

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

CZ-USA Shotguns



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Before handling the firearm read this manual carefully and observe the following safety instructions.

Improper and careless handling of the firearm could result in unintentional discharge and could cause injury, death or damage to property. The same consequences can be caused by unauthorized modifications or adjustments, corrosion, or use of non-standard or damaged ammunition. In these cases the manufacturer shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for the resultant consequences.

Before leaving the factory this firearm was tested, carefully inspected, and packed. CZ cannot accept responsibility for product handling while in transit, or upon leaving the factory. Therefore, please examine this firearm carefully at the time of purchase to ensure that it is unloaded and undamaged.

This instruction manual should always accompany the firearm and that even in the case of its loan or sale.

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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always follow the safety instructions for your safety and the safety of others.

1. Always handle your firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point your firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. Never take anyone's word that a gun is unloaded.
4. Always make sure that your firearm is not loaded before laying it down, or handing it to another person.
5. Always store your firearm unloaded with the striking mechanism released.
6. Never abuse your firearm by using it for any purpose other than shooting.
7. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.
8. Prior to loading the firearm make sure that barrel bore, chamber, and action are clean and clear of obstructions. Clean a dirtied firearm immediately so that it will function properly and safely.
9. Always use only clean, dry, original high quality commercially manufactured ammunition, which is appropriate to the caliber of your firearm.
10. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting.
11. Always wear safety glasses and ear protection during shooting whenever possible.
12. Always keep the safety on when the firearm is loaded with cartridge in the chamber, until you are ready to fire. Keep firearm pointed in a safe direction when disengaging the safety.
13. Always keep clear and keep others clear of the ejection port.
14. Never squeeze the trigger or put your finger in the trigger guard until you are aiming at a target and ready to shoot.
15. Always be absolutely sure of your target, and the area behind it, before you squeeze the trigger. A bullet could travel through or past your target up to several hundred meters.

16. Never shoot at a hard surface such as rock, or a liquid surface such as water.
17. Never fire your firearm near an animal unless it is trained to accept the noise.
18. Never indulge in "horseplay" while holding your firearm.
19. Failure to fire: In case of failure to fire hold the firearm keeping it pointed towards the target, or a safe open area and wait 30 seconds. If a hangfire (slow ignition) has occurred, the cartridge will fire within 30 seconds. If the cartridge does not fire, eject the cartridge and examine it. If the firing pin indent on the cartridge is light, or non-existent, have the firearm examined by a competent gunsmith.
20. Always make sure your firearm is not loaded before cleaning, storing or travelling.
21. Always keep and store your firearm and ammunition in separate locked receptacles out of reach and sight of children and untrained people.
22. Never alter any parts of your firearm as the safety and proper function of your firearm could be seriously compromised.
23. Always be aware that corrosion, use of damaged ammunition, dropping the firearm on hard surfaces or other "coarse treatment" could cause a damage you may not see. If something like this happens, allow let the firearm to be examined and tested by a competent gunsmith.

THE SHOTGUNS DESCRIPTION AND TERMINOLOGY

The CZ-USA shotguns with barrels configuration made as double barrelled over and under, side-by-side and single barrelled semi-automatic shotgun are designed for hunting and shooting sports when used with ammunition of 12 or 20 gauge conforming to CIP regulations (International Proof Commission for Firearms and Ammunition) or SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute Inc. of the United States). These shotguns can be shot with shells containing both lead and steel pellets of common power. Markings of the firearm, gauge and cartridge chamber length are stated on the side of barrel sleeve.

The O/U shotguns line includes following models, i.e. Mallard, Redhead, Woodcock, Canvasback, Upland Ultralight and Sporting. The Ringneck model is made as side-by-side (SxS) shotgun. The models supplied under designation of the CZ 712 and CZ 912 are designed as a semi-automatic shotgun.

The parts and components of these firearms' barrelled action are made of high-grade construction steel. The surface is protected by alkaline oxidation. The gunstock and forend are made of walnut wood and their gripping surfaces are provided with checkerings.

Characteristic features of all versions are:

- comfortable grip and balance in either hand
- the firearm is well-balanced and consequently quick and easy to aim
- good results at instinctive shooting (without aiming)
- low trigger pull weight
- high accuracy of fire
- long service life
- high reliability

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ammunition

Use only factory-manufactured standard ammunition of appropriate caliber, which are in compliance with CIP regulations (International Proof Commission for Firearms and Ammunition) or SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute Inc. of the United States). The use of other cartridges could damage the firearm or cause malfunctions or injury to the shooter.

Loading of the Shotgun

ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE FIREARM IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN LOADING!

Using your right hand thumb, push the rear of the top lever to the right and by putting downward pressure on the barrels with your other hand break the action (Fig. 1). The action must be home broken. Insert appropriate shell ammunition into the cartridge chambers then rotate the barrel assembly upward to close and lock the action. The double-barrelled shotgun is fully locked if the top lever is positioned perpendicularly against the barrels muzzles. If you do not intend to fire immediately, ensure the firearm safety as described further in the section "*Safety and its Operation*".

The CZ 712 / CZ 912 semi-automatic shotgun must firstly be set to condition when the carrier makes it possible to place shells into the magazine. For this reason pull the operating handle back until the bolt locks in the rearward position. Now grasp the firearm from below and depress the bolt release button located at the receiver's side (Fig. 2) so that the bolt snaps closed and is locked at the front. Bear in mind that this operation can be dangerous if done carelessly and therefore be extremely careful! Engage the safety of the firearm by shifting the safety to its "On-Safe" position (see section "*The Safety and its Operation*"). Put shells one after another into the magazine tube located in the forend by placing them on the carrier and pushing forward in the direction of fire until they are fully inserted. When you have loaded the desired number of shells push the shells drop lever (Fig. 3), to allow the shell to be released from the magazine. Now retract the bolt operating handle and then release the bolt to close forcefully. This operation chambers the shell and cocks the firing mechanism. The firearm is now loaded and the safety engaged to prevent any unintended discharge.

Reloading During Shooting

Replace the spent shotshells by the live ones by opening the firearm and breaking the action. Any fired shells will be automatically ejected from the barrels chambers when the barrels assembly is broken open. Unfired cartridges will not be ejected but lifted away from the breech face when the action is opened.

The CZ 712 / CZ 912 model mechanism automatically ejects the fired shells through the ejection port and afterwards picks up a new shell from the magazine and chambers it. When the last cartridge has been fired the bolt will stay to the rear (open), thus signalling that the magazine is empty.

Unloading of the Shotgun

For the CZ 712 / CZ 912 model pull the bolt to the rear to extract and eject the chambered shell. Release the bolt to snap to its forward position. The shells from the magazine are removed by pressing the carrier inward and depressing the bolt release button (Fig. 4). The shells which are under spring tension pressure are sequentially propelled from the magazine. Using your thumb restrict the movement of shells released from the magazine. Shift your thumb as close as possible to the cartridge chamber but be careful so as not to injure your finger because the magazine spring is relatively strong releasing the shells in a quite vigorous manner.

The Safety and its Operation

Engaging the safety is done by manually shifting the safety to the rear as this operation blocks the trigger mechanism (Fig. 5). Manual shifting of the safety in the direction of fire disengages "Safety-On" mode. Disengage the safety only shortly before shooting with the firearm pointed in a safe direction. The "Safety-On" mode can be applied at any time by shifting the safety to the rear.

The O/U shotguns outfitted with single trigger are provided with the barrel selector to allow you to select which barrel to fire first. The barrel selector is positioned in the safety and the safety lever functions as safety/selector. Pushing the safety/selector to the right ("U" position) will cause the under barrel to fire first. Pushing the safety/selector to the left ("O" position) will cause the over barrel to fire first. The O/U shotgun outfitted with double trigger fires the under barrel when the front trigger is pulled and the over barrel when the rear trigger is pulled.

The SxS shotgun outfitted with single trigger are also provided with the barrel selector to allow you to select which barrel to fire first. The barrel selector is positioned in the safety and the safety lever functions as safety/selector. Pushing the safety/selector to the right ("R" position) will cause the right barrel to fire first. Pushing the safety/selector to the left ("L" position) will cause the left barrel to fire first.

The CZ 712 / CZ 912 semi-automatic shotgun is provided with manual two-position safety located at the rear of the trigger guard. To engage the safety mechanism, push the safety button from the left (Fig. 6), this will block the trigger mechanism and the trigger itself cannot be pulled or manipulated.

Changing the Magazine Tube Capacity

The CZ 712 / CZ 912 semi-automatic shotgun is delivered with magazine capacity limited to 2 shells, but after removal of two shot adapter (plug) you can use your shotgun to its full magazine capacity, i.e. 4 shells. The plug can be removed only after the magazine cap is unscrewed and the magazine spring retainer is taken out (Fig. 7). After the magazine plug removal it is necessary to mount-in the magazine spring retainer this is done by turning it slightly back. Be very careful at this stage of disassembly procedure as the magazine retainer is under pressure of the magazine spring and could fly out, getting lost, or even causing injury.

Sight Adjustment






Elevation correction with shotgun barrels is carried out by exchanging the front sight for lower or higher sizes.

Scope

Mounting of the scope and sighting-in of the shotgun should be entrusted to a qualified gunsmith's workshop.

Choke Tubes

Overview and identifications of supplied chokes is presented in the following table. Individual chokes are inscribed on top with the mark which is identical with the one you can refer to in the column "Mark".

Choke	Pattern with Lead Shot		Pattern with Steel Shot	Mark	Best in the Area of
4/4	★	FULL	Not Recommended		Waterfowling
3/4	★★	IMP MOD	FULL		Waterfowling
2/4	★★★	MOD	IMP MOD		Wildfowling
1/4	★★★★	IMP CYL	MOD		Wildfowling
Cylinder	★★★★★	CYL	IMP CYL		Wildfowling

Comments:

IC - Improved Cylinder, M - Modified Choke, IM - Improved Modified Choke, F - Full Choke

CAUTION:

Whenever handling any shotgun for the purpose of removing or installing a choking device, make absolutely certain the shotgun is completely unloaded and the actual procedure is unambiguously safe!

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Stripping for Cleaning - Disassembly

With the gun locked and unloaded move the forend latch downward (Fig. 8) and at the same time, push the forend slightly towards the barrel. Remove the forend from barrels. Hold the receiver in your right hand and the barrels in your left. Push the rear of the top lever to the right to unlock the action and rotate the barrel assembly around the hinge pin. When you have rotated them by about 40°, it is possible to lift the barrels out of the hinge pin free of the action.

For the CZ 712 / CZ 912 model firstly unscrew the magazine cap located at the end of forend and take it off. Afterwards remove the forend by sliding it forward and follow this by separating the barrel assembly itself. Take off the rubber ring (O-ring) from the thread at the end of the magazine tube and afterwards remove the gas piston (Fig. 9).

Shotgun Assembly

Push the rear of the top lever to the open position until it latches (it is not possible to place the barrels in the receiver without the top lever arrested). Place the barrels in the receiver, slip them onto the hinge pin and rotating the barrels upwards close the gun. Fit the forend on the front receiver surface and pivot on the receiver guide surfaces, push against the barrels. A latch snaps down under the forend hooks. To check the correct assembly, break the firearm and close it again.

For the CZ 712 / CZ 912 model it is necessary before the barrel re-installment to pull back the bolt operating handle allowing the barrel to be properly inserted into the receiver. After the magazine cap re-installment make sure the magazine cap is fully tightened down and that the forend is correctly seated into the flange at the front of the receiver.

CAUTION:

Do not strip your firearm any further. If you assume that your firearm requires adjustment or repair, entrust this work to a competent gunsmith in a specialized workshop!

Cleaning the Rifle

Clean the Rifle

- each time you use it
- if you get your rifle wet
- as soon as possible after shooting
- at least once a year in a temperate climate
- as often as once a month in a tropical climate, or other demanding environment

Cleaning the Barrel Bore and the Cartridge Chamber

If the firearm has not been fired or if only a few cartridges have been fired clean the barrel bore and cartridge chamber by the clean patch attached to the cleaning rod. Repeat the cleaning, changing patches, until the last patch comes out clean. When the barrel bore is very dirty, apply a gun cleaning solution using cleaning brush. Let the solvent act for about 10 minutes (this time may vary depending on the solvent agent being used). Then thoroughly scrub out the barrel bore. Subsequently, dry the barrel bore and cartridge chamber with a clean patch and check that all powder residues, or fouling have been removed. If necessary repeat this procedure.

The cleaning rod and the brush must be inserted into the barrel bore from the chamber, to prevent wear or damage to the muzzle. Pass the brush all the way through the barrel bore before reversing the movement. If you try to change directions with the brush in the barrel, the brush could stick.

Cleaning of Other Rifle Parts

Other parts of the firearm can be cleaned with a dry cloth, old toothbrush, copper bristle brush or a wooden scraper. Preserving oil or paraffin oil can be used for proper cleaning. Never use the agent designed for barrel bore cleaning! These solutions could remain in the joints, and after some time could cause corrosion. Check that cloth particles or brush bristles have not become lodged in any part of the firearm. The maintenance of the stock can be carried out with a dry cloth or by some furniture-polishing product.

Preserving

When the barrel bore, cartridge chamber, and all accessible parts are clean and dry, wipe these parts with a cloth soaked in gun oil or apply the oil in a spray. Remove all excess oil.

Before the shooting always wipe the barrel bore dry. At very low temperatures remove the oil from all accessible parts or apply a lubricant prepared especially for these conditions. Use thick preserving agents for example, preserving grease only for long-term storage in demanding climate environments, and before any use of the rifle, it must be thoroughly removed from all parts of the firearm.

Waste Management

When used properly, the materials used in the product and packaging have no adverse effects on human health or the environment. When disposing of the product or its packaging, metal parts (steel and non-ferrous metals), plastics, wood, paper and cardboard should be stored separately in collecting containers intended specifically for that purpose.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Gauge	Chamber	Barrel Length	Choke	Trigger Type	Ejector	Weight [kg]
Mallard	12	3"	28"	Multi	Double	No	3,35
Mallard	20	3"	28"	Multi	Double	No	3,00
Redhead	12	3"	28"	Multi	Single	Yes	3,50
Redhead	20	3"	28"	Multi	Single	Yes	3,00
Ringneck	12	3"	28"	Multi	Single	No	3,30
Ringneck	20	3"	28"	Multi	Single	No	2,90
Woodcock	12	3"	28"	Multi	Single	Yes	3,50
Woodcock	20	3"	28"	Multi	Single	Yes	3,15
Canvasback	12	3"	28"	Multi	Single	No	3,40
Upland Ultralight	12	3"	28" / 26"	Multi	Single	No	2,70
Sporting	12	2 3/4"	30"	Multi	Single	Yes	4,08
CZ 712	12	3"	28"	F/M, C	Single	Auto	3,58
CZ 912	12	3"	28"	Multi	Single	Auto	3,35

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Opening (breaking) of the shotgun
2. The CZ 712 - depressing the bolt release button
3. The CZ 712 - carrier drop lever close-up
4. The CZ 712 - unloading
5. Close-up of the shotgun with the safety mechanism engaged in the "Safety-On" mode
6. The CZ 712 with two-position manual safety
7. The CZ 712 - magazine plug disassembly
8. Removing forend
9. The CZ 712 - disassembly for cleaning purposes

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