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**AUTOLOADING PISTOL
OWNER'S MANUAL**

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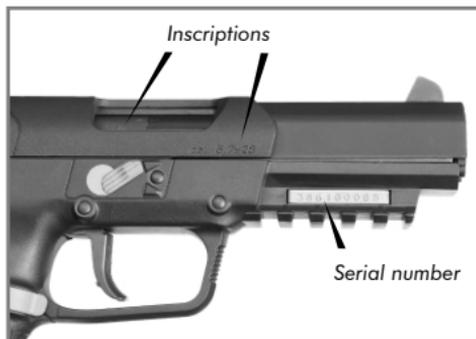
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Foreword

The Five-seveN® is an autoloading, single-action pistol which stands for the highest level of reliability, consistent performance and functional design and which provides the operating precision and safety expected from a sporting handgun.

The pistol, which exhibits the latest technical evolutions in weapon design for military, law enforcement and sporting use, has been conceived based on the experience of a collective team of experts in every field related to autoloading pistols.



Simple in design, this pistol is very easy to maintain : with a reasonable amount of care, your Five-seveN® should give you many years of dependable, enjoyable service.

In order to take maximum advantage of the many features of your Five-seveN®, regularly review this Owner's Manual which should be kept in the slot especially provided in the storage box of the pistol.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any observation or question regarding the performance or the operation of your pistol.

Safety and warranty notes

Like all firearms, the Five-seveN®, if handled in a careless or reckless manner, can be very dangerous.

For that reason, the pistol has been sold under the express understanding that FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC decline any responsibility and invalidate any guarantee and liability claims for incidental or consequential damages (injuries, loss of use of property, commercial loss, loss of earnings and profits, ...) resulting in whole or partly from :

- ▶ the use of reloaded ammunition
- ▶ a discharge with criminal intent or through negligence
- ▶ improper or careless handling
- ▶ unauthorized servicing
- ▶ the modification or the alteration of the basic pistol design
- ▶ the use of non-original parts
- ▶ the alteration of the safety devices
- ▶ the use of incorrect "arms & ammunition" combinations
- ▶ the use of defective, damaged, unsafe, ... ammunition
- ▶ inadequate care of the pistol (e.g. corrosion, damage)
- ▶ a disregard of malfunctions
- ▶ a resale in contradiction to legislation
- ▶ other circumstances beyond our direct and immediate control

FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC reserve the right to refuse servicing a pistol which has been modified (removal of metal from the barrel, modifications of the firing mechanism and/or other parts, ...) and will, in such a case, always recommend to restore the pistol to its original specifications. Parts and labor required for such a restoration are payable by the owner of the pistol.

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1. SAFETY INFORMATION

Failure to follow any of the following warnings could result in serious injury or death.

As a firearm owner, you accept a set of demanding responsibilities. How seriously you take these responsibilities can be the difference between life and death.

There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of any firearm. At all times, handle this firearm and all other firearms with intense respect for their power and potential danger.

Please read and understand all the cautions, warnings, notices, proper handling procedures and instructions outlined in this Owner's Manual before using your new firearm.

- ✓ **Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction even though you are certain that it is unloaded.**

Never point any firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Be extremely alert and aware of all persons and property within the range of your ammunition.

- ✓ **Never rely totally on your firearm's mechanical "safety" devices. Like any mechanical device, a "safety" can sometimes fail; it can be jarred or inadvertently manipulated into an unsafe condition.**

The word "safety" describes a firearm's trigger block mechanism, sear block mechanism, hammer block mechanism or firing pin block mechanism.

Mechanical “safeties” are designed to place your firearm in a safer status, and no guarantee can be made that the firearm will not fire, even if the “safety” is at the ‘safe’ position. Mechanical “safeties” merely aid safe gun handling and are no excuse for pointing your firearm’s muzzle in an unsafe direction. For more information about the operation of this firearm’s “manual safety”, refer to § 2.2.

Remember, safe gun handling does not stop with your firearm’s mechanical “safety” devices, it starts there. Always treat this firearm with the respect due to a loaded, ready-to-fire firearm.

Some firearms do not have a mechanical “safety”. Many target firearms, lever-action firearms and pistols do not have manual “safety” mechanisms. Therefore it is critical to read and understand the Owner’s Manual for every firearm in order to be informed about the safe operation of the firearm.

While it is a good idea to “test” your firearm’s mechanical “safety” periodically for proper function, never test it while your firearm is loaded or pointed in an unsafe direction.

- ✓ **Whenever you handle any firearm, or hand it to someone, always ensure that the firearm is completely unloaded.**

For the Five-seveN®, this is done by pulling the slide completely rearwards and then visually checking if the chamber is empty.

If necessary, completely unload your firearm as described in § 4.7. Ensure that the firearm does not inadvertently contain any ammunition. Always keep the chamber empty and the manual safety at the (raised) ‘safe’ position, unless shooting is imminent.

- ✓ **Always wear eye and hearing protection when shooting.**

Unprotected, repeated exposure to gunfire can cause hearing damage. Wear ear protectors (shooting earplugs or muffs) to guard against such damage.

Wear shooting glasses to protect your eyes from flying particles. Allow proper distance (eye relief) between the rear sight of the pistol and your eye when shooting. Do not use unorthodox shooting methods that could cause the rearward travel of the slide of your firearm to contact your eyes, face or hands. Always keep a safe distance between the muzzle of your firearm and any persons nearby, as muzzle blast, debris and ejecting shells could inflict serious injury.

Always wear eye protection when disassembling and cleaning your pistol to prevent the possibility of springs, spring-tensioned parts, solvents or other agents from contacting your eyes.

- ✓ **Keep all firearms unloaded during transport, even when stored in a holster, a gun case or another container.**

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying a loaded firearm.

- ✓ **Dropping or jarring a loaded firearm can cause an accidental discharge.**

This can occur even with the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position or with the hammer in the decocked position. Be extremely careful while hunting or during any shooting activity, to avoid dropping any firearm.

- ✓ **Shooting from elevated surfaces is dangerous.**

Doing so may increase the risk of incorrect handling a firearm.

The following rules should always be observed :

- *Always ensure that the surface being used is safe and stable.*
- *Always ensure that your firearm is unloaded when it is being taken up and down from the surface.*
- *Always ensure that your firearm is not dropped from the surface, or dropped while it is being taken up or down from the surface.*

Remember, your loaded firearm may discharge when dropped, even with the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position or with the hammer not cocked.

- ✓ **Store your firearm and ammunition separately, well beyond the reach of children.**

Take prudent safeguards in order to ensure that your firearm does not become available to untrained, inexperienced or unwelcome hands. Store all firearms in secure, locked cases or in a gun safe.

Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use.

At all times, comply with the local and state laws.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on storing your firearm.

- ✓ **Beware of barrel obstructions.**

Mud, snow and an infinite variety of other objects may inadvertently lodge in the bore of a barrel. It only takes a small obstruction to cause dangerously increased pressures which can damage your firearm and cause serious injury to yourself and others.

Before checking for a barrel obstruction, ensure that your firearm is completely unloaded, that there is no round in the chamber and that the manual safety is at the (raised) 'safe' position.

Completely unload your firearm as described in § 4.7. After having ensured that the firearm is completely unloaded, pull the slide completely rearwards and look through the barrel in order to ensure that it is clear of any obstruction. If an obstruction is seen, no matter how small it may be, clean the bore of the barrel as described in § 5.4.1.

- ✓ **Be alert to the signs of ammunition malfunction. If you detect an off sound or a light recoil when a round is fired, do not load another round into the chamber.**

If your firearm fails to fire, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction for a minimum of 30 seconds. Carefully pull the slide completely rearwards in order to remove the round from the chamber and then completely unload your firearm as described in § 4.7.

If the primer is indented, the defective round should be disposed of in a way that can not cause harm. If the primer is not indented, your firearm should be examined by a qualified gunsmith / your departmental armorer and the cause of the malfunction should be corrected before further use.

With the slide open, glance down the barrel in order to ensure that there is no obstruction in the barrel. If there is an obstruction, completely clear the barrel before loading and firing again.

Failure to follow these instructions can cause extensive damage to your firearm and possible serious injury to yourself and others.

✔ **Never insert a round of the incorrect caliber into any firearm.**

The caliber of your firearm is marked on the right side of the slide and on the rear right end of the barrel. Store rounds of different calibers in completely separate and well-marked containers. Never store rounds of mixed calibers in a common container or in your pockets.

For more information about the correct ammunition for your firearm, refer to the end of § 2.3.

✔ **Examine every round you put in your firearm.**

We assume no responsibility for the use of unsafe or improper firearm and ammunition combinations or damage or injury caused by damaged ammunition. It is your responsibility to read and heed all the warnings in this Owner's Manual and on the ammunition boxes.

For more information about the correct ammunition for your firearm, refer to the end of § 2.3.

✔ **Use the proper ammunition.**

The barrel and the slide of your firearm have been made with substantial safety margins with regard to the pressures developed by the 5.7 x 28 mm ammunition designed by FN HERSTAL.

However, FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC assume no liability for accidents which occur through the use of reloaded ammunition or 5.7 x 28 mm rounds not fabricated according to the FN HERSTAL standards.

- ✓ **Make sure of adequate ventilation in the area in which you discharge a firearm. Lead exposure can occur from discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, from cleaning firearms or from handling ammunition.**

Lead is a substance that has been known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious injury. Wash your hands thoroughly after exposure to ammunition or after having cleaned a firearm.

- ✓ **Do not snap the firing pin on an empty chamber : the chamber may not be empty !**

Treat every firearm with the respect due to a loaded firearm, even though you are certain that the firearm is unloaded.

- ✓ **Keep your fingers away from the trigger while unloading, loading and removing the magazine.**

Only touch the trigger when you are ready to shoot or when decocking the hammer as described in § 4.8.

- ✓ **Be sure of your target and backstop, particularly during low light periods.**

Know the range of your ammunition. Never shoot at water or at hard objects.

- ✓ **Always unload your firearm's chamber before crossing a fence, climbing a tree, jumping a ditch or negotiating other obstacles.**

Never place your firearm on a fence, a tree, a car or any unstable object.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department.

- ✔ **Be defensive and on guard against unsafe gun handling around you and others.**

Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe other shooters violating any of these safety precautions, politely suggest safer handling practices.

- ✔ **Be certain your firearm is unloaded before cleaning.**

Because so many gun accidents occur when a firearm is being cleaned, special and extreme care should be taken to ensure that your firearm is unloaded before disassembly, cleaning and reassembly. Keep ammunition away from the cleaning location. Never test the mechanical function of any firearm with live ammunition.

- ✔ **Teach and supervise firearms safety to all the members of your family, especially to children and non-shooters.**

Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in hunting and shooting safety courses.

- ✔ **Never drink alcoholic beverages or take any type of drug before or during shooting.**

Your vision, motor skills and judgment could be dangerously impaired, making your gun handling unsafe to you and to others.

Read and heed all warnings in this Owner's Manual, on the ammunition boxes and with all the accessories that you install on your firearm.

It is your responsibility to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your FN HERSTAL / FNH USA firearm.

FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LCC assume no liability for incidents which occur when unsafe or improper pistol accessories or ammunition combinations are used.

✓ **Practice periodic maintenance, avoid unauthorized servicing.**

Your firearm is a mechanical device which will not last forever, and as such, is subject to wear and requires periodic inspection, adjustment and service. FN HERSTAL / FNH USA firearms should be serviced by a FN HERSTAL / FNH USA, LLC Product Service Center or by our service facility in Arnold, Missouri.

FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC can not assume any responsibility for injuries suffered or caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications of FN HERSTAL / FNH USA firearms.

✓ **FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC reserve the right to refuse service on firearms that have been altered, added to or substantially changed.**

Removal of metal from the barrel or modifications of the firing mechanism and/or operating parts may lead to a refusal of service on such firearms. FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC will charge the owner for parts and labor to return the firearm to original FN HERSTAL / FNH USA specifications.

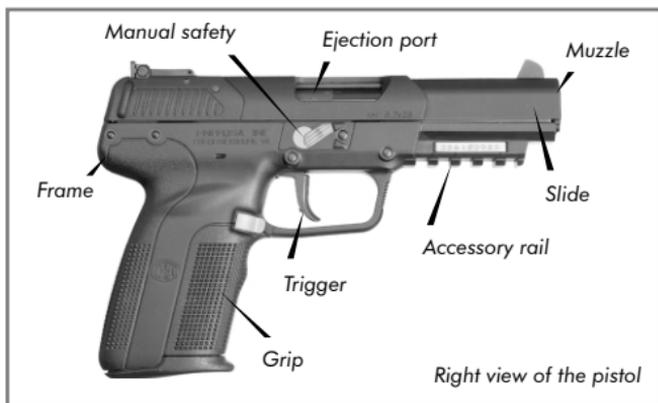
Do not, under any circumstance, alter the trigger, the safety or other parts of the firing mechanism of this or any other firearm.

Failure to obey this warning may result in injury or death to yourself or others.

BE CAREFUL !

2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

2.1. Nomenclature



In conventional gun terminology, the position and movement of pistol parts are described as they occur with the pistol horizontal and in normal firing position : the muzzle is forward or front, the pistol grip is rearward or rear, the trigger is downward or underneath, the sights are upward or on top.

2.2. Functioning

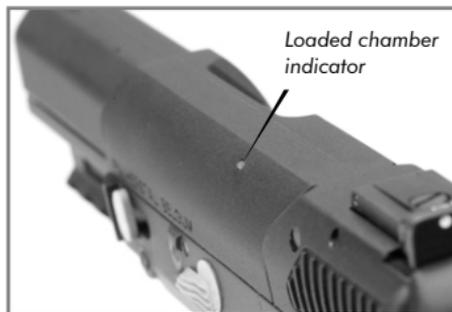
The Five-seveN® pistol is a modern 5.7 x 28 mm single-action, delayed blowback recoil-operated, semi-automatic pistol.

With the chamber and the magazine loaded (as described in § 4.3 and § 4.4) and the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position, the pistol will fire a single shot with each successive pull of the trigger until the magazine and the chamber are empty.

The slide of this pistol is designed to stay open after the last round has been fired.

Loaded chamber indicator

If the loaded chamber indicator, located at the left side on top of the pistol, is protruding, this means that there is a round in the chamber.



As the hammer of the Five-seveN® pistol is not visible (so that its condition cannot be determined at a glance), ALWAYS consider the pistol as ready-to-fire when the loaded chamber indicator is protruding and the manual safety is at the (lower) 'fire' position !

Manual safety

The Five-seveN® pistol has an ambidextrous manual safety : a manual safety lever is on both the right and left sides of the frame for the convenience of both right- and left-handed shooters.

The manual safety can be set at one of the following 2 positions :

- The (raised) 'safe' position (NO red marks visible)

When the manual safety is at its raised position, the trigger and firing mechanism is blocked from moving.



The 'safe' position should be selected in one of the following cases :

- *When the Five-seveN® pistol is not operational (carrying, cleaning, stored, ...)*
- *When preparing the Five-seveN® pistol for firing*

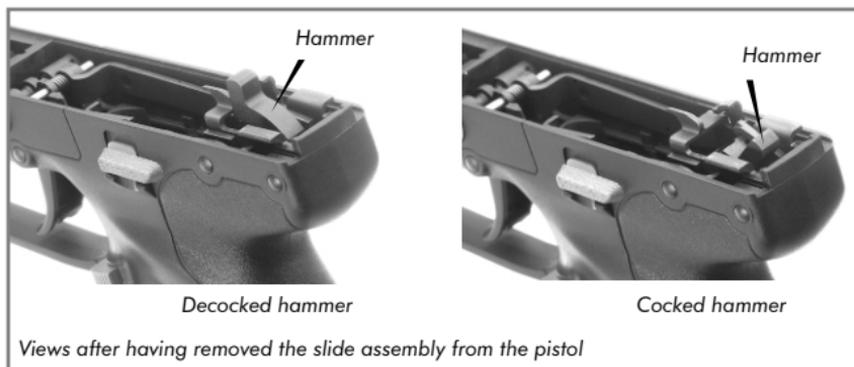
- The (lower) 'fire' position (red marks visible)

When in this mode, the trigger can be moved and, on the condition that a round has been loaded in the chamber as described in § 4.4, a single round will be fired when the trigger is pulled.



Operation of the hammer

The single-action Five-sevenN® pistol has a hidden (not visible) hammer with decocked and cocked positions.



- Decocked position

The recommended position when shooting is not imminent or for storage.

At this position, the hammer is fully fallen and resting against the inertia firing pin which is not in contact with the primer of the round.

- Cocked position

Never try to decock the cocked hammer of a loaded Five-sevenN® pistol.

The hammer is all the way to the rear.

In the cocked position, with the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position and with a round in the chamber, the pistol is ready to fire by pulling the trigger.

ALWAYS consider the pistol as ready-to-fire when the loaded chamber indicator is protruding and the manual safety is at the (lower) 'fire' position !

2.3. Magazines and ammunition

Magazines

The magazines supplied with the pistol have a total magazine capacity of 20 rounds (10 rounds where restricted by law).

With an additional round in the chamber, the pistol has a total capacity of 11 or 21 rounds. However, as we recommend that, unless shooting is imminent, no round should be loaded in the chamber of the pistol, the recommended maximum carrying capacity is 10 or 20 rounds in the magazine with the chamber empty.

This magazine is unique for the Five-seveN® pistol and should not be used in other pistols and no other magazines should be used in your Five-seveN® pistol.



The left side of the magazine has been provided with four openings which allow you to estimate the number of rounds left.

If the base of a round is visible in the hole '20' (or '10'), the magazine is fully loaded while the other holes simply offer you the possibility to estimate the number of rounds still in the magazine.

The magazine is ejected from the Five-seveN® by pressing the magazine catch, standardly installed on the left side of the pistol.



It is recommended to use the thumb of the shooting hand to press the magazine catch and to use the support hand to catch the ejected magazine.

The magazine catch is reversible and can be switched to the other side (for more information, refer to § 5.3 of this Owner's Manual).

The Five-seveN® pistol contains a magazine disconnect. This disconnect is designed to prevent the Five-seveN® pistol from being fired if the magazine has been removed.

Ammunition

The Five-seveN® pistol should only be used with new factory manufactured 5.7 x 28 mm ammunition.

The caliber is indicated by an inscription engraved in the right side of the pistol (as well as on the rear right end of the barrel).

The barrel and the slide of your firearm have been made with substantial safety margins with regard to the pressures developed by the 5.7 x 28 mm ammunition designed by FN HERSTAL.

However, FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC assume no liability for accidents which occur through the use of reloaded ammunition or 5.7 x 28 mm rounds not fabricated according to the FN HERSTAL standards.

EXAMINE EACH ROUND BEFORE YOU PUT IT IN YOUR PISTOL !

3. CONTENTS OF THE STORAGE BOX

The pistol and its accessories are supplied in a practical storage box.



Use the safety lock to safely store and transport the pistol (always store the keys in a separate location).



Contents of the storage box :

- ▶ A pistol with 20-round magazine (10-round magazine when required by law)
- ▶ A safety lock + 2 keys
- ▶ Two additional 20-round magazines (10-round magazines when required by law)
- ▶ A rear sight adjustment tool (not included with the fixed sights models)
- ▶ A magazine catch reversing tool
- ▶ An empty cartridge case fired by the pistol
- ▶ An Owner's Manual

4. USING THE PISTOL

Before using your Five-seveN® pistol, be familiar with the safety information given in chapter 1 of this Owner's Manual.

4.1. Safety checks

Carry out the following procedures in order to ensure that the pistol can be operated, stored and/or transported without any risk :

- ❖ If not already done, and using the right or left safety lever, set the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position.



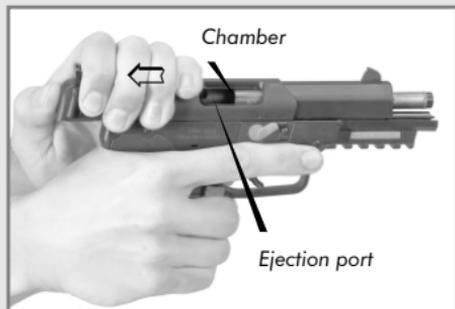
When the manual safety is at the (raised) 'safe' position, the red marks are NOT visible.

- ❖ Press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.

If the magazine does not eject, pull on the bottom plate of the magazine.



- ❖ Pull the slide completely rearwards and hold it in that position.



- ❖ Through the ejection port, look into the chamber of the pistol in order to ensure that there is no round in the chamber.

If there is a round in the chamber, unload the pistol as described in § 4.7.

- ❖ If the chamber is empty, release the slide.
- ❖ Ensure that the magazine is empty and insert it into the handgrip.

If the magazine is not empty, unload it as described in § 4.7.

If necessary, also unload the spare magazines.

- ❖ Decock the cocked hammer as described in § 4.8.

Initial cleaning

It is mandatory to clean your Five-seveN® before using it for the first time, and after every subsequent use.

- ❖ Carry out the cleaning procedure of § 5.4.1 'Cleaning and lubrication before firing' in order to remove any preservation lubricant.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department.

If the pistol contains hardened grease or other substances that you cannot remove, have the weapon checked by your dealer / departmental armorer.

Keep your finger away from the trigger while loading, unloading or removing the magazine.

Only touch the trigger when you are ready to shoot or when decocking the hammer as described in § 4.8.

4.2. Rear sight adjustment

Fixed sights model



The fixed sights have been targeted at 25 ft by using SS195 ammunition.

If necessary, change the horizontal setting of the rear sight in order to move the point of impact towards the right or left side :

- Remove the slide assembly from the frame of the pistol as described in § 5.1 and then fix the slide assembly into a vice.

When fixing the slide assembly into the vice, use rubber padding or a rag to avoid scratches on the slide and ensure that the holes for reaching the rear sight remain easily accessible.

- Using a 0.05" allen key, loosen the small screw on top of the rear sight.

- Using a 3/32" drift punch and a small hammer, slightly move the rear sight towards the right or left side in its housing in the slide assembly.

At both sides of the slide, a hole has been provided in order to correctly reach the dovetail of the rear sight with the drift punch.

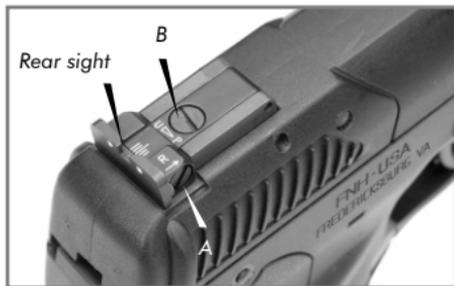
Never try to move the rear sight by applying a force on its external surfaces as this could cause damage to the slide or to the rear sight.

In order to move the point of impact towards the left side, slightly move the rear sight towards the left side.

In order to move the point of impact towards the right side, slightly move the rear sight towards the right side.

- Using the 0.05" allen key, tighten the small screw on top of the rear sight.
- Reassemble the pistol as described in § 5.1.

Adjustable sights model

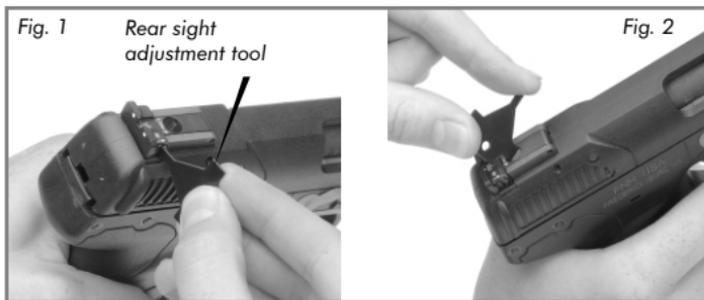


Horizontal setting of the rear sight (Fig. 1)

The point of impact can be moved towards the right (left) by moving the rear sight towards the right (left) by turning the windage adjustment screw 'A' in the clockwise (counterclockwise) direction by using the rear sight adjustment tool supplied in the storage box of the pistol.

Vertical setting of the rear sight (Fig. 2)

The point of impact can be moved down (up) by moving the rear sight down (up) by turning the vertical adjustment screw 'B' in the clockwise (counterclockwise) direction by using the rear sight adjustment tool.



4.3. Loading the magazine

As explained in § 2.3, the magazines supplied with the pistol have a capacity of 10 or 20 rounds.

- ❖ If the magazine to be loaded is still in the pistol, first set the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position and then press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.
- ❖ Load the rounds, one by one, into the magazine.



Place the round on top of the lips of the magazine and with the rear of the cartridge aligned with the rear of the magazine.

With the thumb, push down on the round (against the force of the spring) until it locks into position under the lips of the magazine.

The side openings in the magazine body allow you to estimate the number of rounds present in the magazine.

It is recommended only to load the number of rounds you intend to shoot. Do not insert the magazine back into the pistol nor load a round into the chamber unless shooting is imminent. Never keep a loaded magazine next to the pistol.

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on carrying a loaded pistol with a round in the chamber.

4.4. Loading the pistol

It is assumed that the chamber of the pistol is empty, that no magazine has been inserted, that the slide is at its forward position and that the manual safety is at the (raised) 'safe' position.

- ❖ Insert a loaded magazine into the handgrip and firmly seat it until it locks into position (Fig. 1).



- ❖ Being extremely careful not to touch the trigger, hold the pistol in your shooting hand, point in a safe direction, pull the slide completely rearwards with your support hand and then release the slide which returns by the tension of the return spring (Fig. 2).

This causes the first round to be loaded into the chamber and the hammer to be cocked (the loaded chamber indicator protrudes in order to indicate the presence of a round in the chamber).

In order to ensure a correct chambering of the round, let the slide "slam" forwards under the force of the spring, do not ease it forwards.

Be careful ! If the manual safety is now set at the (lower) 'fire' position, the pistol can be fired by pulling the trigger !

If shooting is not imminent, it is recommended to unload (as described in § 4.7) and then decock the cocked hammer (as described in § 4.8) for proper storage.

Never try to decock a loaded Five-seveN® pistol !

4.5. Firing

Before firing, read the entire Owner's Manual : warnings and instructions are different for each pistol.

It is assumed that the rear sight has been adjusted correctly (also refer to § 4.2).

Ensure that § 5.4.1. "Cleaning and lubrication before firing" has been carried out.

- ❖ If not already done, load the pistol as described in § 4.4.
- ❖ Pointing the pistol in a safe direction, and using the right or left safety lever, set the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position.

When firing, the slide will move approx. 3/4" past the rear end of the frame : never hold your hand in a position where it could be hit by the slide and never hold the pistol close to the eyes when aiming !!

- ❖ While aiming the pistol, pull the trigger to fire the first round.

The Five-seveN® pistol is a single-action pistol resulting in a rather light and short trigger pull.



After firing a shot, release the trigger so that it resets to the forward position.

- ❖ Keep the pistol pointed at the target and fire additional rounds as required.

After each fired round, the pistol will cock the hammer, eject the used cartridge case and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber.

If the pistol is fired until the magazine is empty, the slide will remain open when the last round has been fired (refer to the following § 4.6).

If the shooting is interrupted, even shortly, place the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position.

After firing is completed, remove the magazine and unload the pistol.

4.6. Reloading during shooting

After firing the last round, the slide will remain in the open position.

At this point, the empty magazine can quickly be replaced with a loaded magazine, by proceeding as follows :

- ❖ Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and press the magazine catch in order to eject the empty magazine (also refer to § 2.3).
- ❖ Insert a loaded magazine into the handgrip and firmly seat it until it locks into position.

- ❖ Grab the slide, pull slightly to the rear with your support hand and then press the slide stop downwards in order to disengage it (Fig. 1) or pull the slide rearwards and let go (Fig. 2) : the slide will return to the forward position and the first round will be loaded into the chamber.

Ensure to allow the slide to return forwards under full force of the return spring. Failure to do so may result in a feeding failure.



During this operation, be careful not to touch the trigger.

Please note that the hammer is still in the cocked position : the pistol will be ready to fire.

The loaded chamber indicator protrudes in order to indicate the presence of a round in the chamber.

- ❖ Resume firing.

If the shooting is interrupted, even shortly, place the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position.

After firing is completed, remove the magazine and unload the pistol.

4.7. Unloading the pistol

- ❖ If not already done, set the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position by using the right or left safety lever.



When the manual safety is at the (raised) 'safe' position, the red marks are NOT visible.

- ❖ Press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.



If the magazine does not eject, pull on the bottom plate of the magazine while pressing the magazine catch.

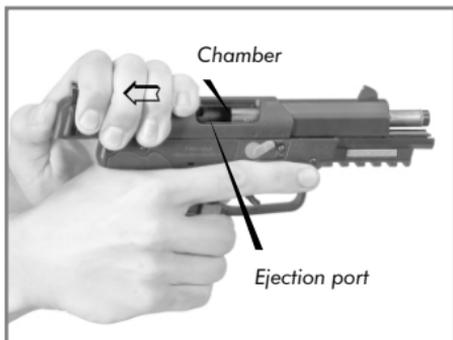
- ❖ Pull the slide completely rearwards and then release it in order to eject the remaining round from the chamber.



If the slide is already automatically locked into the rearward position after having fired the last round (also refer to § 4.6), this step is not necessary : grab the slide with your support hand and then press the slide stop downwards or pull the slide rearwards in order to let the slide return to its forward position.

Do not forget to pick-up, clean and store the ejected round.

- ❖ Pull the slide completely rearwards and hold it in that position.



- ❖ Through the ejection port, look into the chamber of the pistol in order to ensure that there is no round in the chamber.

If there is a round in the chamber, release the slide and then try to extract and eject the remaining round by pulling the slide completely rearwards and then releasing it.

- ❖ If the chamber is empty, release the slide.

- ❖ **Doublecheck the chamber of the pistol in order to ensure that it is empty.**

- ❖ Unload the magazine by removing the rounds one by one.

Slightly push down on the top round and then carefully push it forwards out and release it from the lips of the magazine.

Repeat this procedure until the magazine is completely empty.

Do not forget to unload the spare magazines as well.

- ❖ Insert an **empty** magazine into the handgrip.

Please note that a special magazine disconnect prevents to pull the trigger if the pistol does not contain a magazine.

- ❖ Set the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position.

4.8. Decocking the hammer

Before proceeding, read and understand § 2.2 which shortly describes the functioning of your pistol, and especially of its (hidden) hammer.

This procedure should be carried out to decock the cocked hammer, especially if you do not intend to shoot immediately after having cocked the pistol.

The procedure starts with unloading the pistol (also refer to § 4.7) :

never try to decock the cocked hammer of a loaded Five-seveN® pistol !

For law enforcement and military personnel, refer to the procedures of your department on decocking a cocked hammer.

- ❖ If not already done, set the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position.
- ❖ Press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine.
- ❖ Pull the slide completely rearwards in order to eject the remaining round from the chamber and hold it in that position.
Do not forget to pick-up, clean and store the ejected round.
- ❖ Looking through the ejection port, ensure that there is no round in the chamber of the pistol.
- ❖ If the chamber is empty, release the slide.
- ❖ **Doublecheck the chamber of the pistol in order to ensure that it is empty.**
- ❖ Insert an **empty** magazine into the handgrip.
Please note that a special magazine disconnect prevents to pull the trigger if the pistol does not contain a magazine.
- ❖ Set the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position.
- ❖ After having ensured that the pistol is unloaded, point it in a safe direction and then pull the trigger to decock the hammer.
- ❖ Set the manual safety at the (raised) 'safe' position.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1. Disassembling and reassembling the pistol

It is very important to become familiar with the disassembly procedure of the pistol as disassembly is required during the cleaning and lubrication procedure which ensures reliable operation of the pistol.

- ❖ Carry out the safety checks (refer to § 4.1).

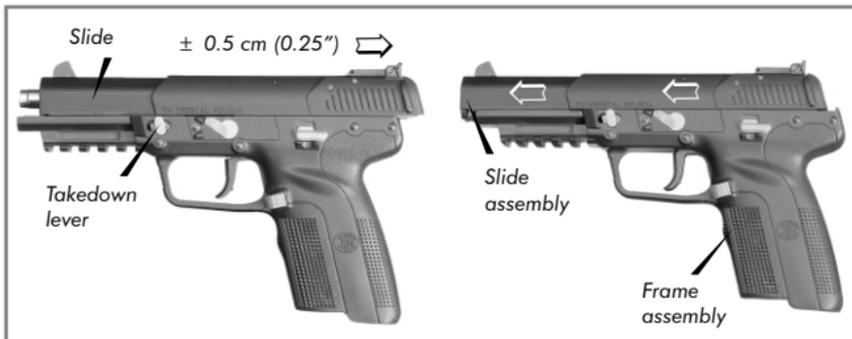
After having carried out the safety checks, DO NOT insert a magazine into the pistol.

- ❖ Remove the slide assembly from the frame of the pistol :

- Hold the pistol in the right hand.
- With the palm of the left hand, push the slide approx. 0.5 cm (0.25") rearwards and hold it in that position.

At the same time, and using the left thumb, push the takedown lever completely rearwards and hold it in that position.

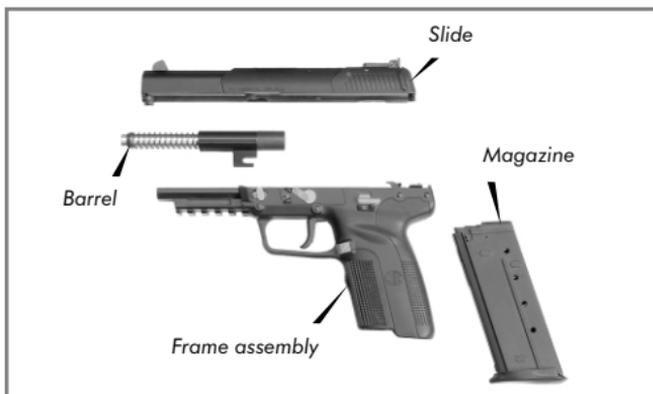
- Release the slide so that it moves back forwards.



- With the right thumb, push forwards on the rear end of the slide in order to disengage the complete slide assembly from the frame.
 - Lift the slide assembly up and off the frame.
- ❖ With the slide assembly held upside down, disengage the rear end of the barrel.
- ❖ Take the barrel out of the slide.



This level of disassembly is sufficient to perform thorough cleaning : further disassembly should only be carried out by an authorized armorer or by FN HERSTAL or FNH USA, LLC.



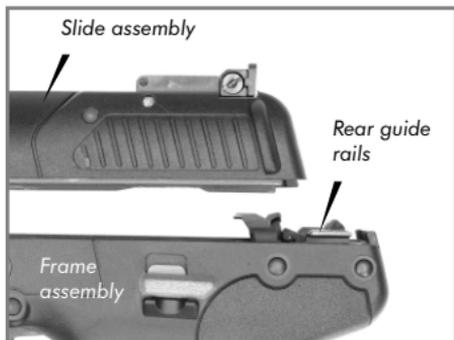
To reassemble the pistol, proceed as follows :

- ❖ Ensure that all the components of the pistol are perfectly clean (refer to § 5.4.2).
- ❖ Insert the muzzle of the barrel into the barrel opening at the front side of the slide.
- ❖ Push the barrel slightly forwards against the force of the return spring and then fit the rear end of the barrel into position in the slide.



Before carrying out the next step, ensure that the takedown lever is at the rear position, that the frame does not contain a magazine and that the hammer is in the cocked position.

- ❖ Reinstall the slide assembly onto the frame of the pistol :
 - While holding the slide assembly parallel above the frame, align the rear end of the slide assembly with the front end of the rear guide rails of the frame.

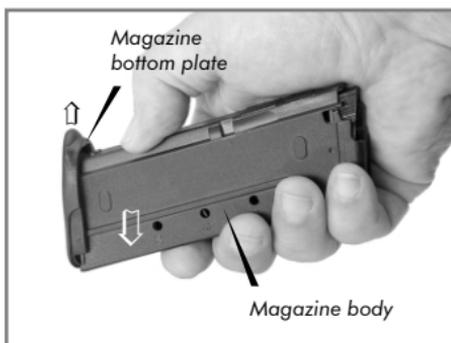


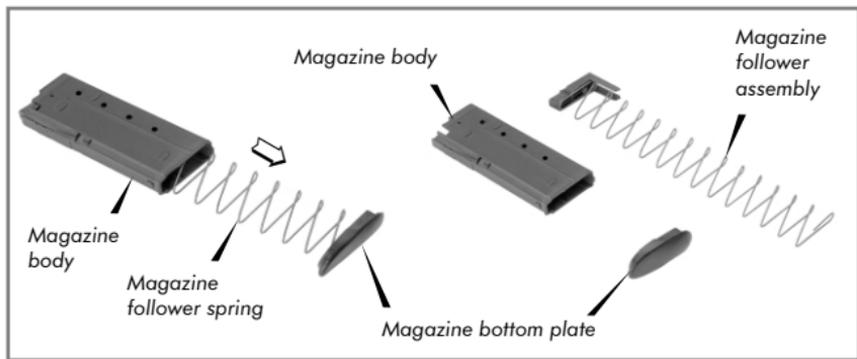
- Lower the slide assembly onto the frame and then move it slightly rearwards just enough to fit the front and rear guide rails of the frame into the grooves of the slide assembly.
- Ensure that the slide assembly has correctly engaged the frame.
- Move the slide assembly completely rearwards.
- Check if the slide can smoothly be moved back and forth.

5.2. Disassembling and reassembling the magazine

Disassembling the magazine for cleaning and lubrication is only necessary in case of apparent soiling of the magazine.

- ❖ If not already done, press the magazine catch in order to eject the magazine from the pistol and completely unload the magazine (refer to § 4.7).
- ❖ While holding the rear end of the magazine bottom plate against a hard surface (e.g. a table), press down on the magazine in order to disengage the bottom plate.





- ❖ Taking into account that the magazine bottom plate is subjected to the force of the magazine follower spring, slide the bottom plate off the magazine body and then carefully release the pressure on the follower spring.
- ❖ Take the magazine follower assembly out of the magazine body.

This level of disassembly is sufficient to perform thorough cleaning : further disassembly should only be carried out by an authorized armorer or by FN HERSTAL or FNH USA, LLC.

To reassemble the magazine, follow the above steps in reverse order, taking into account the following points :

- ❖ Ensure that the components of the magazine are perfectly clean.
- ❖ Ensure that the magazine follower assembly is correctly oriented.
- ❖ The magazine bottom plate can only be slid back into position when the magazine follower spring is compressed and held flush with the edge of the magazine body.
- ❖ Ensure that the magazine bottom plate correctly locks into position.

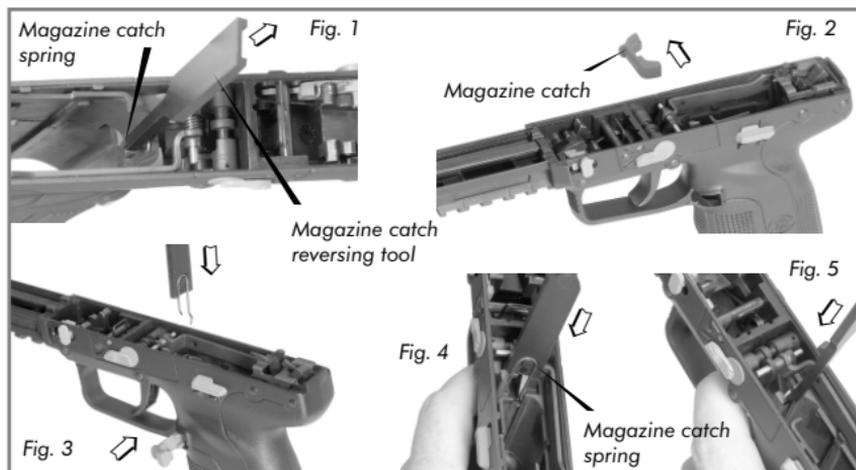
5.3. Reversing the magazine catch

First of all, ensure that your Five-seveN® pistol is unloaded (refer to § 4.7).

In order to reverse the magazine catch to the other side of the pistol (also refer to § 2.3), proceed as follows :

- ❖ Remove the slide assembly as described in § 5.1 and then set the manual safety at the (lower) 'fire' position in order to be able to pull the trigger when asked during the following procedure.
- ❖ Use the hook on the narrow end of the magazine catch reversing tool to pull the magazine catch spring out of its housing inside the frame (Fig. 1) and then remove the magazine catch (Fig. 2).
- ❖ Fit the magazine catch, with the grooved end facing outwards, into the frame from the opposite side of the pistol (Fig. 3).
- ❖ Fit the magazine catch spring into the special housing of the magazine catch reversing tool and then, while pulling the trigger, reinstall the spring into its housing inside the frame (Fig. 3-5).

Fit the (longer) shaped end of the spring correctly between the rear lugs of the magazine catch and fully seat the spring by using the tool.



5.4. Cleaning and lubrication

The frequency at which the pistol should be cleaned and lubricated depends on the ammunition used, the weather and shooting conditions and other external factors.

A good rule is to clean and lubricate the pistol after every use or, in case of intensive shooting, after 500 rounds : correct maintenance will enhance the longevity and the performance of your pistol.

Excessively dirty ammunition may require more frequent cleaning and too much dirt can affect the functioning of even the finest firearm.

It is important to keep your pistol clean and correctly lubricated !

Do not use too much lubricant as this could cause the build-up of dirt, grit or powder residue which could affect the functioning of the pistol.

For more information about the recommended lubricants, refer to 'Lubricants' in § 6.

We do not recommend prolonged exposure to hydrocarbons, trichlorethylene nor ammonia. These chemicals could cause damage to your pistol !

Before cleaning the pistol, ALWAYS ensure that it is unloaded (also refer to § 4.7).

Keep the ammunition away from the cleaning site and never test the mechanical function of your pistol with live ammunition.

5.4.1. Cleaning and lubrication before firing

The following procedure assumes that the pistol has correctly been cleaned and lubricated the last time it was used (also refer to § 5.4.2).

- ❖ Disassemble the pistol as described in § 5.1.
- ❖ Using a cleaning rod and cleaning patches and working back and forth, remove any lubricant from the bore and the chamber of the barrel until the last cleaning patch is clean.



Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy : it is recommended to clean from the chamber end.

- ❖ Ensure that the inside of the barrel is perfectly dry.
- ❖ Reassemble the pistol.

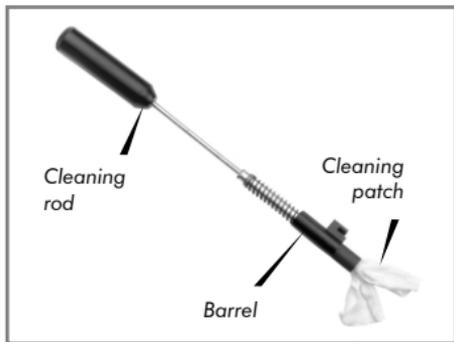
Before each shooting sequence, ALWAYS check the barrel for obstructions and ensure that it is dry and clean.

Completely unload the pistol, ensure that there is no round in the chamber of the pistol and then glance down the barrel in order to ensure that it is free of any obstruction.

Take into account that the smallest obstruction can dangerously increase pressures.

5.4.2. Cleaning and lubrication after firing

- ❖ Disassemble the pistol as described in § 5.1.
- ❖ Using cleaning brushes or a spray, apply solvent inside the barrel (bore and chamber) and let the product work a few minutes.
- ❖ Using a cleaning rod and cleaning patches and working back and forth, remove the solvent and the residues from the bore and the chamber of the barrel until the last cleaning patch is clean.



Be careful not to scratch or damage the muzzle as this can affect accuracy : it is recommended to clean from the chamber end.

- ❖ When the bore and the chamber of the barrel are clean, again use a cleaning patch, this time moistened with lubricant, to protect the inside of the barrel until the next use.

Please note that the inside of the barrel should be wiped dry before shooting (also refer to § 5.4.1).

- ❖ Using cleaning brushes and solvent, remove any carbon and other deposits from the areas of the pistol attracting powder and primer residues : the slide, the extractor, the upper part of the frame, ...

- ❖ Using a soft cloth or a cleaning patch (if necessary, dipped in solvent), remove any dirt from the magazine housing of the frame.

- ❖ Check the disassembled parts of the pistol for signs of wear and/or damage.

In case of doubt about the condition of a part, consult your dealer / departmental armorer.

- ❖ Thoroughly clean all the parts of the pistol in order to remove any dirt, debris or fouling.

- ❖ Apply one drop of lubricant to the return spring, the inside of the slide (especially the grooves for the guide rails), the metal moving parts as well as the guide rails of the frame.

- ❖ Reassemble the pistol (refer to § 5.1).

- ❖ Clean the outside of the pistol in order to remove dirt, finger print residue and excessive lubricant.

5.4.3. Cleaning and lubrication of the magazine

Cleaning and lubrication of the magazine is only necessary in case of apparent soiling of the magazine.

- ❖ Disassemble the magazine (refer to § 5.2).

- ❖ Thoroughly clean all the parts of the magazine (if necessary, use solvent).

- ❖ Using a cleaning patch moistened with lubricant, lightly apply lubricant to the magazine follower spring.

Wipe off excess lubricant. Ensure that the inside of the magazine is dry.

- ❖ Reassemble the magazine (refer to § 5.2).

5.5. Additional care

- ✓ Always keep the pistol in immaculate condition and good working order.
- ✓ Always clean and lubricate the pistol after use.
- ✓ Regularly inspect the pistol, its parts and the accessories.

If something seems abnormal, do not hesitate to report it to your dealer / departmental armorer.

- ✓ Never modify or repair parts of your pistol by yourself.

Your pistol is a mechanical device subject to wear and which will not last forever : it requires periodic inspection, adjustment and service.

The pistol should be checked every 2000 rounds and/or once a year because damage, wear, corrosion, ... are not always visible from the outside.

For that purpose, send the pistol to your dealer.

Law enforcement and military personnel have a departmental armorer which will inspect the pistol on a yearly basis.

FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC cannot assume any responsibility for injuries caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications to its firearms.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sight adjustment

For a more accurate setting of the sights than the procedures described in § 4.2, consult your dealer / departmental armorer.

Lubricants

FN HERSTAL and FNH USA, LLC recommend using lubricant Nycolube 127 CLP or equivalent (reference US MIL - PRF63460 or NATO S-758).

For the US Market, CLP is available under the following names and trademarks :

- CLP-NC by BREAK-FREE INC
- SENT-CLP by SENTINEL CANADA
- ROYCO-634 by ROYAL LUBRICANTS Co, INC

Be aware that some solvents can be harmful to the surface finish of the pistol, so consult your dealer / departmental armorer.

Disposal

Strictly observe the current national legislation concerning the disposal of handguns, return the pistol to your dealer / departmental armorer or, if it is not contrary to the current national legislation, send it back to FN HERSTAL or FNH USA, LLC.

7. SERVICE POLICY

FN HERSTAL or FNH USA products are serviced by the FNH USA Product Service Center in Arnold, Missouri.

Please call (800) 635-1321 or (703) 288-1292 extension 122 to discuss any product repair requirement.

Shipping Address :

FNH USA Product Service Center
3005 Arnold Tenbrook Road
Arnold, MO 63010-4728

8. WARRANTY OR SERVICE

If your FN HERSTAL or FNH USA product should require service or repairs, we suggest you to contact the FNH USA Product Service Center in Arnold, Missouri.

Law enforcement and military personnel should contact their departmental armorer.

For technical questions about your firearm or service, contact :

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When returning your FN firearm for servicing, you must do the following :

1. Ensure that it is completely unloaded.
2. Remove the scope, optics or accessories.
3. Package it securely in a cardboard container.
4. Enclose the service/repair form available at www.fnhusa.com or a letter that clearly describes the trouble experienced, the ammunition used and the repairs desired. Also include your name and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.
5. If convenient, send a copy of the service/repair form or letter to us separately.
6. Never return ammunition with your firearm : it is against postal and most commerce regulations.

If you have any question about this Owner's Manual or other FN HERSTAL or FNH USA products, contact :

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Or visit us online at www.fnhusa.com.

If you do not understand the instructions for operating your FN firearm, it is your responsibility to contact the FNH USA Product Service Center at (800) 635-1321 or (703) 288-1292 extension 122 before using the firearm.

This Owner's Manual should always accompany this pistol and be transferred with it upon any change of ownership.

9. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber	: 5.7 x 28 mm
Type of fire	: Semi-automatic
Trigger pull	: Single-action : 4.4 to 6.6 lb
Weight	: Without magazine : 1.3 lb
Length	: 8.2"
Height	: 5.7"
Width	: 1.4"
Barrel length	: 4.8"
Rifled length	: 3.7"
Number of grooves	: 8
Twist and direction	: 1:9.1", right-hand
Magazine capacity	: 20 rounds (10 rounds where restricted by law)

All specifications subject to changes without notice.



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