of the empty case clears the Receiver ejection port.

Additionally, in moving rearward, the tail of the Bolt Sleeve overrides the Hammer depressing it past the cocked position disengaging the Disconnector from the Sear and compresses the Mainsprings. Rearward motion of the action is stopped by the Inertia Piece striking the Buffer and Buffer Plates at the forward end of the Receiver. The compressed Action Spring then starts the action moving forward.

In moving forward, the Bolt picks up a fresh round from the Magazine and starts it toward the chamber. When the Bolt is approximately 1/4 closed, the Hammer is allowed to rise and engage the Sear. The Disconnector cannot re-engage the Sear unless the Trigger has been fully released. Thus, the rifle cannot fire fully automatic if the Trigger is held to the rear. Additionally, if for some reason the Hammer follows the Bolt forward, the tail of the Bolt Slide keeps the Hammer from contacting the Firing Pin until the Bolt is locked. Even then the Firing Pin has insufficient inertia for primer ignition.

When the Bolt has traveled forward and is in proper orientation, the Timing Latch is cammed into its slot in the Receiver and the Cam Pin rotates the Bolt into the locking lugs of the Barrel.

As the Bolt is rotating into the full locked position, the Extractor is forced over the rim of the newly chambered cartridge.

Full forward movement of the Inertia Piece returns the Gas Piston to the unladen, or forward position.

SECTION II
CONFIGURATIONS, PARTS SCHEMATIC & PARTS INFORMATION
There are two styles of BAR's, old and new. The new style has a flat Receiver (side surfaces parallel). The old style has a flared Receiver, i.e., a section of the Receiver at the rear end is thicker than the center part of the Receiver. The new style is manufactured only in Grade I. Higher grades in current manufacture are of the old style.

The following parts are not interchangeable between the old and new styles:
Bolt Stock
Receiver
Safety
Stock Bolt
Stock Bolt Plate
Trigger
Trigger Guard
Front and Rear Sights

*NOTE: The Trigger Guard as a complete Assembly is interchangeable between the two styles of rifles.
Schematic is provided for parts identification only and should not be used as a guide to assemble guns.
### BAR CENTERFIRE

**BAR—Browning Automatic Rifle  Standard and Magnum Models**

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SECTION III

DISASSEMBLY INTO SUB-ASSEMBLIES

CAUTION: Make certain the pistol is unloaded before any inspection or disassembly operations are performed.

1. FOREARM
   Remove the Front Sling Eyelet and Sling Eyelet Washer with a 9mm wrench.
   Pull the Bolt Assembly to the rear to the locked open position.
   Pull outward on the front end of the Forearm slightly to clear the stud on the bottom of the Gas Cylinder and pull the Forearm forward and off the Barrel.

2. GAS REGULATOR AND GAS REGULATOR CASKET
   With a 9/16" open end wrench remove the Gas Regulator and casket as shown in Figure #1A. (Older rifles may have regulators with screwdriver slots.)

3. SUPPORT RAILS
   Release and drop the Magazine Floorplate, close the action and then close the Floorplate.
   Pull forward on the Support Rails and remove from the Receiver as shown in Figure #2.

4. ACTION RODS
   Lift upwards on the forward ends of the Inertia Block and withdraw them from the Receiver as shown in Figure #3.

5. GAS PISTON
   Grasp the Action Spring around the Action Spring Guide and push forward to eject the Gas Piston from the Gas Cylinders as shown in Figure #4.

6. INERTIA PIECE ACTION SPRING AND ACTION SPRING GUIDE
   Grasp the Action Spring around the Action Spring Guide and push forward to allow for their removal along with the Inertia Piece as shown in Figure #5.
   NOTE: In compressing and removing the Action Spring and guide, do not let them escape your grasp and cause injury.

7. STOCK
   Remove the Butt Plate or Recoil Pad with a blade screwdriver and remove the Stock Bolt and washer with a special screwdriver such as shown in Figure #29, Section V.
   NOTE: A regular blade screwdriver is easily positioned along side the Stock Bolt and when turned could bust out the side of the Stock.

8. STOCK BOLT PLATE
   A. OLD STYLE (FLARED RECEIVER)
      Screw the Stock Bolt into the Stock Bolt Plate 2 or 3 turns. Lift the plate to the top of the Receiver and turn it right out at the bottom as shown in Figure #6.

9. TRIGGER ASSEMBLY
   Making sure the hammer is cocked and the safety is in the "ON SAFE" position, pull the Trigger Assembly to the rear and out of the Receiver.

10. MAGAZINE
    Disengage the Magazine from the Magazine Floorplate by pulling the rear end away from the floorplate and lifting it out as shown in Figure #8.
11. MAGAZINE FLOORPLATE
Remove the Magazine Floorplate and the Magazine Floorplate Spring by removing the Magazine Floorplate Pivot Pin with a 3/32" punch.

**NOTE:** It is recommended the Floorplate not be removed unless necessary for service.

12. OPERATING HANDLE
Pull the Operating Handle fully to the rear and then bring the Bolt forward against the index finger as shown in Figure #9.

**FIGURE #9**

With the index finger still in the Receiver, apply slight pressure to the Operating Handle with the thumb as shown in Figure #10.

**FIGURE #10**

With a small blade screwdriver lift up on the Operating Handle Lock as shown in Figure #11 disengaging it from the Bolt Slide.

**FIGURE #11**

Maintain the blade of the screwdriver under the Operating Handle Lock and slide the Operating Handle forward and out of the Receiver.

13. BOLT ASSEMBLY

A. OLD STYLE (FLARED RECEIVER)
Slide the Bolt Assembly to the rear of the Receiver. Grasp the tail of the Bolt Slide and lift out of the Receiver as shown in Figure #12.

**FIGURE #12**

B. NEW STYLE (FLAT RECEIVER)
Position the Bolt Assembly approximately in the center of the Receiver. Elevate the assembly midway, rotate 90° and remove as shown in Figure #13.

**FIGURE #13**

14. BOLT COVER
Slide the Bolt Cover to the rear and while holding the assembly in one hand, lift up on the right rear corner as shown in Figure #15 and remove the Bolt Cover.

**FIGURE #15**

15. TIMING LATCH
Using a 3/32" punch, drive out the Timing Latch Pin from the bottom of the Bolt Sleeve to the top and remove the Timing Latch.

**FIGURE #16**

C. EXTRACTOR AND EXTRACTOR SPRING
With the aid of a small blade screwdriver, lift the rear end of the Extractor Spring from the Bolt as shown in Figure #16.

**FIGURE #16**

SECTION IV
DISASSEMBLY OF SUB-ASSEMBLIES INTO COMPONENT PARTS, INSPECTION AND REASSEMBLY OF SUB-ASSEMBLIES

1. DISASSEMBLY OF THE BOLT ASSEMBLY (Figure #14)

**FIGURE #14**

Pull the spring to the rear and remove the Extractor from the Bolt face.
D. FIRING PIN AND FIRING PIN SPRING
Grip the Bolt Assembly in a smooth-jawed vise by the rails of the Bolt Sleeve as shown in Figure #17. Using a 1/16” punch, drive out the Firing Pin Retaining Pin from right to left and remove the Firing Pin and Firing Pin Spring.

CAUTION: Do not let the Firing Pin and spring fly out of the assembly on withdrawal of the punch.

![Figure #17]

E. EJECTOR AND EJECTOR SPRING
Grip the Bolt Assembly in a smooth-jawed vise as shown in Figure #18. (90° from orientation as shown in Figure #17.) Using a 1/16” starter punch, partially drive out the Ejector Retaining Pin from left to right only far enough to remove the Ejector and Ejector Spring.

CAUTION: Do not let the Ejector and Ejector Spring fly out of the Bolt upon removal of the punch.

![Figure #18]

F. BOLT AND CAM PIN
Remove the Bolt Assembly from the vise and remove the Cam Pin from the top of the Bolt Sleeve. Withdraw the Bolt from the Bolt Sleeve.

2. INSPECTION OF COMPONENTS & RE-ASSEMBLY OF THE BOLT ASSEMBLY
A. BOLT SLEEVE
Inspect the Bolt Sleeve for cracks and chipped cut areas.

Chamfer the lower forward edges of the Bolt Sleeve guide rails and break the edges of the guide rails. Insert the Bolt into the Bolt Sleeve and see that it works freely. If burr, polish the inside of the sleeve.

B. BOLT
Inspect the Bolt’s Timing Latch camming shoulder for burrs. File smooth and polish. Inspect the Ejector Spring hole for burrs and accumulated dirt. Clean and polish as necessary. Chamfer the end edges of the locking surfaces of the Bolt and polish the head of the Bolt (locking surfaces) on a cloth wheel.

C. CAM PIN, FIRING PIN AND SPRING
Install the Bolt in the Bolt Sleeve with the Extractor slot on the right side. Place the Cam Pin in the assembly as shown in Figure #19 with the Firing Pin hole aligned with the longitudinal axis of the bolt.

![Figure #19]

Insert the Firing Pin and Firing Pin Spring in the Bolt and install the Firing Pin Retaining Pin.

NOTE: To preserve factory installation orientation, a new Firing Pin Retaining Pin should be installed from left to right. After installation of the new Firing Pin Retaining Pin, file both ends flush with the Bolt neck.

Check to see if the Firing Pin works freely in the bolt and the bolt works freely in the Bolt Sleeve past the Firing Pin Retaining Pin.

D. EJECTOR AND EJECTOR SPRING
To assure good ejection, polish the Ejector and Ejector Spring. Grip the Bolt Assembly in a smooth-jawed vise and install the Ejector, Spring and Retaining Pin.

NOTE: Make sure to install the Retaining Pin from right to left with the splined end of the pin away from the Ejector to ensure proper function. After installation of the Ejector, depress and release it and see that it works freely.

E. EXTRACTOR SPRING AND EXTRACTOR
Inspect the straight end of the Extractor Spring for burrs and polish on a cloth wheel.

Position the Extractor on the face of the Bolt. Extend the Bolt from the Bolt. Slide and insert the Extractor Spring up through the Bolt head engaging the hole in the Extractor. Rotate the Extractor Spring snapping it into its groove at the rear of the Bolt head.

NOTE: Make sure the Extractor is captured by the spring and the spring is bottomed out in its groove.

F. TIMING LATCH
Inspect the Timing Latch and remove any burrs with a fine cut file and polish.

NOTE: If badly burr, replace the Timing Latch.

Install the Timing Latch with orientation as shown in Figure #20 and install the Timing Latch Retaining Pin.

![Figure #20]

G. BOLT COVER
Position the Bolt Cover on the Bolt Sleeve hooking the left side of the cover in its slot as shown in Figure #21 and tap into place with a plastic or rawhide mallet.

![Figure #21]

Check to see the Bolt Cover moves with enough restriction to prevent it from moving on its own and causing a rattle in the rifle. Too much restrictive force, however, may cause malfunctions. Please refer to Section VI for adjustment procedure.
3. PRE-DISASSEMBLY INSPECTION OF THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY

**CAUTION:** The seating surfaces of the Sear and Hammer must never be altered or show signs of being altered. If they have been altered, they must be replaced. Inspections procedures follow.

**NOTE:** If the Trigger Guard Assembly fails to meet the following inspection criteria, refer to Section VI, Para. 4 for adjustment procedure after disassembly.

A. Check the Trigger pull for a pull of 3.5 to 4.5 lbs.

B. With the Hammer in the cocked position, observe positive engagement with the Sear.

C. With the Hammer cocked and the Safety in the "OFF SAFE" position, slightly pull the Trigger and observe slight Trigger travel before the Disconnector contacts the Sear.

D. With the Hammer cocked, place the Safety to the "ON SAFE" position. See that it does not bind in moving and detents positively in the "ON" and "OFF" positions.

E. Pull the Trigger with the Safety in the "ON SAFE" position and observe the Disconnector does not contact the Sear by holding the Trigger to the rear and depressing the Disconnector with a finger.

**CAUTION:** If the Disconnector contacts the Sear with the Safety in the "ON SAFE" position, the Trigger must be replaced or the Disconnector adjusted at the point of contact with the Sear. Please refer to Section VI, Para. 4 for Trigger replacement and adjustment procedures.

F. With the Hammer cocked, pull the Trigger and ease the Hammer forward. Hold the Trigger to the rear firmly, not permitting it to go forward. Holding the Trigger to the rear, retract the Hammer and see that the Sear engages the Hammer. If it does not, the bottom end coil of the Disconnector Spring may be binding the Disconnector Spring Plunger in its hole in the Sear. To make necessary correction, spread the bottom end coil of the Disconnector Spring after disassembly.

G. With the Hammer cocked and the Safety in the "OFF SAFE" position, pull the Trigger slightly and only partially disengage the Hammer and Sear. Release the Trigger and observe the Hammer and Sear regain to full engagement. If they do not, replacement of the Hammer and/or Sear will be necessary.

4. DISASSEMBLY OF THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY

**A. MAINSPRINGS AND HAMMER** (Figure #22)

1. **NEW STYLE** (FLAT RECEIVER)
   - Place the Safety in the "OFF SAFE" position and lower the Hammer to the fired position.
   - Disengage the Main Spring Guides from the Main Spring Pin and remove the Main Springs, guides and pin.

**NOTE:**
- Remove the Sear Pin with a 3/32" punch and remove the Sear.
- Lay the Trigger Guard inverted on a work surface. Using a ¾" punch, drive the Magazine Latch Stop Pin flush while keeping the Magazine Latch held to the rear. Remove the spring and plunger.

**CAUTION:** Do not let the spring-loaded components fly out of the Trigger Guard.

**B. SAFETY** (Figure #25)

**NOTE:**
- Remove the Safety Spring Retaining Pin with a 1/16" punch.

**CAUTION:** Do not let the spring-loaded components fly out of the Trigger Guard upon withdrawal of the punch.

- Remove the Safety Spring, plunger, and Safety.

5. INSPECTION OF COMPONENTS AND REASSEMBLY OF THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY

**A. TRIGGER GUARD**

Inspect the Trigger Guard housing for cracks and replace if necessary.

**B. SAFETY ASSEMBLY** (Figure #25)

1. **NEW STYLE** (FLAT RECEIVER)
   - The new style Safety can be installed for right or left hand shooters. For right hand shooters, the red band on the Safety must be installed to the left of the Trigger Guard and for the left hand shooters, to the right of the Trigger Guard. When Safety is "ON SAFE" the red band is not visible.
   - **NOTE:** This Safety is interchangeable with the B-2000 Safety.

2. **OLD STYLE** (BOSSED RECEIVER)
   - The old style Safety is not reversible. However, left and right hand Safeties are available. Refer to Section IV for installation of left hand Safety.
   - Position the Safety in its hole in the Receiver with the notch aligned with the Safety Spring hole.
   - Insert the Safety Spring Plunger and spring in its hole, compress the spring with a 1/8" punch and install the Retaining Pin.
CAUTION: Do not let the spring and plunger fly out of the Trigger Guard.

Operate the Safety and see that it detents positively into the "ON SAFE" and "OFF SAFE" position.

Minimum operating force should be 4 to 5 lbs. If lighter, replace parts as necessary to correct.

C. MAGAZINE LATCH ASSEMBLY (Figure #24)

Position the Magazine Latch Spring Plunger, spring and Magazine Latch in the Trigger Guard with the plunger to the rear.

Compress the spring with the latch and drive the Magazine Latch Stop Pin down in the Trigger Guard to protrude approximately 1/32" at the bottom.

D. SEAR (Figure #24)

Inspect the Sear for signs of alteration and replace if altered.

Install the Sear and Sear Pin.

E. TRIGGER AND DISCONNECTOR ASSEMBLY (Figure #24)

Inspect the safety contacting surface of the Trigger for burrs and remove with a small, fine cut rat tail file to the size of the Safety.

CAUTION: Do not remove any more than .001" to .002" from the safety contacting surface. If badly burled, replace the Trigger. (See Section VI)

Install the Trigger and Disconnector Assembly and the Trigger Pin.

F. DISCONNECTOR SPRING PLUNGER AND SPRING (Figure #23)

With the thumb and index finger hold the Disconnector Spring Plunger and spring in position with the Disconnector as shown in Figure #26.

G. HAMMER AND MAINSPRINGS (Figure #22)

Inspect the Sear notch of the Hammer for signs of alteration and replace if found altered.

Install the Hammer, Hammer Pin and Mainspring Pin (two pins on old style).

Install both Mainsprings and Main spring Guides by initially seating the non-flanged end of the guides in the holes of the Mainspring Pin and then compressing the Mainsprings until the flanged end of the guides fit into the holes of the Hammer Pin.

CAUTION: Use care not to let the spring and guides fly out of the Trigger Guard.

H. FINAL INSPECTION OF THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY

Refer to Para. 3 of this Section. PRE-ASSEMBLY INSPECTION OF THE TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY and inspect to the criteria given in that paragraph in its entirety.

6. INSPECTION OF THE BARREL ASSEMBLY AND GAS SYSTEM

NOTE: Rifles containing a flat Receiver (new style) have a different gas system than the old style with a flanged Receiver. The Gas Piston for the new style has 10 milled rings whereas the old style has 3 milled rings. Some of the gas orifice specifications are also different.

A. GAS PISTON

Clean the Gas Piston if found dirty by soaking in powder solvent and brushing.

B. GAS CYLINDER

Visually inspect the Gas Cylinder for leaks around the Barrel solder joint. If any evidence of leaks are found, it is recommended the rifle be returned to the Arnold Service Center for re-soldering. Refer to Section VI for cleaning and polishing procedures.

C. BARREL GAS ORIFICE

Check the Barrel gas orifice for proper size according to the following criteria:

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If found oversized, please refer to Section VI for plugging and re-drilling procedures.

D. GAS REGULATOR

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E. BUFFER

Inspect the Buffer and replace if found cracked or mashed out of shape.

F. ACTION SPRING

New free length of the Action Spring is approximately 11 3/8". If less than 10 1/2" it is recommended the spring be replaced.

7. FINAL ASSEMBLY AND INSPECTION

A. BARREL ASSEMBLY

Place the Barrel Assembly inverted in a padded vise and grip by the Barrel.

B. BOLT ASSEMBLY

NOTE: On both the old and new style rifles, the Bolt must be extended from the Slide and the Timing Latch retracted into
1. OLD STYLE
   Install the Bolt Assembly into the Receiver as shown in Figure #12 during disassembly. Push the Bolt Assembly forward and lock the Bolt to the Barrel lugs.

2. NEW STYLE
   Lower the Bolt Assembly into the bottom of the Receiver with its left side positioned upward and the Timing Latch retracted into the Slide.

   Route the Bolt Assembly and lower it so that the side rails of the Slide rest on the rails inside the Receiver.

   Push the Bolt Assembly forward locking the Bolt to the Barrel lugs.

   C. OPERATING HANDLE ASSEMBLY
   Rotate the Barrel Assembly in the vise positioning the right side of the Receiver upward.

   Retract the Bolt Assembly about midway and position the forward edge of the Bolt Cover cutout even with the rear edge of the head of the Bolt.

   Grip the Bolt Assembly to the Receiver as shown in Figure #27. Install the Operating Handle in the Bolt Assembly pulling the Operating Handle fully to the rear until it locks into position.

   Push the Bolt Assembly fully forward locking it into the Barrel lugs.

   D. INERTIA PIECE, ACTION SPRING & GUIDE
   Reposition the Barrel Assembly in the vise in the inverted position.

   Position the Inertia Piece, Action Spring and Action Spring Guide with the Buffer Assembly back on the Barrel Assembly in the reverse order of disassembly.

   E. GAS PISTON
   Install the Gas Piston in the Gas Cylinder making sure the Gas Piston Stop Pin (located at the bottom rear end of the Gas Cylinder) aligns with the slot in the Gas Piston, and over the Action Spring Guide.

   F. GAS REGULATOR AND GAS REGULATOR GASKET
   Install the Gas Regulator and gasket torqueing the Regulator down securely.

   G. TRIGGER GUARD ASSEMBLY
   Cock the Hammer and place the Safety to the “ON SAFE” position. Making sure all cross pins are centered, install the Trigger Guard Assembly by sliding it into the Receiver from the rear end.

   H. STOCK BOLT PLATE
   Re-position the Barrel Assembly in the vise to the upright position.

   Install the Stock Bolt Plate with the aid of the Stock Bolt as in disassembly. (See Figure #5)

   Position the Trigger Guard Assembly so the Stock Bolt Plate drops into its recess in the rear of the Trigger Guard.

   Remove the Stock Bolt.

   I. STOCK
   Visually inspect the Stock to see if it is properly fitted to the Receiver. The Stock should not bear on the top radius of the Receiver and should be relieved at the lower corners. The Stock should bear against the Receiver on both sides. The Stock does not bear on the Stock Bolt Plate.

   Install the Stock and Stock Bolt using the special screwdriver recommended during disassembly.

   NOTE: It is advisable to lubricate the threads of the Stock Bolt with grease to prevent seizing, especially if it or the Stock Bolt Plate is aluminum.

   Install the Butt Plate or Recoil Pad.

   J. MAGAZINE FLOORPLATE
   If the Magazine Floorplate was removed, to re-install, grip the Barrel Assembly in the padded vise in the inverted position.

   Position the Magazine Floorplate on the Receiver for assembly.

   Position the Magazine Floorplate Spring with the short end of the spring to the Floorplate.

   NOTE: Some Magazine Floorplate Springs are wound left and others right hand.

   Install the Magazine Floorplate Pivot Pin from the short end of the Spring.

   NOTE: It is helpful to use a slave pin in alignment of the spring, Magazine and Receiver holes.

   K. ACTION RODS
   Before installation break all sharp edges and deburr. Pay special attention to the edges next to the Support Rails.

   With the Bolt Assembly forward and locked, install the Action Rods. Engage the forward ends of the Action Rods with the studs on the Inertia Piece.

   Retract the Inertia Piece and Action Rods slightly to engage the tabs on the rear end of the Action Rods in their seats in the Bolt Sleeve.

   L. SUPPORT RAILS
   Before installation break all sharp edges and deburr. Pay special attention to the edges next to the Action Rods.

   Install both Support Rails with their smooth sides positioned toward the inside of the Receiver.

   M. FOREARM
   Inspect the inside of the Forearm for signs of interference with the Action Rods. Relieve as necessary with a rounded scraper.

   Clearance of .003" to .004" should exist between the Barrel and Forearm all along the Forearm Barrel Channel. If necessary relieve with a fine cut bastard file.

   Inspect for excessive pressure...
the points of contact with the Receiver. Too much pressure here may result in a split Forearm. Relieve as necessary.

Install the Magazine and close the Magazine Floorplate.

Pull the Bolt Assembly back to the locked open position.

Slide the Forearm over the Gas Cylinder onto the Receiver. Lift the forward end of the Forearm to clear the Gas Cylinder and then press down on the forward end of the Forearm into final position.

Install the Sling Eyelet and washer with proper orientation by holding a punch through the eyelet perpendicularly to the Barrel and tightening the washer.

Cycle all systems to ascertain proper assembly and function.

SECTION V

TROUBLE SHOOTING/POSSIBLE CAUSES

1. FAILS TO EJECT
A. Frozen or sticky Gas Piston.
B. Clogged or undersized Barrel gas orifice.
C. Weaver-type scope mounts improperly installed on the rifle and interfering with ejection. Ring clamp must be used on left side of the rifle.
D. Scope base screws too long and rubbing on the top of Bolt Cover.
E. Damaged or missing Ejector.
F. Ejector binding due to debris build-up in Ejector hole.
G. Interference between the Action Rods and the Forearm.
H. Sling eyelet too long interfering with the Gas Piston.
I. Weak Ejector Spring.
J. Oversized Gas Regulator orifice.
K. Weak cartridge i.e. low pressure.

2. FAILS TO FEED
A. Rough or bent Magazine lips.
B. Broken Magazine Spring.
C. Sharp edge at chamber rim.
D. Bolt cover too tight or loose causing binding or jamming. Refer to Section VI.
E. Gas Regulator orifice too small resulting in the action cycling too rapidly.
F. Gas Port too large resulting in the action cycling too rapidly.
G. Weak cartridge i.e. low pressure.

3. FAILS TO FIRE
A. Sticking Gas Piston not letting the Bolt close completely. May have to be noticed before pulling Trigger because the Hammer falling may drive the Bolt closed.
B. Bolt Cover too tight preventing the Bolt from completely closing. Refer to Section VI for adjustment procedures.
C. Buried Timing Latch not letting the Bolt close completely.
D. Buildup of debris between the Trigger and Trigger Guard.

4. HAMMER FAILS TO COCK
A. Debris build-up between the Sear and Trigger Guard.
B. Last coil of the lower end of the Disconnector Spring binding the Disconnector Spring Plunger in its hole in the Sear. Spread the last coil of the Spring.
C. Inspect the Trigger Guard Assembly for broken parts.

NOTE: As previously explained in Section I, "Description and Functional Operation", if for some reason the Hammer fails to cock and follows the Bolt forward, the rifle will not fire because the tail of the Bolt Slide keeps the Hammer from contacting the Firing Pin with sufficient energy to fire the cartridge until the Bolt is locked.

5. SAFETY DIFFICULT TO WORK
A. Debris between the Trigger and Trigger Guard.

B. Buried surface of the Trigger that contacts the Safety.

6. BRASS MARKS ON THE RECEIVER
Normal condition. Mouths of ejected brass may flatten slightly when they strike the Receiver during ejection.

7. CUTS IN BRASS
A. Sharp edges on Bolt Lugs, Barrel Lugs, Ejection Port. (Sharp Chamfer Pin hole edge will cut the bolt on Magnum brass.)

8. SHORT CYCLING
A. Gas leaks around the Gas Cylinder.
B. Dirty Gas Piston and Cylinder.
C. Improper Barrel or Gas Regulator orifice.

9. BOLT HARD TO OPERATE
A. Action Rods or Support Rails binding in the Receiver.
B. Action Rods interfering inside the Forearm.
C. Cracked Bolt, Sleeve.
D. Buried Bolt at the point of Timing Latch contact.
E. Buried Timing Latch. Replace.

10. POOR ACCURACY
A. Damage crowning.
B. Loose Stock or Forearm.
C. Interference between the Barrel and Forearm.
D. Barrel fouling—Polish bore with a good lapping compound.

NOTE: Crowning's accuracy specification for centerfire rifles follows:

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SECTION VI

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS, REPAIRS
AND ADJUSTMENTS

1. RECOMMENDED POINTS OF
LUBRICATION DURING REASSEMBLY
   The use of Browning Gun Oil is recom-
   mended in the following areas: Use oil
   sparingly.
   A. Extractor Spring
   B. Bolt
   C. Bolt Sleeve (inside and on rails)
   D. Action Guide Spring
   E. Exterior surfaces

2. SPECIAL TOOLS
   The following special tools shown in
   Figure #29 are recommended in
   servicing the BAR.

   \[ \text{Figure #29} \]
   From left to right:
   A. Stock Bolt removal screwdriver.
   B. Scraper for relieving interference
      in the Forearm.
   C. Slide Hammer. This device is used
      to hammer out a frozen Gas Piston.
      Use it is slipped around the Action
      Spring Guide and then the Inertia
      Piece is used to hammer the piston
      out of the Gas Cylinder by retracting
      the Inertia Piece and letting it
      fly forward. This may have to be
      repeated several times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BOLT
   COVER
   The Bolt Cover should fit the Bolt
   Sleeve tight enough to prevent it from
   moving by itself creating a rattle in the
   rifle. However, too tight of a fit may
   result in malfunctions.
   To tighten the fit, lightly strike the side
   of the Bolt Cover as shown in Figure
   #31.

   \[ \text{Figure #31} \]
   To loosen the fit, lightly strike the top
   of the Bolt Cover as shown in Figure
   #32.

4. TRIGGER ADJUSTMENT
   Sear engagement may be increased
   (also increasing Trigger pull) by relieving
   the bottom surface of the Sear con-
   tacting the floor of the Trigger Guard.
   CAUTION if Sear engagement
   is increased by relieving the bottom
   of the Sear, the following inspection
   procedure is mandatory:

   \[ \text{Figure #30} \]
   Dimensions and diagram of use are
   given in Figure #30.
   NOTE: A piece of a scrap .30
   caliber Barrel may be used as stock
   for the slide hammer.

   A. Check the Trigger pull for a Trigger
      pull of 3.5 to 4.5 lbs.
   B. With the proper Sear engagement
      and the Safety in the "OFF SAFE"
      position, lightly pull the Trigger
      and observe slight pre-travel before
      the Disconnecter contacts the Sear.
   C. With the Hammer cocked, place
      the Safety to the "ON SAFE" posi-
      tion. Pull the Trigger and observe
      the Disconnecter does not contact
      the Sear by holding the Trigger to
      the rear and depressing the Disconnecter
      with a finger.

   \[\text{Figure #30} \]

   \[\text{Figure #32} \]

   \[\text{Figure #31} \]

   CAUTION if the Disconnecter contacts
   the Sear with the Safety in the "ON SAFE"
   position, the Trigger must be replaced or
   the Disconnecter adjusted at the point of contact with the
   Sear. Please refer to the next paragraph for Trigger replace-
   ment procedure.

5. TRIGGER REPLACEMENT
   PROCEDURE
   A. Remove the Trigger Guard Assembly
      from the rifle.
   B. Remove the Mainsprings and Guides,
      Trigger Pin, Trigger, Disconnecter
      Spring and plunger.
   C. Place the Safety to the "OFF SAFE"
      position.
   D. Install the Trigger and Trigger Pin.
   E. Hold the Trigger forward and tap
      the Safety toward the "ON SAFE"
      position to mark the contacting
      tab of the Trigger.
   F. Remove the Trigger and in small
      progressive steps, remove material
      to the impression of the Safety
      being tapped toward the "ON SAFE"
      position.

   \[ \text{Figure #30} \]
   NOTE: Each time the Trigger
   is re-installed, remember to first
   place the Safety in the "OFF SAFE"
   position and hold the Trigger forward when tapping the
6. PROCEDURE FOR INSTALLATION OF LEFT HAND SAFETY IN OLD STYLE BAR

Remove the Trigger Guard Assembly from the rifle.

Refer to Figure #25 and remove the Safety Spring Retaining Pin, the Safety Spring and Safety Spring Plunger.

**CAUTION:** Do not let the spring-loaded components fly out of the Trigger Guard.

Remove the right hand Safety from the left of the Trigger Guard.

Install the left hand Safety from the left side of the Trigger Guard. Red line of the Safety will be on the right.

**NOTE:** Make sure to position the detent notches so they will mate with the Safety Spring Plunger.

**NOTE:** If the Safety interferes with the Trigger, refer to Para. 5.E through 5.G and **CAUTION** notes of this Section, “Trigger Replacement Procedure”, for adjustment procedure.

Install the Safety Spring Plunger, spring and Retaining Pin.

**CAUTION:** Use care not to let the spring-loaded components fly out of the Trigger Guard.

Work the Safety back and forth to see that it detents positively into the “ON SAFE” and “OFF SAFE” positions. Operating force should be from 4 to 5 pounds.

7. GAS CYLINDER POLISHING PROCEDURE

The Gas Cylinder may be relieved of light pitting and carbon accumulation by the use of a split shaft and drain motor as shown in Figure #33. If badly carboned,

first soak in a good powder solvent. Before polishing, remove the Gas Piston Stop Pin with a 1/16” punch.

Use 240 grit paper and finish with 400 grit.

**NOTE:** Make sure to flush out all loose carbon and grit before reassembly and reassemble the Gas Cylinder Stop Pin.

8. BARREL GAS ORIFICE PLUGGING & RE-DRILLING PROCEDURE

If the Barrel Gas Orifice has been found oversize due to someone’s drilling, it may be plugged and resized using the following procedure:

Drill perpendicular to the Barrel through the Gas Cylinder stud hole 3/32 into the base as shown in the cross-sectional Gas Cylinder shown in Figure #34.

**CAUTION:** Use care not to drill through the Gas Cylinder into the bore of the Barrel.

Drill for a #6-48 screw and tap the hole.

File a screwdriver slot in a 5/16” long portion of a #6-48 screw. Apply Loctite and tighten in the hole.

With a #21 bit, using the stud hole as a guide, drill away the protruding portion of the plug screw.

**NOTE:** Make sure the #21 bit drills slightly past the screwdriver slot in the plug screw in order to effect a center start for the next drilling operation.

Next, using the proper size bit according to the orifice sizes given in Section IV, Para. 6.C, drill through the center of the plug screw into the bore.

Polish the inside of the cylinder to clean away burns.