# **AMT** Instruction Manual



1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODELS:
COMBAT, HARDBALLER,
COMMAND CONTINENT MODELS:
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COMMAND ACCELERATOR
AND ACCELERATOR



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#### THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

- LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING.
  Not all firearms are the same. The method of carrying and handling firearms varies in accordance with the
  mechanical provisions for avoiding accidental firing and the various proper procedures for loading and unloading.
  Do not handle any firearm without first having thoroughly familiarized yourself with the particular type of firearm
  you are using and with safe gun handling procedures in general.
- 2. ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. A safe direction means a direction which will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person, or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet. A safe direction must take into account the fact that a bullet may penetrate a wall, ceiling, floor, window, etc., and strike a person or damage property. Be sure of a safe bullet stop behind your target even when operating the firearm without ammunition (dry-firing). Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm. In the event of accidental firing, no injury can occur as long as the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction.
- 3. NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT. Make it a habit to know exactly where the muzzle of your gun is pointing whenever you handle it and be sure that you are always in control of the direction in which the muzzle is pointing even if you fall or stumble. When receiving or handling a firearm, always point the muzzle in a safe direction, open the action, and check the chamber to ensure the firearm is not loaded even if you have just watched others check that firearm. When operating a firearm's safety, point the muzzle in a safe direction and do not place your finger on the trigger.
- 4. ENSURE FIREARMS ARE UNLOADED WHEN NOT IN USE. Load your firearm only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Lock firearms and ammunition securely in racks or cabinets when not in use. Store ammunition safely, separate from firearms. Store your firearms out of sight of visitors and out of sight and reach of children. The gun owner is responsible for ensuring that children and persons unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms or ammunition.
- 5. BE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING. Even a bit of mud, snow, or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore may cause the barrel to bulge, or even burst on firing, and can cause injury to the shooter and bystanders. If you are not sure the barrel is clear, do not shoot the firearm. Be sure that you are using ammunition of the proper caliber and loading for the gun you are using. Improper ammunition can cause blockage or bursting of the firearm's barrel. If the report (sound of firing) or recoil on firing seems weak or doesn't seem quite right ~ CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY ~ and check to be sure that nothing has become lodged in the barrel.
- 6. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT. Don't shoot unless you know exactly where your bullet is going to strike. Don't point the firearm at anything you do not wish to shoot. Be sure of a safe bullet stop behind your target even when dry-firing with an unloaded gun. If you are in the field hunting, do not fire at a movement or noise. Take the time to be absolutely certain of your target visually before you pull the trigger. Handle all firearms as if they were loaded and ready to fire. Disengage the firearm's safety only when the firearm is pointed in a safe direction and you are ready to shoot.
- 7. DO NOT CARRY FIREARMS WITH AMMUNITION IN THE CHAMBER. A firearm with a round in the chamber is ready to fire and may be caused to fire by unforeseen events. Never rely on any safety device to prevent a firearm from discharging.
- 8. WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTORS WHEN YOU SHOOT. All shooters should wear protective shooting glasses and some form of hearing protectors when shooting or in the company of shooters. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing. Adequate vision protection when shooting is essential. Normal prescription eyeglasses and commercial sunglasses do not provide adequate protection.
- 9. NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE WITH A LOADED FIREARM. Put the firearm in a secure holster before climbing a fence. Unload the firearm before climbing or descending a tree or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. When in doubt, unload your goal.
- 10. DON'T SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE, OR AT WATER. Bullets can ricochet off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with damaging or lethal velocity.
- 11. NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM. Always unload firearms before placing them in a vehicle. A suitable carrying case or holster should be used to carry a firearm to and from the shooting areas.
- 12. DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN SHOOTING. Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or mind altering substances in any form constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.

# 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODELS

## COMMANDO AND ACCELERATOR

#### STATEMENT OF NON LIABILITY

#### WARNING:

This pistol is classified as a dangerous weapon and is surrendered by **AMT** with the understanding that the purchaser assumes all liability resulting from unsafe handling or any action that constitutes a violation of any applicable laws or regulations. **AMT** shall not be liable for personal injury or loss of property or life resulting from the use of this pistol under any circumstances, including intentional, reckless, negligent or accidental discharge.

Further, AMT will not be liable for any alterations to the pistol or any parts thereof. AMT will not condone or authorize any changes to be made after the pistol has left the factory. If your AMT pistol is in need of service or adjustment, follow the instructions in this manual under the section marked "SER-VICE."

Please read the warnings in this manual carefully. Be sure you understand the functions of this pistol before loading and firing it. Carefully read the "SAFETY" section of this manual. Exercise safe handling of this pistol at all times.

#### PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

<u>WARNING:</u> NEVER USE AMMUNITION WHERE THE PRESSURE LEVELS EXCEED INDUSTRY STANDARDS. THE USE OF RELOADED AMMUNITION WILL VOID THE WARRANTY AND INJURY MAY VERY WELL RESULT.

WARRANTY VOID IF OTHER THAN FACTORY AMMUNITION IS USED.

# **USE ONLY FACTORY AMMUNITION!**

**NOTE ON AMMUNITION AND MAGAZINES:** Today there exists a wide range of ammunition from which to choose. Some brands vary greatly in dimensions and bullet configurations. Your AMT 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT COMMANDO OR ACCELERATOR is designed to function with factory standard ammunition. Use only new ammunition of the appropriate caliber manufactured by a reputable and established company. **DO NOT USE RE-LOADED AMMUNITION.** 



#### SAFETY

As is the case in all firearms, the 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL pistol must be used with the strictest attention to the basic rules of firearms safety. Pistols are equipped with grip and manual safeties to provide maximum mechanical security against accidental discharge.

WARNING: THE HALF-COCK POSITION OF THE HAMMER IS NOT A MANUAL SAFETY. IT PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE CAUSED BY MISOPERATION OF THE SLIDE OR FAILURE OF THE FULL COCK NOTCH. NEVER CARRY THE PISTOL WITH THE HAMMER AT HALF-COCK

NOTE: The half-cock position prevents the hammer from striking the firing pin should your hand slip from the slide or hammer while cocking the pistol, or in the event of a failure of the full-cock notch.

<u>WARNING:</u> THE 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL PISTOLS WILL OPERATE WITH THE MAGAZINE REMOVED. NEVER LEAVE A ROUND OF AMMUNITION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE PISTOL.

- 1. NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT. The 1911
  45 GOVERNMENT MODEL pistols are semiautomatic firearms and, once loaded and cocked, will fire every time the trigger is pulled. The pistols will fire WITH or WITHOUT a magazine in place. Removing the magazine does not remove a chambered round of ammunition.
- 2. **ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** A safe direction means a direction which will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person, or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet. Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm.
- 3. UNLOAD FIREARMS WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE. Load your firearm only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Lock firearms and ammunition securely in racks or cabinets when not in use. Store ammunition safely, separate from firearms. Store your firearms out of sight of visitors and out of sight and reach of children. The gun owner is responsible for ensuring that children and persons unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms or ammunition.

Wear Safety Glasses and Ear Protection at all times when shooting!

- DO NOT CARRY THE PISTOL WITH AMMUNITION IN THE CHAMBER. Use extreme caution when carrying the 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL pistol.
- DON'T USE RELOADED OR QUESTIONABLE AMMUNITION. Use only new .45 caliber ammunition
  manufactured by a reputable and established company. Reloaded and surplus-market ammunition may
  exceed the industry pressure level standards for .45 caliber ammunition.
- DO NOT ALTER OR MODIFY THE PISTOL. If the firearm fails to fire, handle the pistol with extreme caution. Refer to SERVICE in this instruction manual.
- PROTECT YOUR HEARING AND SIGHT. Wear adequate safety glasses and hearing protection when using the 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL pistol.
- 8. NEVER LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM UNATTENDED. Always store the pistol, unloaded, in a safe and secure location inaccessible to children. All ammunition should be store in a separate secure location.
- DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN SHOOTING. Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol, medication, or mind altering substances in any form constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.

#### SAFETY OPERATION

The slide lock safety, Figure 1, can only be engaged when the slide is fully forward and the hammer is fully cocked. The slide lock safety prevents rearward motion of the slide and engages the sear to prevent forward hammer movement when the trigger is squeezed. The grip safety, figure 2, is automatically engaged to prevent rearward trigger motion until the pistol grip is firmly and properly grasped.



FIGURE 1. SLIDE LOCK NOTCH

FIGURE 2. GRIP SAFETY

<u>WARNING:</u> NEVER DEPEND ON ANY SAFETY MECHANISM OR ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE. USE OF SAFETY MECHANISMS AND DEVICES <u>Does</u> not justify careless handling or pointing the PISTOL in a unsafe direction.

<u>WARNING:</u> THE 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL PISTOLS ARE AUTOMATIC LOADING PISTOLS. THE PISTOLS ARE IMMEDIATELY LOADED AND READY TO FIRE AGAIN AFTER EACH SHOT UNTIL ALL ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THE MAGAZINE AND CHAMBER HAVE BEEN FIRED.

WARNING: THE 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL PISTOLS WILL FIRE EVEN WHEN THE MAGAZINE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PISTOL. REMOVING THE MAGAZINE DOES NOT UNLOAD THE PISTOL'S CHAMBER OR ENGAGE THE SAFETY. REFER TO SAFETY OPERATION AND UNLOADING SECTIONS OF THIS MANUAL.

WARNING: DO NOT LOAD AMMUNITION INTO THE PISTOL OR ATTEMPT FIRING THE PISTOL UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY.

#### TO LOAD THE PISTOL

WARNING: OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE BARREL CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND DAMAGE THE PISTOL. ENSURE THE BORE IS CLEAN AND DOES NOT SHOW EXCESSIVE LUBRICANT DEPOSITS.

WARNING: CARTRIDGES MUST BE FED FROM THE MAGAZINE. DO NOT LOAD AMMUNITION DI-RECTLY INTO THE PISTOL'S CHAMBER.

- 1. While ensuring the pistol is pointing in a safe direction, place your hand under the grip of the pistol to prevent the magazine from falling freely.
- 2. Press the magazine latch to the right and release the magazine. Remove the magazine from the pistol.
- 3. While ensuring the pistol is pointing in a safe direction, draw the slide back forcefully to extract any round which may have been in the chamber. Visually check to ensure there is not a round in the chamber; then release the slide to its forward position.
- 4. With the pistol still pointed in a safe direction, lower the hammer by holding the hammer with thumb and pulling the trigger. Ease the hammer down to the uncocked position.

WARNING: USE ONLY CLEAN AMMUNITION. AMMUNITION WITH DIRT, LINT, CORROSION, OR LUBRICANT DEPOSITS CAN CAUSE THE PISTOL TO MALFUNCTION.

5. Carefully press rounds of ammunition into the magazine. Place a round on magazine follower with base just forward of retaining lips. Press round down and back until base of round touches rear flat edge of magazine. Place next round on top of previous round and press down and back. Ensure all cartridges lie evenly and are parallel to the magazine tube.

<u>WARNING</u>: DO NOT FORCE THE MAGAZINE INTO PLACE AS THIS ACTION CAN DAMAGE THE FEED LIPS AND IMPAIR FEEDING.

Insert the magazine into the pistol and ensure the magazine latch locks the magazine in place. (If the magazine does not lock in place readily, remove the magazine and ensure all cartridges are positioned properly in the magazine tube. When all cartridges are positioned properly, re-insert the magazine.)

# TO FIRE THE PISTOL

WARNING: THE HALF-COCK POSITION OF THE HAMMER IS NOT A SAFETY. DO NOT CARRY THE PISTOL WITH THE HAMMER IN THE HALF-COCK POSITION.

Wear Safety Glasses and Ear Protection at all times when shooting!

WARNING: KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL THE PISTOL IS POINTED AT THE INTENDED TARGET AND IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

WARNING: PROTECT YOUR HEARING AND EYESIGHT. WEAR ADEQUATE HEARING PROTECTION AND SAFETY GLASSES WHEN FIRING THE PISTOL.

- Keep your finger off the trigger and point the pistol in a safe direction. Hold the pistol in your shooting hand and forcefully pull the slide all the way to the rear with your free hand and release slide quickly. (Operating the slide in other than a positive manner may cause a misfeed and/or jam in the pistol.)
- 2. With the pistol pointed at the intended target (and in a safe direction), move the thumb safety to the "FIRE" position as shown in Figure 1. The pistol is now ready to fire.
- 3. With the pistol pointed at the intended target (and in a safe direction), squeeze the trigger to fire the round in the chamber. When the round has fired, the expended cartridge will be ejected and another round automatically loaded into the chamber from the magazine. If the next round is not to be fired immediately, return the thumb safety to the "SAFE" position until you are ready to fire again.
- After firing the last shot, the slide stop will hold the slide in the open position. VISUALLY EXAMINE
  THE CHAMBER TO ENSURE IT IS EMPTY!

#### TO CLEAR A JAM

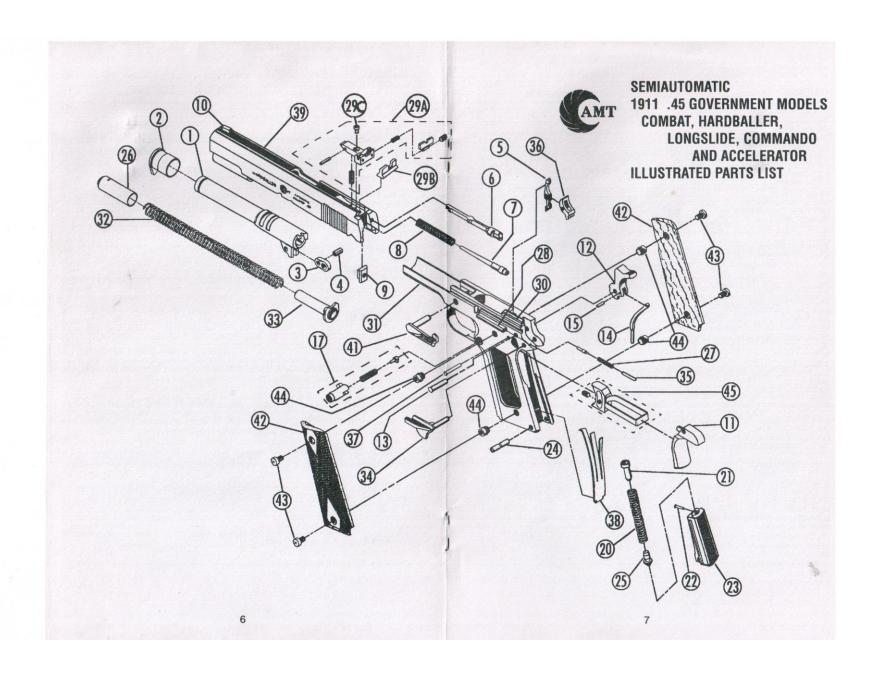
<u>WARNING:</u> DO NOT FORCE THE SLIDE SHUT IF A ROUND MISFEEDS OR JAMS. ENSURE THE PISTOL REMAINS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

- 1. With the pistol pointed in a safe direction and your finger off of the trigger, place your hand under the grip to catch the magazine.
- 2. Press the magazine latch to the right to release the magazine and remove the magazine from the pistol.

#### WARNING: DO NOT LOOK INTO THE CHAMBER DURING THIS OPERATION.

- 3. While ensuring the pistol is pointed in a safe direction and keeping your finger off of the trigger, pull the slide to its rear-most position and lock it by pushing up on the slide stop.
- If the jammed round was not ejected by pulling back the slide, use a small wood or plastic rod (sharpened on the working end) to gently remove the cartridge from the chamber. DO NOT USE A METAL TOOL.
- When the jammed round has been removed, carefully inspect the pistol to ensure a round did not lodge in the magazine well of the grip frame.
- 6. Inspect the magazine for proper ammunition loading prior to reinserting into pistol.





# TO DISASSEMBLE THE PISTOL WARNING: ENSURE PISTOL IS UNLOADED BEFORE ATTEMPTING DISASSEMBLY. REFER TO SECTION TITLED "TO UNLOAD THE PISTOL".

- Refer to section titled "TO UNLOAD THE PISTOL". Remove magazine and visually inspect chamber to ensure the pistol is empty.
- Pull the slide all the way to the rear (approximately 1/4 inch further than just having the chamber open.)

# WARNING: TAKE CARE IN RELEASING THE TENSION ON SPRING LOADED PARTS TO PREVENT INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PARTS.

- Press the recoil spring inward with finger or barrel bushing wrench; then, turn barrel bushing clockwise until the recoil spring is free to move forward.
- Draw the slide back until the disassembly notch on the side lines up with the rear end of the slide stop. The slide stop is able to pass under the slide and out of the frame only at this position.
- Press against the end of the slide stop projecting from the opposite side of the frame from the slide stop lever. With the slide stop pushed fully down, draw out slide stop.
- Draw the barrel, link and slide forward together from the frame. The barrel bushing, recoil spring and recoil spring guide will come off with the barrel, link and slide.
- Remove the spring and guide from the slide. Push barrel assembly forward approximately 1/4
  inch. Turn the barrel bushing counterclockwise as far as it will go and draw forward from the slide.
  Tilt barrel forward and along with the barrel bushing, pull it forward and out of slide.
- 8. DO NOT DISASSEMBLE FRAME/GRIP PARTS.

#### TO ASSEMBLE THE PISTOL

- 1. Install barrel and recoil spring guide into slide.
- 2. Place the recoil spring plug over the end of the recoil spring.
- Place the barrel bushing over the end of the barrel; then, insert recoil spring and press it into the plug until is flush with the slide. The barrel bushing can then be turned clockwise to lock the recoil spring and plug in place.
- Run the slide onto the frame all the way to the rear to expose the link through the slide stop hole.
- Being careful not to scratch the frame, insert the slide stop into the frame and through the link. Ensure the slide stop snaps into place under the slide disassembly notch. Slide will not lock fully unless slide stop is inserted through the barrel link.

Wear Safety Glasses and Ear Protection at all times when shooting!

### **CLEANING AND CARE**

WARNING: ENSURE PISTOL IS UNLOADED BEFORE ATTEMPTING DISASSEMBLY.
REFER TO SECTION TITLED "TO UNLOAD THE PISTOL".

Frequency of cleaning depends on the frequency of use of the pistol. Accumulation of powder fouling in the breech and chamber area may affect the functioning of the pistol causing jamming or misfiring. If either of these conditions develop, clean the pistol before assuming that something is wrong with it.

All areas of breech, slide, magazine, chamber and bore should be scrubbed or wiped clean with a cleaning patch wetted with a powder solvent. After all areas have been thoroughly cleaned, wipe again with an oiled cloth.

Though these pistols are made of high-quality stainless steel, a light coat of surface rust may develop over a period of time, especially in areas of high humidity. This is a very thin surface coating and can be removed with a rust preventive solvent and a clean cloth.

While use of only well-recognized brands of commercial ammunition is recommended and warranted, some foreign brands utilize corrosive primers which necessitate a thorough cleaning of at least the barrel and slide with hot water. For cleaning the residue from this type of ammunition, use a brass core brush and a stainless steel pistol cleaning rod with a jag tip with new cotton flannel patches cut to fit the bore snugly. After cleaning, use firearm lubricants such as Break-Free CLP or Firepower FP-10.

#### SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

The pistol may be provided with an adjustable rear sight with both elevation and windage adjustments. The adjustment screw should be turned to move the sight blade in the direction to which you want the bullet strike point to move. For example, turning the windage adjustment screw counterclockwise moves the sight blade to the left and impact of the bullet to the left.

#### SERVICE

Prior to shipment, each 1911 .45 GOVERNMENT MODEL pistol is carefully inspected and test fired to ensure that it is in proper operating condition. Should the pistol require adjustment, repair or refinishing, we recommend that the pistol be returned directly to the FACTORY SERVICE DEPARTMENT! There is no other way to be sure that work is performed in a properly equipped and staffed facility. Failure to use the factory services will result in voiding your warranty.

Except for guns still under warranty, all work will bear a net minimum charge of \$15.00. All pistols returned are to be sent unloaded and prepaid. All collect shipments will be refused.

Fore best service, always enclose a cover letter with the pistol furnishing serial number, model of pistol, and the nature of the problem or work desired. A statement that the pistol is "defective" is not adequate and will only result in unnecessary delays. Try to be as specific as possible.

Federal regulations control the shipment of firearms. It may be impossible for the factory to return a pistol directly to you. Check your local regulations before shipment. If this is the case, we recommend that all firearms be sent through a federally licensed dealer.

Please be sure that both the magazine and the chamber are empty before shipping.

ANY FIREARMS RECEIVED IN A LOADED CONDITION MUST BE REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

NOTE: WHEN SHIPPING FIREARMS, PLEASE PACKAGE IN AN INCONSPICUOUS MANNER.

#### PARTS AND ORDERING

All parts orders should be sent to the attention of the Parts Department. California residents include applicable sales tax.

When ordering parts, specify Model Name, Part Name, and Part Number. Also include the complete serial number of the firearm.

Parts designated by an (\*) asterisk must be factory fitted. The prices shown do not include labor, shipping and tax, if applicable. These parts will be replaced on an exchange basis only. The replaced parts will not be returned to you.

PLEASE ORDER ALL PARTS BY MAIL ONLY INCLUDE FULL PAYMENT WHEN NECESSARY

NOTE: WHEN SHIPPING FIREARM, PLEASE PACKAGE FIREARM IN AN INCONSPICUOUS MANNER

# **WARRANTY STATEMENT**

BASED ON MAGNUSON, MOSS WARRANTY ACT, AMT offers no expressed warranty on its product line. AMT does recognize its obligation concerning implied warranty. AMT will continue to stand behind its products as it has in the past. AMT products carry a limited lifetime warranty for defects of material or workmanship. Be sure to retain your sales slip as proof of purchase date when making a claim.

This instruction manual should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or when the firearm is loaned or presented to another person.