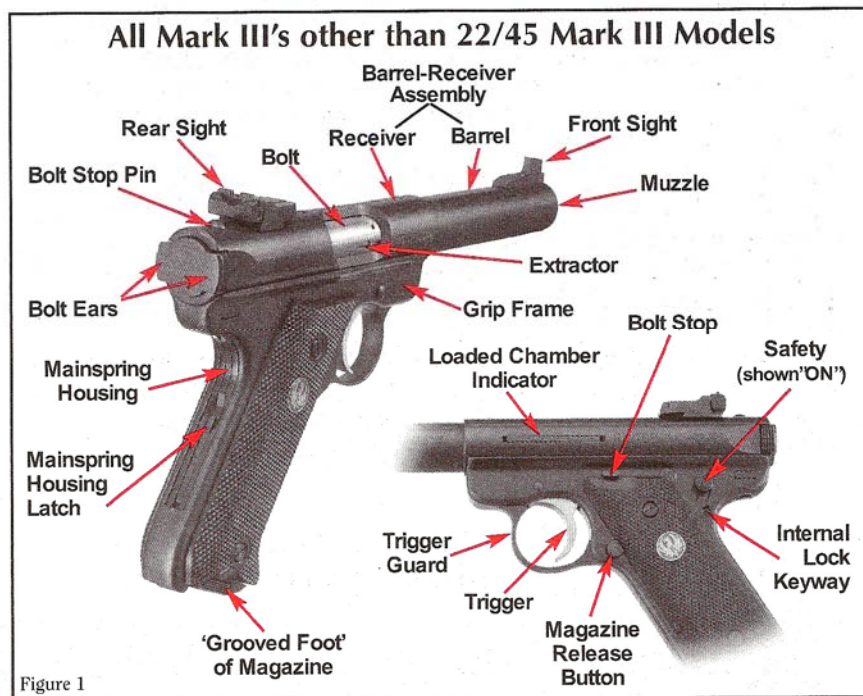


DISASSEMBLY & REASSEMBLY OF RUGER MKIII PISTOLS

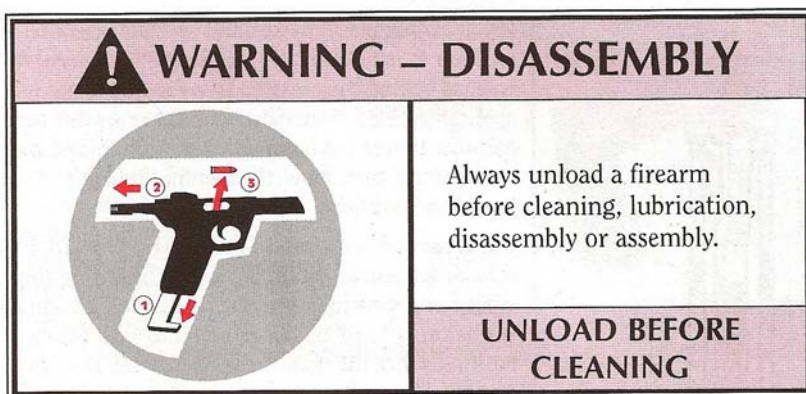
FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS EXACTLY!

NOMENCLATURE



NOTE:

You may have to tap the pistol to move the hammer in some steps!



DISASSEMBLY:

1. Always make sure the pistol is unloaded!
2. **Insert an empty magazine.**

3. Make sure the safety is off.

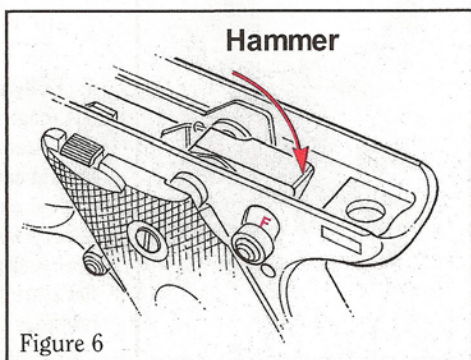
The safety is not “on” unless it is “clicks” fully into the “S” position.



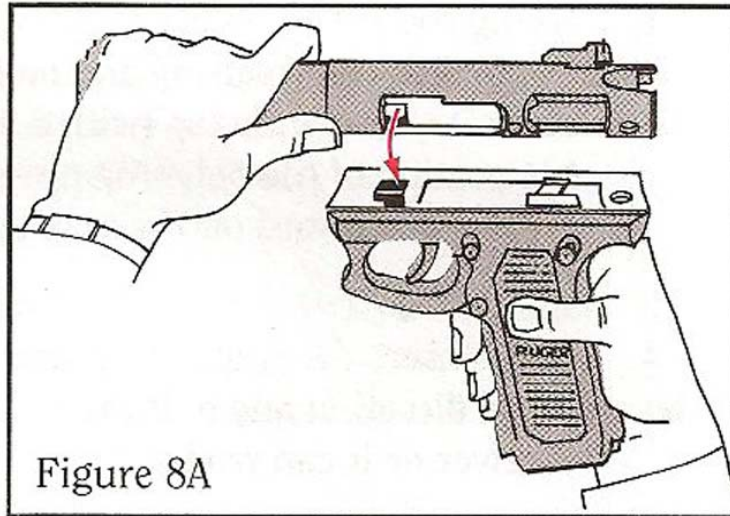
4. Pull the trigger to assure the hammer is down.
5. **Remove the magazine.**
6. Pull out the pointed lever on the backstrap and swing out the assembly.
7. Pull downward on the assembly to remove the bolt stop pin from the barrel.
8. **Insert an empty magazine.**
9. Point the pistol upwards, pull the trigger holding it rearward, and let the bolt slide out of the barrel.
10. **Remove the magazine.**
11. Using a soft mallet, strike the rear of the receiver to separate it from the barrel.

REASSEMBLY:

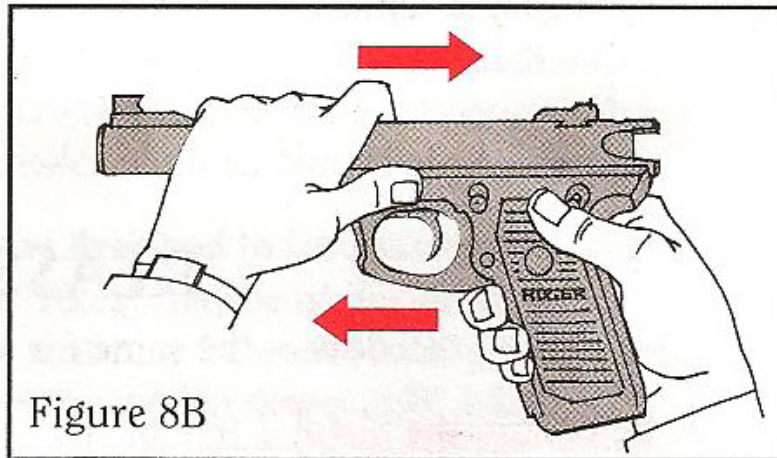
1. Place the hammer in the cocked position horizontal with the frame. (The hammer strut in the back of the grip must be on top of the crosspin – lift the hammer if necessary to adjust the crosspin.)



2. Place the barrel on top of the frame lining up the square on the barrel in the square on the frame.

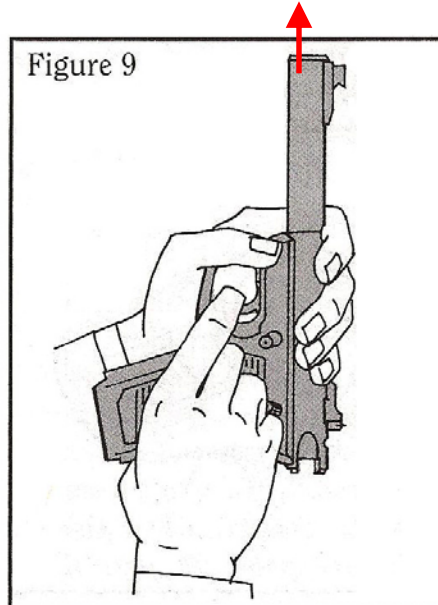


3. Push the barrel rearward on the frame using a soft mallet to seat it if necessary.



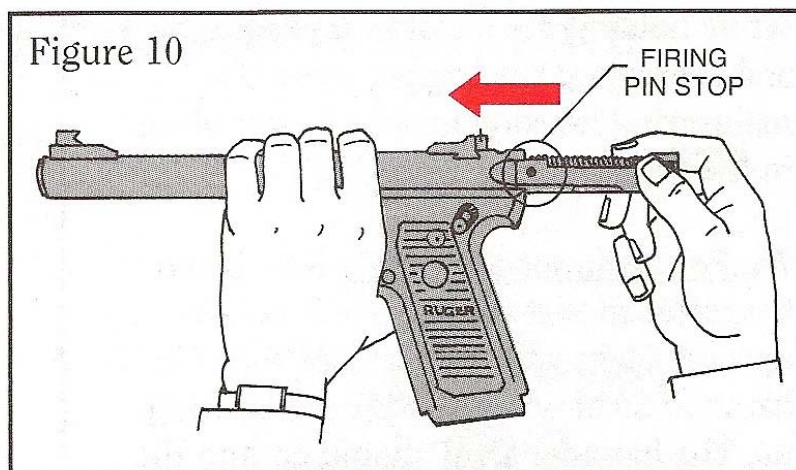
4. **Insert an empty magazine.**

5. Point the gun upwards and pull the trigger assuring the hammer is in the cocked position.



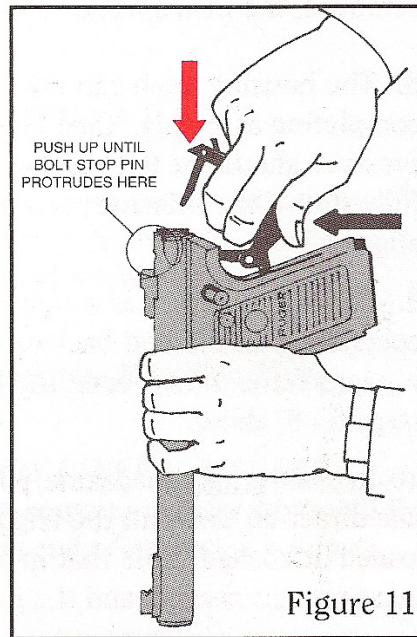
6. **Remove the magazine.**

7. With the pistol in the horizontal position, assuring the firing pin stop is installed on the left side of the bolt, the recoil spring upward, hold the trigger rearward and insert the bolt into the barrel.

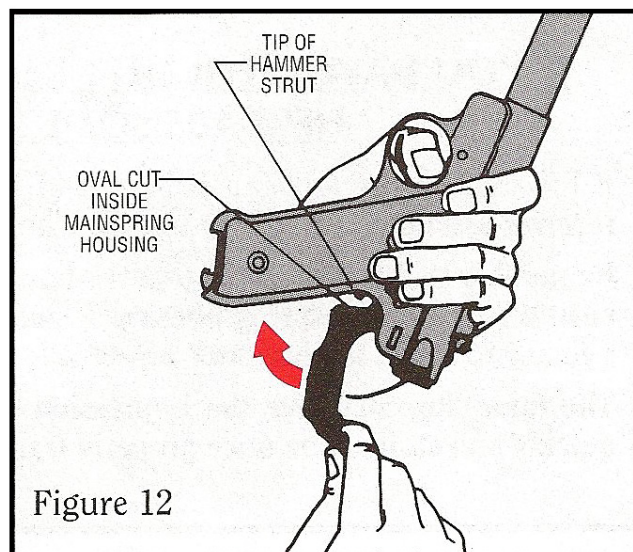


8. **Insert an empty magazine.**

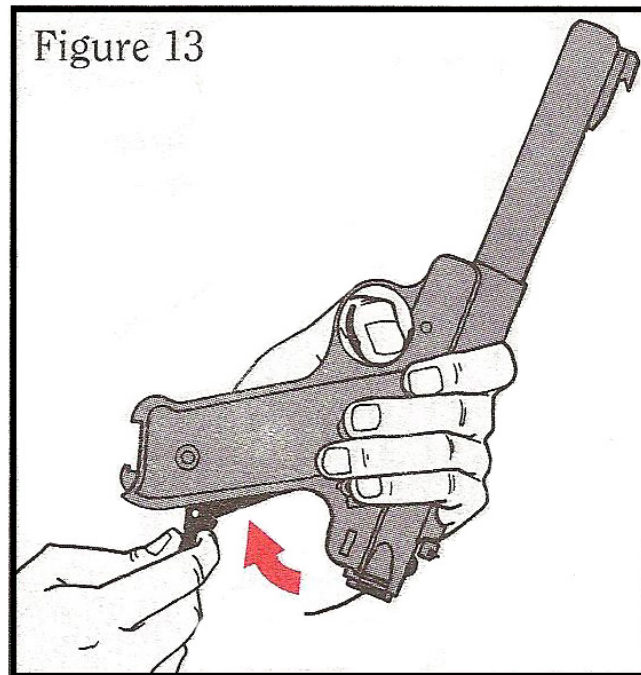
9. Point the muzzle at the ground and pull the trigger causing the cocked hammer to fall forward.
10. Holding the muzzle pointed at the ground insert the bolt stop pin back into the hole in the back of the grip until it protrudes at the top of the receiver. (Hit the back of the housing with a soft mallet)



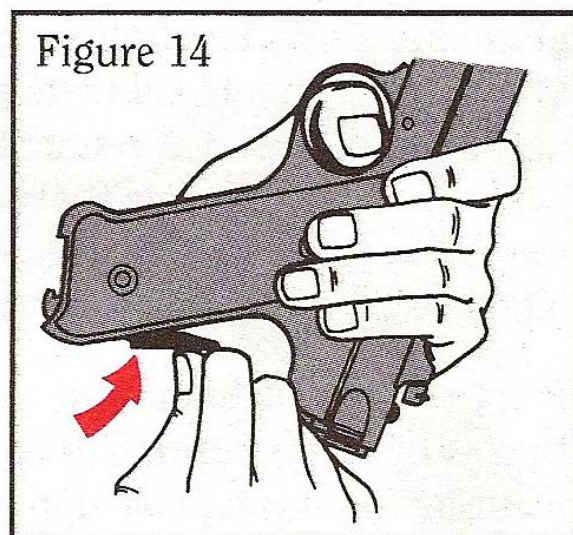
11. Invert the pistol with the muzzle upwards and hold the trigger rearward.



12. While holding the pistol upwards and the trigger rearward, move the housing into the grip making sure the hammer strut enters the groove in the housing. You should feel spring tension.



13. Snap the pointed lever shut.



14. **Remove the magazine.**

15. Exercise the bolt several times to verify proper reassembly.

16. **Insert an empty magazine** and verify it will hold the bolt open.

17. Close the slide lock and pull the trigger to store the pistol.