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**ENCORE<sup>®</sup>**

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**RIFLE**

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**AND SHOTGUN MODELS**

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**OWNER'S MANUAL**

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**⚠ DANGER**

The material in this booklet must be read and understood before attempting to use your Thompson/Center firearm. If pertinent safety information is not read, and —⚠WARNING— statements are not understood and adhered to, death, or injury could result.

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**READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY  
BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM.**

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This booklet contains information that is essential to the safe use and maintenance of Thompson/Center's Encore Rifle & Shotgun models. You must read this material in its entirety and fully understand its significance before you can safely use your Encore. If a Thompson/Center Encore is loaned or sold (by an individual or dealer), this booklet must accompany the firearm. Replacement booklets are available at no charge from our factory at the address below.

If, after reading this booklet, you still have questions concerning the safe use of your Thompson/Center Encore, write or call our Customer Service Department at:

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• **And Remember** •

**The Fundamental National Rifle Association  
Rules for Safe Gun Handling are:**

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

→ **⚠ WARNING** ←

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Federal Law prohibits the use of this firearm with a smoothbore barrel shorter than 18" or a rifled barrel shorter than 16". When this firearm or any firearm is used in conjunction with youth training, proper supervision by a qualified adult is mandatory.

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# **Know Your Firearm Before You Attempt To Use It!**

Designed as a Hunting/Sports Rifle, the Encore is uniquely different from other firearms. Its single shot, break open action is relatively simple to understand and safe when the required ingredients of “common sense” and “safe gun handling” are applied to its use and care. The Encore operates differently than other break open rifles on the market. It is important that you identify your rifle as being an Encore in conjunction with reading these instructions. They apply only to the Encore Rifle. **However, do not assume that a familiarity with other firearms has equipped you with a knowledge of “safe gun handling” as these words now apply to your Encore.** Each gun design is different from another and each functions accordingly.

All machines, be they chain saws, automobiles, lawn mowers or firearms are built to function as **mindless mechanical slaves**. They serve only as well as your **intellect dictates**. Carefully used, your chain saw will cut up a winter's supply of firewood. Carelessly used, your chain saw will cut other things with able willingness. A firearm is no different-it is equally non-selective as to target or purpose.

Inasmuch as the responsibility for the use of a firearm rests with its user, you must understand the mechanics before you can shoulder the responsibility for its use. That is what this booklet is all about.

## **You Must Read This Material Before Using The Encore®**

	<p><b>WARNING</b> Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.</p>
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# General Rules For The Safe Use and Handling of the Encore®



## → **⚠ WARNING** ←

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Follow the rules for use and handling of the Encore Rifle. Failure to follow these rules may cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

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- 1 If you are unfamiliar with firearms seek professional instruction.** Qualified organizations such as local gun clubs, the National Rifle Association and State Hunter Safety programs offer courses which teach safe gun handling and proper hunting procedure. Those who are unfamiliar with firearms should seek guidance from an instructor who is qualified by one of these organizations.
- 2 Always point the muzzle of your Encore downrange.** The possibility of accidental discharge is a constant danger when using a firearm. If the muzzle is pointed downrange, away from yourself, other people, domestic animals or property, then there can be no injury or damage from an accidental discharge.
- 3 Never load your Encore until you are ready to fire it.** If your Encore is not loaded until you are ready to fire and you are directing your full concentration to it and the target then there can be no accidental discharge of the rifle. Never transport or carry a loaded Encore in a vehicle. Never hand a loaded Encore to another person. Never store a loaded Encore in your home. Never cross a fence, climb a tree, jump a ditch or engage in any activity which distracts your attention while holding or carrying a loaded Encore. Never attempt to clean a loaded Encore.
- 4 Be physically fit and mentally alert when using your Encore.** The use of your Encore involves forceful physical actions which require strength and concentration. Never use alcoholic beverages or drugs before shooting or handling your Encore. Never use your Encore when you are overly tired. If you use medication or have medical implants consult your physician before using your Encore.

**5 Know the condition of your Encore before firing.** Be sure the rifle is loaded with ammunition of the proper caliber. Be sure the breech is securely locked. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions (including oil, mud, dirt, snow or any foreign material). Failure to observe this rule may result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

**6 Be sure of your target.** Never fire your Encore unless there is a back stop behind your target. Never fire your Encore in the field unless you have a clear view of your target. Never fire at a noise or movement in the brush. If hunting with others always know where other members of your party are located. Never fire your Encore if there is a possibility that a member of your hunting party is down range. Never shoot at flat, hard surfaces such as rocks or water. A bullet may ricochet off these surfaces causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

**7 Respect the Encore.** Used properly, your Encore will give you years of pleasure. Used improperly, carelessly or abused, your Encore is a dangerous instrument and is capable of causing serious injury, death or damage to property. Always treat your Encore as if it were loaded. Do not drop your Encore or allow it to be struck a blow. Dropping or striking the Encore may cause damage to internal parts in such a manner as to cause an accidental discharge.

**8 Protect your eyes and ears when firing your Encore.** Always wear shooting glasses to protect your eyesight from air borne particles and ear protectors to guard against hearing loss due to loud noise when firing your Encore.

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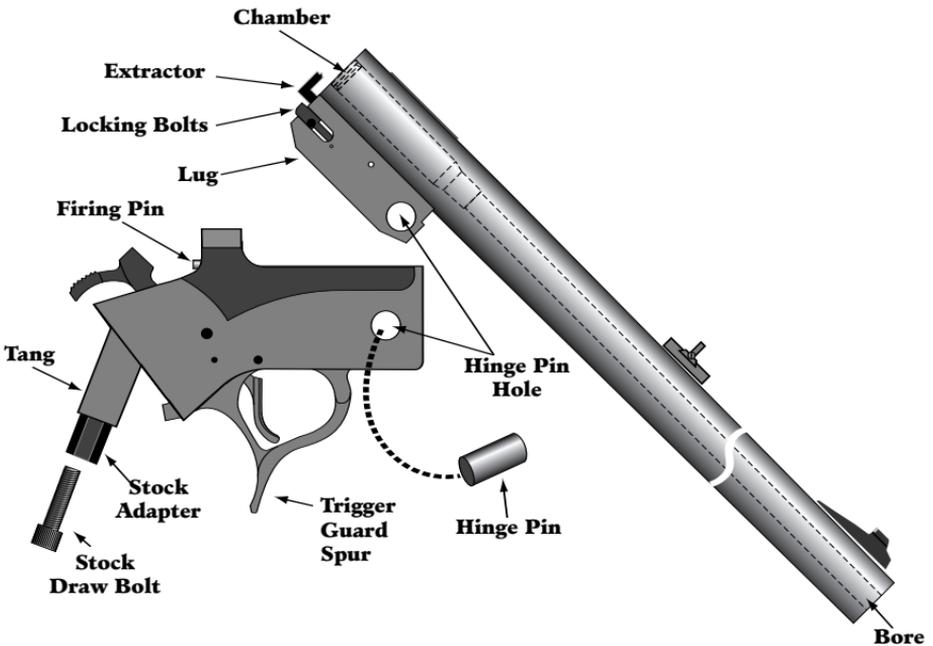
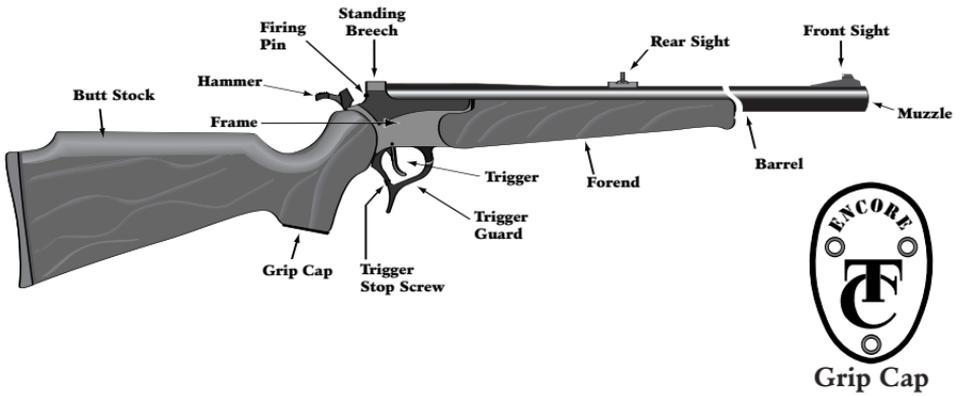
## → **⚠ WARNING** ←

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**Do not assume that a familiarity with other firearms has equipped you with a knowledge of “safe gun handling”, as these words apply to the Encore. Each gun is different, and functions differently. Although the Encore is equipped with an automatic hammer block, the user is responsible for practicing “safe gun handling” at all times. Failure to do so can cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

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# Encore® Nomenclature



Know your Encore before attempting to use it. This booklet will help you become familiar with the various terms associated specifically with this type of firearm. The diagram on this page points out the more commonly referred to parts.

## Operating The Encore®



The Encore is a single shot, break open style rifle or shotgun. To open the Encore, grab the firearm with your left hand at the balance point on the forend. (Use right hand if you are left handed). With your other hand, pull rearward on the trigger guard spur with your trigger finger. Place your finger low on the spur for maximum leverage, and give it a fast sharp pull. Pull rearward and up at the same time.



Pulling back on the trigger guard spur will allow the barrel to pivot downward. To close the Encore, pull the barrel upward while securely holding the rifle grip of the Encore stationary with your right hand. Practice opening and closing the Encore before attempting to load and fire this firearm.

Dry firing the Encore is only recommended when using "Snap Caps" of the appropriate cartridge designation.

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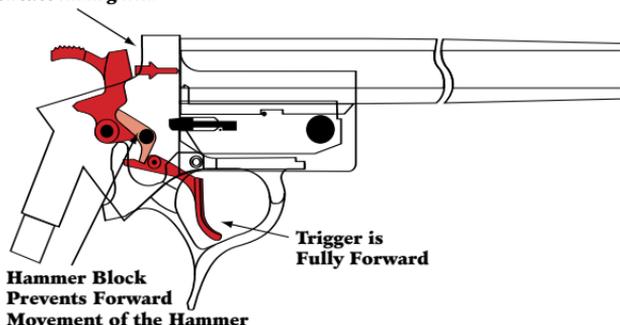
**Read this manual in its entirety before attempting to load and fire this firearm. Failure to read this material in its entirety and fully understand its significance may cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystander and damage to property.**

# Understanding the Trigger Mechanism of the Encore®

The Encore has an automatic hammer block built into the internal working mechanism. The hammer block is an integral part of the sear. The automatic hammer block prevents the hammer from traveling forward and making contact with the firing pin, unless the trigger has been pulled and held fully rearward.

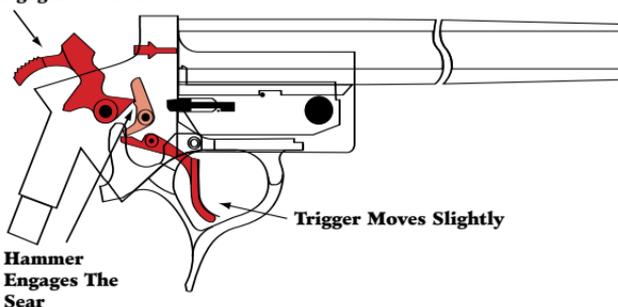
## Encore Hammer in the “At Rest” Position

Hammer Does Not Contact Firing Pin



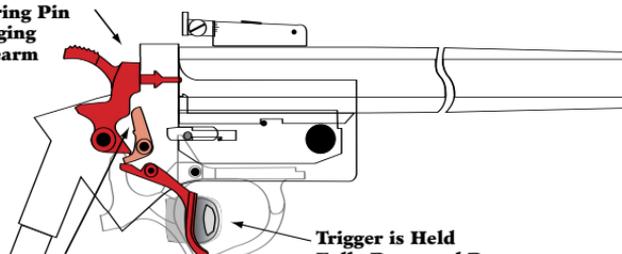
## Encore Hammer in the “Cocked” Position

As Hammer Is Cocked It Engages The Sear



## Encore Hammer in the “Fired” Position

Hammer Makes Contact  
With Firing Pin  
Discharging  
The Firearm

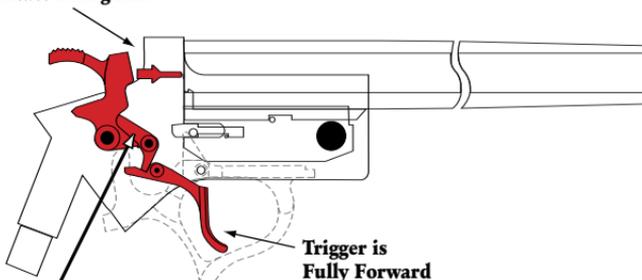


Automatic Hammer Block  
Is Held Out Of The Way,  
Allowing The Hammer To  
Bypass It.

Trigger is Held  
Fully Rearward By  
The Shooter's Finger

## Encore Trigger Mechanism Returns To The “At Rest” Position

Hammer Does Not  
Contact Firing Pin



Hammer Block  
Prevents Forward  
Movement of the Hammer

Trigger is  
Fully Forward

→ **⚠ WARNING** ←

If the hammer does not return to the “at rest” position, the gun must be returned to the factory for inspection and repair. Failure to follow this rule can result in an accidental discharge which can cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

# Using The Correct Ammunition In The Encore®

## Standard Factory Loaded Cartridges:

The Encore is designed for the use of interchangeable barrels which are chambered for a variety of factory loaded cartridges. The proper cartridge for each barrel is clearly marked by its standard industry designation on the top left side of each barrel. Barrels chambered for standard cartridges should be used with high quality commercially manufactured ammunition with a packaging and head stamp designation that corresponds exactly to the barrel marking. If you have any questions concerning the proper ammunition for your Encore, call or write the factory. Do Not fire the firearm!

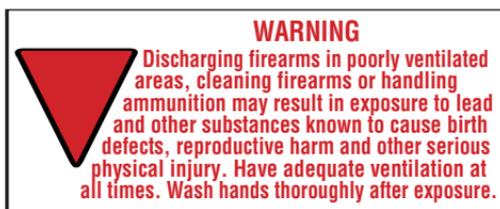
## Custom (Wildcat) Cartridges:

Several Encore barrels are available in custom cartridge chamberings for those qualified people who are totally experienced in reloading procedure. The novice should not attempt to use these cartridges until he or she has developed the required background and knowledge.

Handload custom ammunition only in accordance with the standards and guidelines set by component and reloading tool manufacturers. These companies publish reloading manuals which must be read, understood and adhered to. Use only that data which is published by a reliable source and thoroughly tested by the component or tool manufacturer. Never exceed the loads listed for a particular powder, bullet and case combination and never substitute components for those listed. When using listed data, bear in mind that production changes affecting ballistic performance can occur at any time and without our knowledge. If there is ever a question as to the correctness of a component, write to its manufacturer.

**—▲WARNING— Failure to follow proper procedure can result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

If you are unable to obtain reliable information with respect to procedure or standards for reloading, contact our customer service department for assistance. See address on front cover.



# Loading and Firing the Encore®

## → **⚠ WARNING** ←

Do not assume that a familiarity with other firearms has equipped you with a knowledge of “safe handling”, as these words apply to the Encore. Each gun is different. Although the Encore is equipped with an automatic hammer block, the user is responsible for practicing “safe gun handling” at all times. Failure to do so can cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

**Loading The Encore:** When loading the Encore, the barrel is tilted slightly downward and a cartridge is inserted into the chamber in the conventional manner. The cartridge is pushed forward until its head contacts the extractor. If the action does not close smoothly, do not force it closed on a live round. Remove the live round from the chamber and inspect the cartridge and chamber. If you are unable to recognize and correct the problem, have the rifle examined by a qualified gunsmith. → **⚠ WARNING** ← **Forcing the action closed on a live round may cause accidental discharge. An accidental discharge may cause injury or death.**

**Firing the Encore:** The hammer is drawn to cocked position only during the act of firing. When you are ready to fire, support the rifle with both hands (as pictured below). Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Draw the hammer to the cocked position. Aim carefully at the target and fire the shot! After the shot is fired, open the action and remove the spent round. **THE AUTOMATIC HAMMER BLOCK IN THE ENCORE IS A MECHANICAL DEVICE AND IS NOT FOOLPROOF. IT IS INTENDED TO BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH COMMON SENSE AND SAFE GUN HANDLING PRACTICES.** Do not rely on the automatic hammer block to overcome the danger of injury to yourself or others from careless handling or abuse of your Encore. **DO NOT LOAD THE ENCORE UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE IT.** Always keep the muzzle of your Encore pointed in a safe direction.

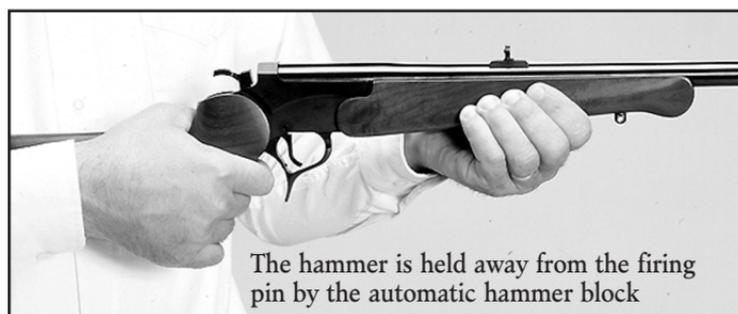
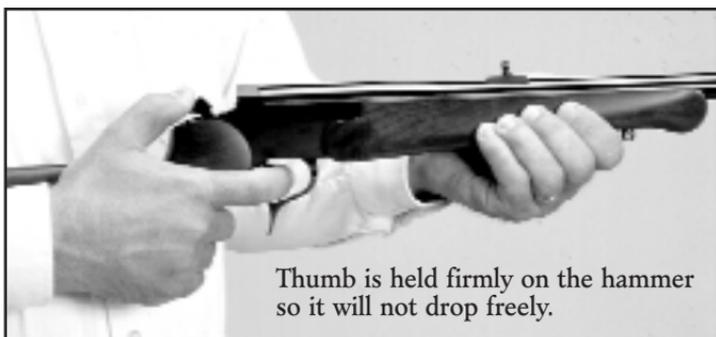


If the Encore is dropped or struck a hard blow, the following steps should be taken. The action should be opened, the gun should be unloaded, the bore should be checked for obstructions, the action should be functioned to be sure that the automatic hammer block is working properly; that the hammer and trigger function correctly and that there are no broken or deformed parts. If any problem or malfunction is noted, the gun should be returned to the factory for service.

## **Should You Decide NOT To Fire The Encore® After The Hammer Has Been Cocked, Then You Must Take The Following Steps:**

If, after cocking the Encore, the shooter decides not to fire, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Keeping the Encore pointed in a safe direction, lower the rifle.
2. Firmly hold your thumb on the hammer so that it cannot drop freely. Pull the trigger rearward only long enough to disengage the hammer. Remove your finger from the trigger.



3. Carefully lower the hammer forward, allowing the automatic hammer block to engage in the "at rest" position as shown below.

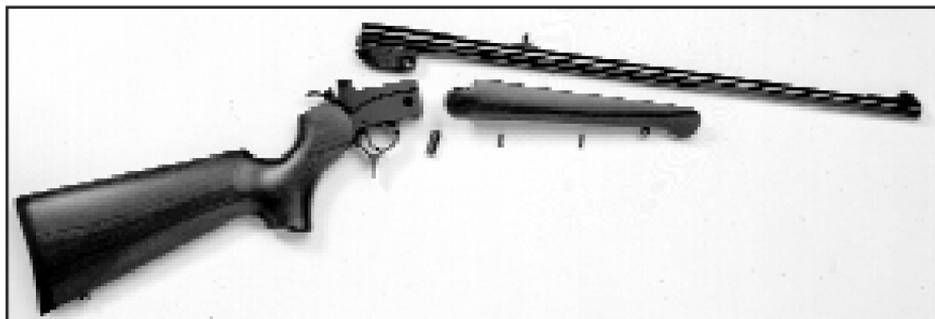
## Changing Barrels on the Encore®

First, open the action to ensure that the Encore is not loaded. Then close the action. With the action closed, take a suitable screw driver and remove both forend screws. Then remove the forend. Open the action to relieve the tension on the hinge pin. With a suitable punch or screw driver, gently tap out the hinge pin. The hinge pin may be tapped out in either direction. Remove the barrel from the frame.

Install the new barrel making sure the hole in the frame and in the barrel are aligned. Tap in the hinge pin from either side, close the action and re-install the forend.

### → **⚠ WARNING** ←

**Always make sure the chamber and bore of every barrel is both empty and unobstructed prior to removing or installing a barrel. Working on a loaded rifle could result in an accidental discharge. An obstructed bore could result in a burst barrel. Either condition can result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**



### **Note about Encore Forends:**

Different Encore barrel configurations i.e. rifle, shotgun and muzzleloading barrels require different forends. Check with your dealer or consult your T/C catalog for the appropriate forend for your barrel.

# Installation of T/C Choke Tubes in Encore® Shotgun Models

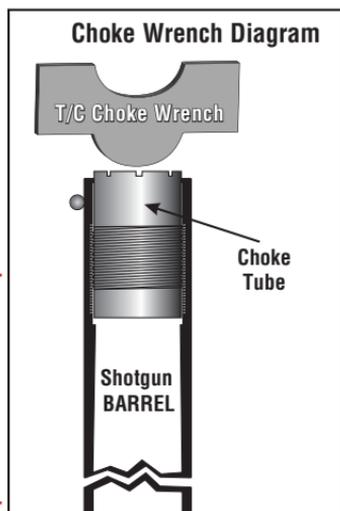
## → **⚠ WARNING** ←

Never attempt to install a choke tube or remove a choke tube from a **LOADED** firearm. Always ensure that the firearm is **UNLOADED**. Failure to heed this warning could result in an accidental discharge causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

1. Never fire your Encore shotgun, which has been designed to accept internal choke tubes, **WITHOUT A CHOKE TUBE INSTALLED**. This will result in damage to the threads in the barrel, and could render your shotgun inoperable with regards to using the internal screw-in choke tubes.
2. The threads of your T/C choke tubes should be kept clean and lightly lubed at all times - with a good anti-seize lubricant like T/C's "Super Lube". When installing the choke tube into the barrel, make sure the muzzle is pointed away from you in a safe direction, and never "force" the choke tube into the barrel. If the tube does not screw-in easily, the threads in the barrel or tube could be clogged, or you could be cross threading the parts. The choke tube should screw-in easily by hand. Use an appropriate wrench and tighten it until snug. **DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN** it as it could damage the tube.
3. (See diagram - below right) Wrench Shown engaging slots in choke tube. To insert, turn clockwise. To remove, turn counter clockwise.
4. Thompson/Center's screw-in choke tubes are appropriately marked; **IMP CYL, MOD, FULL** and **TURKEY**. Only the **IMP CYL**, or **MOD** can be used with steel shot without damage to the choke tube. **FULL** or **TURKEY** tubes **SHOULD NOT BE USED WITH STEEL SHOT**. T/C tubes are intended for use with Thompson/Center shotguns **ONLY**, and should not be used in other brands of guns.

## → **⚠ WARNING** ←

Never attempt to use any other choke tube in a Thompson/Center shotgun. Mismatching choke tubes in any shotgun could result in damage to the shotgun, or serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.



## Encore® Trigger

### → ⚠ WARNING ←

Always make sure the chamber of your Encore is unloaded prior to adjusting the trigger. Working on a loaded firearm could result in an accidental discharge which can result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

Encore triggers are factory set. No adjustment should be required or attempted. Alteration of the trigger spring or use of a non-factory spring can create a dangerous trigger pull. → ⚠ WARNING ← Too light a trigger pull can cause premature firing which may cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property. Altered parts may also produce an unsafe trigger pull. In no event should parts be filed, honed, ground or replaced by non-factory parts.

**Encore trigger stop screw:** A trigger stop screw is located in the trigger guard directly behind the trigger. Extremely helpful for target shooting, this adjustment should be set on minimum. In other words, turn the adjustment until the trigger will not release, then gradually back off the adjustment until the trigger just releases. An extra quarter turn affords the proper setting and insures that the trigger will release every time.

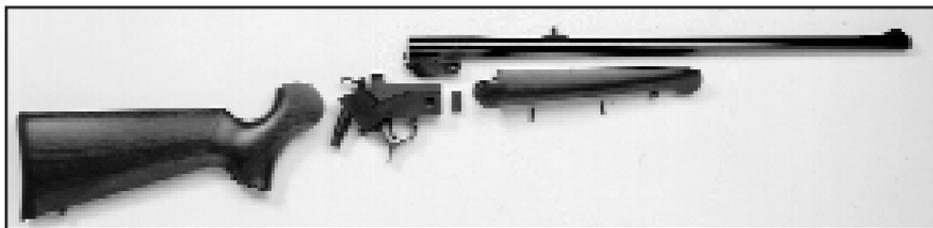
## Encore® Assembly & Disassembly

### → ⚠ WARNING ←

Always make sure the chamber is empty prior to removing or installing a barrel. Working on a loaded firearm could result in an accidental discharge. An accidental discharge can result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

The Encore can be broken down into 4 major components:

1. Butt Stock
2. Frame Assembly
3. Barrel
4. Forend



**To Disassemble the Encore, do the following:**

1. Keeping the Encore pointed in a safe direction, open the Encore by pulling rearward on the trigger guard spur. (See operations section of the Encore).
2. Check the chamber to ensure that the Encore is not loaded.
3. Close the action and with a suitable screw driver, remove the two forend screws. Then remove the forend.
4. Break open the Encore relieving the tension on the hinge pin. Gently tap the hinge pin out (from either side) with a suitable punch or screwdriver.
5. Using a suitable screw driver, remove the 3 screws in the Encore grip cap, and in turn remove the Encore grip cap.
6. Insert a 3/16" allen wrench into the socket head of the stock draw bolt and remove the stock bolt. Slide the butt stock down and off.
7. No further disassembly is recommended or required.

## **Cleaning the Encore®**

### **→ ⚠ WARNING ←**

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**Always make sure the chamber is empty prior to cleaning your Encore. Working on a loaded firearm could result in an accidental discharge. An accidental discharge can result in injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

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Normal cleaning of the Encore involves opening the Encore and running a few patches saturated with any high-grade gun cleaning solvent through the bore, from the chamber end. Use of a bronze bore brush may be required periodically. More extensive cleaning, especially after the Encore has been subjected to rain or snow, would include removing the stock and forend, and wiping all of the external surfaces with a dry cloth, followed by a light coating of oil. Further disassembly of your Encore is not recommended. If the inside of the frame assembly and the internal components require cleaning, it is recommended that you return the gun to Thompson/Center's Repair Department, or to a qualified gunsmith.

## Barrel Obstructions

### → **⚠ WARNING** ←

**Firing a firearm with an obstructed barrel could cause a burst barrel and injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

Before loading the Encore, check the bore to ensure that it is free of obstructions (cleaning patches, excess oil, mud, snow or other foreign materials). If the firearm is dropped it should be unloaded and inspected to ensure that the bore has not become clogged with dirt, snow, twigs or other foreign material.

If, when firing, (particularly reloads) the report is weak or peculiar, stop immediately. **Inspect the barrel for a stuck bullet.** If the bore is obstructed return the barrel to the factory. **Do Not continue to fire the firearm.**

## Failure to Fire

If the Encore fails to fire, keep the gun pointed at the target or in a safe direction for at least 30 seconds. If the Encore does not fire after 30 seconds, carefully open the action. Extract and examine the cartridge. If the primer is indented, the cartridge should be disposed of in accordance with the ammunition manufacturer's instructions for faulty ammunition, or, in any safe manner. If the primer is not indented, or only lightly indented, you should immediately return the Encore to the factory for service or refer to a qualified gunsmith for service.

### → **⚠ WARNING** ←

**Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed down range for at least 30 seconds if the cartridge does not immediately fire after pulling the trigger. The possibility of a "Hang Fire" (delayed ignition) could exist, and a misdirected muzzle could lead to the bullet or pellets being directed in a dangerous direction, thereby causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

## Carrying the Encore® Rifle or Shotgun

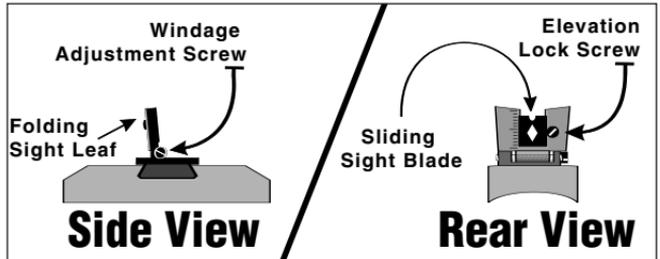
The Encore Rifle should never be carried in a loaded condition. See page 3 for general rules for the safe use and handling of the Encore Rifle or Encore Shotgun.

# Iron Sight Adjustment

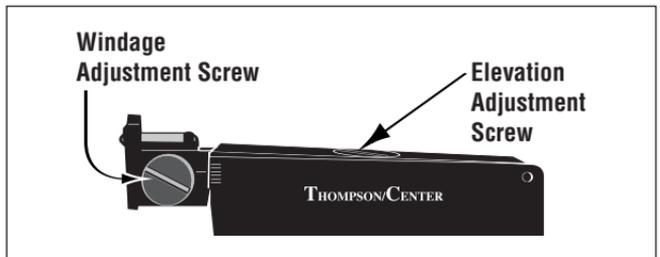
Your Encore has been targeted before shipment, however, some additional sight adjustment may be necessary to compensate for individual holding, sighting, etc.

To guard against accidental discharge which may cause injury or death, be sure that the Encore is unloaded and that the action is open when performing this operation.

**On those barrels equipped with adjustable sights:** The standard rifle rear sight is adjustable for elevation by sliding the elevation blade up to raise the point of impact and down to lower the shot's impact. It is necessary to loosen the elevation lock screw (by turning it counterclockwise, as viewed from the rear) before sliding the sight blade to the desired setting. To adjust the windage it is necessary to move the entire rear sight leaf left or right by using the slotted screw head on the right side of the rear sight (as viewed from the rear). Turning the windage screw counterclockwise moves the point of impact to the left. Turning the windage adjustment clockwise moves your group to the right.



Some Encore Shotguns are equipped with a standard rifle rear sight (Diagram shown here) which is adjustable for elevation by moving the elevation "blade" up or down to change the point of impact. To do this, turn the Elevation adjustment Screw clockwise (as viewed from the receiver end) to lower the point of impact, and counter-clockwise, to raise the point of impact.



To adjust the windage it is necessary to move the entire rear sight leaf left or right by using the slotted screw head on the right side of the rear sight (as viewed from the receiver end of the sight). Move the rear sight blade in the direction you want your shots to hit-- (Example; Turn the screw clockwise - thereby moving the sight blade to the right, to move your shots to the right and counter-clockwise to move the shots to the left).

## Mounting a Scope on the Encore®

The Thompson/Center Encore is factory drilled and tapped for Thompson/Center's mounting systems. When mounting any scope on the Encore, follow the instructions which accompany the mounting system you are using, and the instructions which accompany the scope. Those who are unfamiliar with mounting scopes should contact a competent gunsmith for assistance.

### → **⚠ WARNING** ←

**Make sure the Encore is unloaded, with the action open before adjusting the rear sight or mounting a scope. An accidental discharge can cause injury and/or death to the shooter and bystanders and damage to property.**

## Custom Alterations & Conversions

Encores or Encore Accessory Barrels which are subjected to custom alteration or conversion other than those performed by the Thompson/Center Custom Shop are not covered by our warranty. Thompson/Center does not endorse or recommend any type of custom alteration other than those performed by the Thompson/Center Custom Shop. Responsibility for other conversions rests solely with the gunsmith performing the conversion. **→ ⚠ WARNING ← If work is done improperly or without proper judgement, the firearm can rupture or malfunction causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

## Service For Your Encore®

Should your firearm require adjustment, repair or refinishing, we strongly recommend that the firearm be returned to the factory. There is no other way to ensure that the work will be done by a competent staff or trained technicians.

Encores returned to the factory should be **marked for the attention of the service department**. A letter of instructions should be enclosed with the gun. Adherence to these suggestions will prevent loss of time and facilitate handling at the factory.

Our service department will give your Encore a complete inspection. They will evaluate the problem or problems specified in your covering letter. If the work required is not covered by our "Lifetime Warranty" (see page 20) **you will**

receive a quotation which must be authorized by you.

Ship complete firearms or receivers via UPS. Barrels only may be sent Parcel Post as well as UPS.

## Statement of Liability

This gun is classified as a **FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON** and is surrendered by us with the express understanding that we assume no liability for its resale or safe handling under local laws and regulations. Thompson/Center Arms assumes no responsibility for physical injury or property damage resulting from either intentional or accidental discharge, or for the function of any gun subject to influences beyond its control, and will honor no claims which may result from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments, defective or improper ammunition, corrosion or neglect.

For your protection, examine your gun carefully at the time of purchase. Fill out and mail the registration card promptly. Be certain that it bears the gun's serial number which you will find on the receiver.

Encores and Encore accessory barrels which are subjected to custom alteration or conversion other than those performed by the Thompson/Center Custom Shop are not covered by the warranty. Thompson/Center does not endorse or recommend any type of custom alteration other than those performed by the Thompson/Center Custom Shop. Responsibility for such conversions rests totally with the gunsmith performing the conversion.

### → **⚠ WARNING** ←

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**Work done improperly or without proper judgement on an Encore could result in an unsafe firearm, the firearm could then rupture or malfunction causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.**

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## Limited Lifetime Warranty

Thompson/Center Arms provides a warranty for all factory finished firearms for the Lifetime of the original consumer purchaser. Any such firearms or part thereof returned, postage paid, to the factory at Rochester, New Hampshire 03867, will be repaired or replaced to our commercial standards free of charge, and returned to the consumer purchaser postage prepaid. This warranty is established by return of our authorized warranty card which should be done within thirty (30) days of purchase.

**This warranty does not cover any damage caused by custom alteration of the firearm!** Services performed by the Thompson/Center Custom Shop do not void the warranty. Thompson/Center Arms reserves the right to refuse to repair or replace firearms, or parts thereof, damaged by abuse or misuse. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Address all correspondence and inquiries to the address shown on the cover of this booklet.

**This warranty Does Not cover the finish of the stock or steel components from scratches, dings or rust which may occur through normal usage or improper care, or any damage caused by custom alteration of the firearm other than those performed by the T/C Custom Shop!** Thompson/Center Arms reserves the right to refuse to repair or replace firearms, or parts thereof, damaged by abuse or misuse.

# Statement Issued by Sporting Arms & Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI)

## Unsafe Arms and Ammunition Combinations

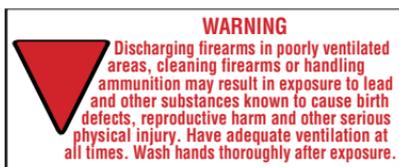
Ammunition used in a firearm must be the same caliber or gauge as that marked on the firearm by its manufacturer. If the firearm is not marked as to caliber or gauge, or if it appears that the original marking has been overprinted or changed, it is the responsibility of the gun user to have a qualified person determine what cartridge or shell can safely be used in the firearm.

The firing of a cartridge or shell other than that for which the firearm is chambered can result in the cartridge or shell rupturing and releasing high pressure gas that can damage or destroy the firearm and kill or seriously injure the shooter and persons nearby.

There are countless combinations of specific cartridges and firearm chambers which are unsafe. Many of these unsafe combinations are recognizable because of significant dimension differences between the cartridge and the firearm chamber.

Dangerous combinations may also have similar chamber and cartridge dimensions. It is not possible to list every unsafe combination; therefore, in the interest of safety, use only the cartridge (or shell) designated by the firearm or ammunition manufacturer for use in a specific firearm. The cartridge caliber or shotshell gauge must be marked on the firearm frame, receiver or barrel by its manufacturer.

The practice of rechambering firearms is not guided by industry standards. It is possible that a firearm which has been rechambered may not be rechambered properly or the rechambered caliber may not be marked on the firearm. The firearm user is responsible to find out from a qualified person the cartridge caliber or shell gauge for which the firearm has been rechambered.



## Shipping Information

### T/C Shipping Address:

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# Encore® Repair Parts

## → ⚠ WARNING ←

To Those Who Purchase Parts For Their Encore. Thompson/Center Arms is not responsible for repair of the Encore unless the work is done at our factory by our factory service department. There is no other way to ensure that the work will be done by a competent staff or trained technicians. We strongly recommend that Encores needing repair be returned to the factory. Consumers, dealers or gunsmiths who order individual parts must accept the responsibility for the correctness of the part itself. Equally, it is the installers responsibility to ensure that each part is properly fitted and functioning as an intricate part of the overall mechanism. Improperly fitted parts can result in a dangerous malfunction, causing injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to the firearm. The purchaser and installer must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and proper overall functioning of the entire mechanism after such installation of parts.

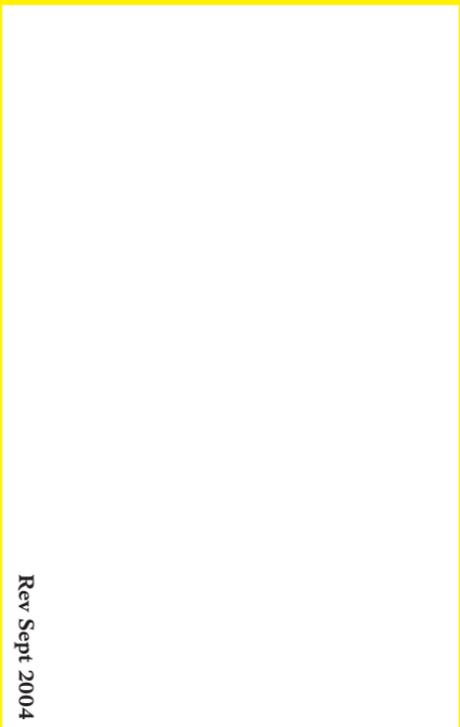








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