

# INSTRUCTIONS and PARTS LIST

for

# RUGER®

## MINI-14®

### .223 (5.56) CALIBER

(For use with "180-" serial number prefix models.)



NOTE: This model out of production  
— For reference use only.

#### RELOADERS WARNING:

The extremely rapid autoloading action of the Mini-14 mechanism places stresses on the cartridge which are not encountered with slower mechanisms. If the bullet is not held securely by the cartridge case mouth, it may be driven back into the case during the feed cycle.

Should a bullet lodge in the throat of the bore (the result of a squib\* load), a loosely seated bullet will be driven back into the case and no indication of an unusual condition will be noted until the moment of firing.

Either of the above conditions will result in extremely high pressures, possible damage to the rifle and/or injury to the shooter.

**FOR THIS REASON, USE ONLY CANNELURED BULLETS AND CRIMP THEM SECURELY.**

\*A Squib load is usually the result of a failure to load an adequate quantity of propellant powder.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ruger MINI-14 Rifle is a gas operated, box magazine fed, semi-automatic firearm designed and manufactured in Ruger factories in the U.S.A. and based on the Ruger fixed piston/mobile cylinder gas operating system. It is chambered for .223 (5.56mm) U.S. military and commercial cartridges.

Compact, simple and reliable, the mechanism is composed of relatively few, extremely rugged components. The stock, the barrel and the magazine constitute the major weight of the MINI-14. Its breech and firing mechanisms are held to a minimum in size and weight by the efficient use of hardened chrome-molybdenum steels. Music wire coil springs are used throughout the mechanism to insure reliability under field operating conditions.

The gas system is a fixed piston, moving cylinder, self-cleansing design. Unburned powder particles are automatically vented from the system. The firing pin is retracted mechanically during the first part of the unlocking of the bolt. The arm can only be fired when the bolt is safely locked. Although it resembles several U.S. Military Standard arms in outward appearance, the mechanism and operating characteristics of the MINI-14 are unique, therefore, careful study must be given to the operating and maintenance instructions which are contained in this manual.

The MINI-14 conforms to basic Ruger principles of design and construction throughout. Light weight and great strength is achieved by innovative engineering and the use of the finest available materials. Every component part of the MINI-14 is built far better and stronger than it need be.

## AMMUNITION

The MINI-14 is designed to use either U. S. Military, Commercial Sporting, or other .223 (5.56mm) caliber ammunition manufactured to U. S. industry standards.

*This firearm has been proof-tested with special test ammunition which conforms to American Industry Specifications. It is intended for use only with standard ammunition of the proper caliber which conforms to Industry Specifications. We specifically disclaim responsibility for any damage or injury whatsoever occurring in connection with the use in this firearm of faulty or non-standard or hand-loaded ammunition.*

## SAFETY MECHANISM

### NEEDLESS TO SAY:

*Never aim at anything which you do not wish to shoot. Always keep the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Be sure of your backstop or direction of fire before shooting.*

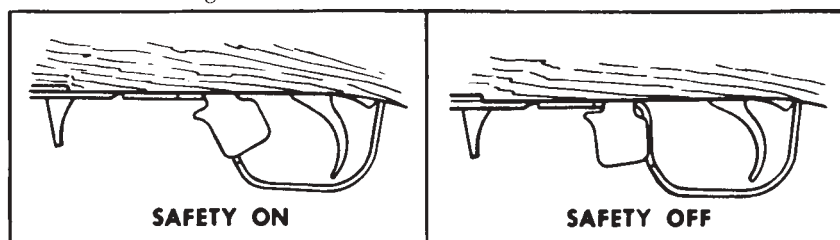


Fig. A.

The manual safety mechanism is located forward of the trigger as illustrated in "A" above. The safety can be moved to "On" only when the hammer is cocked. When the safety is in the "On" position, it blocks both the hammer and the sear. Although the safety is properly designed and fitted, never depend on it, or any mechanical device, to justify unsafe handling or pointing of the firearm.

### **BOLT HOLD OPEN LATCH**

The MINI-14 is equipped with a Bolt Hold Open mechanism which automatically engages to hold the bolt and slide to the rear when the last cartridge has been fired or whenever the slide is cycled while an empty magazine is in place.

**WARNING:** Unless an empty magazine is in place, the Bolt Hold Open Latch will be automatically released by any rearward motion of the slide. Should the carbine be dropped or strongly jarred with the Bolt Hold Open engaged and a charged magazine in place, the slide may be released and will then go forward, chambering a cartridge.

The Bolt Hold Open Latch is located on the left side of the receiver and is engaged by a projection which contacts the follower of an empty magazine.

To release the slide either:

1. Remove the empty magazine, then draw the cocking handle to the rear and release or,
2. Draw the cocking handle fully to the rear, then depress the forward end of the Bolt Hold Open Latch and while pushing down on the latch allow the slide to go forward.

To manually engage the Bolt Hold Open Latch:

1. Pull cocking handle entirely to the rear.
2. Depress rear portion of Bolt Hold Open Latch.
3. While holding latch depressed -- allow slide to come forward until it is stopped by the latch.

### **LOADING THE MAGAZINE**

Use only ammunition of the proper caliber, in good condition and made by a reputable manufacturer.

The magazine is of staggered column double row design. To load the magazine simply align the cartridge with the bullet pointing towards the hole in the front of the magazine body and push downwards until the cartridge snaps into place. Do not attempt to load more than the designed number of cartridges.

If feed problems are experienced due to improper bullet construction, loading one or two cartridges less than the full magazine capacity will frequently allow the cartridges to feed.

## INSERTING THE MAGAZINE

See illustration B. The magazine may be inserted with the bolt in either the closed or the open position.

1. Holding magazine at an angle as shown, insert fully into magazine well.

2. Pull bottom of magazine towards trigger guard until rear latch engages.

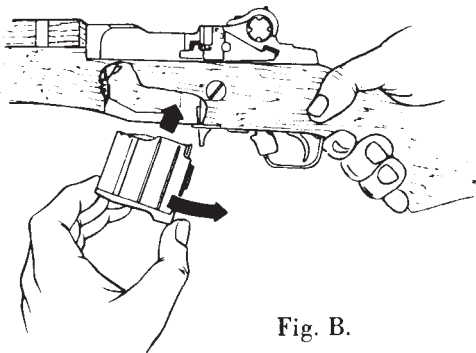


Fig. B.

## OPERATION

**GENERAL:** *Never* point your rifle at anything which you do not wish to shoot. *Always* check to be sure rifle is unloaded immediately before handling, dry-firing, cleaning, disassembly or storage.

This firearm has been thoroughly tested and inspected prior to shipment and we assume no responsibility or liability for any injury or damages resulting from its intentional or accidental discharge.

### TO LOAD AND FIRE:

Load magazine and insert into rifle.

Pull the slide handle fully to the rear and release it letting the slide snap forward under spring pressure. A cartridge will be stripped from the magazine and chambered by the forward motion of the bolt.

The rifle will now fire one shot for each pull of the trigger until the magazine is exhausted. When the last cartridge is fired, the bolt hold open latch will automatically engage holding the bolt and the slide open.

To unload the rifle, put the Safety in the "On" position; remove the magazine and pull the slide handle entirely to the rear extracting and ejecting the chambered cartridge.

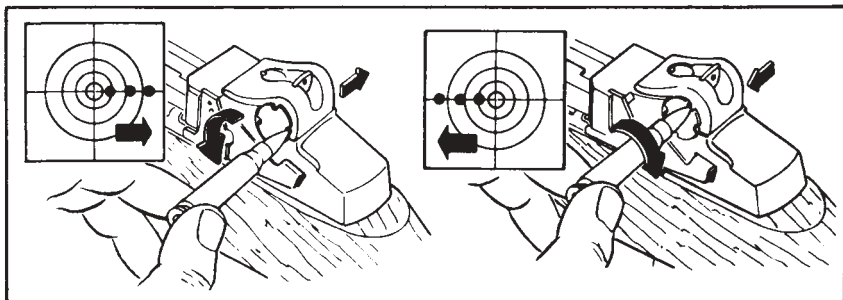
## SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

**GENERAL:** The .223 (5.56mm) cartridge used by the MINI-14 has a very flat trajectory. Generally, if the rifle is sighted in to hit the point of aim at a distance of 200 yards, no change in point of aim or sight adjustment is required to keep within a 9" circle at all ranges from 0-300 yards.

**REAR SIGHT:** The rear sight is adjustable for both windage and elevation. The point of a bullet can be used to depress the lock plunger allowing

the adjustment to be moved  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn in either direction. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn will move the point of impact 1.5" at 100 yards. The sight adjustment has been made deliberately positive so that it cannot under normal circumstances be accidentally disturbed.

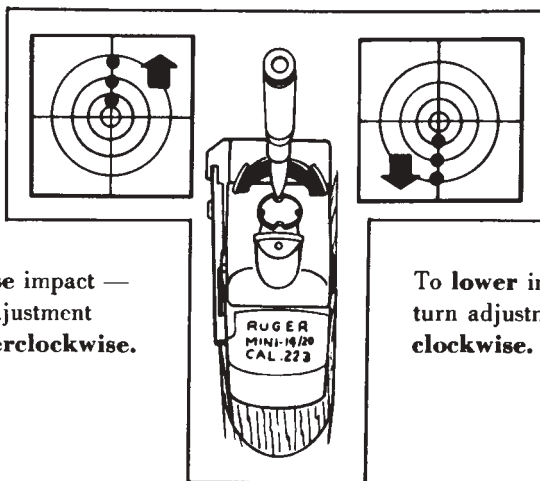
### WINDAGE ADJUSTMENT



To move impact to the **right** — turn adjustment **counterclockwise**.

To move impact to the **left** — turn adjustment **clockwise**.

### ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT



To **raise** impact —  
turn adjustment  
**counterclockwise**.

To **lower** impact —  
turn adjustment  
**clockwise**.

### FIELD STRIPPING AND REASSEMBLY

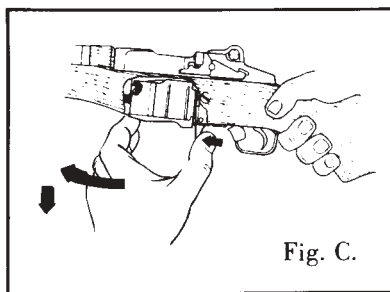
The Ruger MINI-14 can be field stripped to its basic subassemblies in less than 30 seconds. Reassembly is just as simple and rapid.

No tools are required to accomplish field stripping. A cartridge can be used to unlatch the spring steel trigger guard.

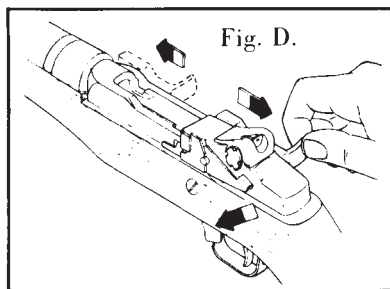
A careful reading of the illustrated instructions which follow will be more than repaid by the ease with which you will be able to maintain your MINI-14.

## FIELD STRIPPING

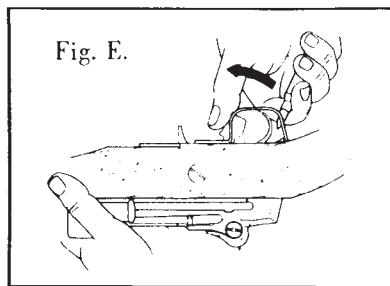
1. Remove magazine (Fig. C).



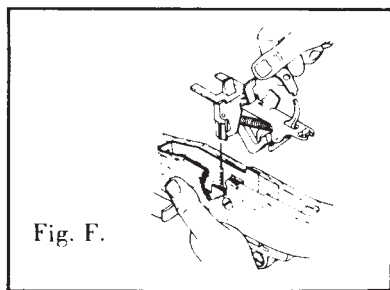
2. Pull cocking handle entirely to rear and release. Put Safety "On", (Fig. D). (Note: Hammer must be cocked and Safety must be "On" to accomplish disassembly and reassembly).

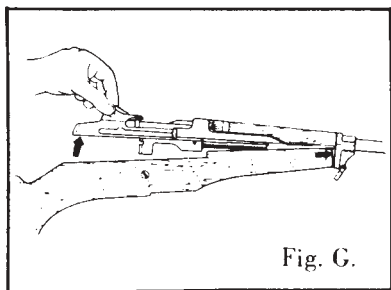


3. Using a cartridge or other suitable tool, spring open trigger guard latch (Fig. E).

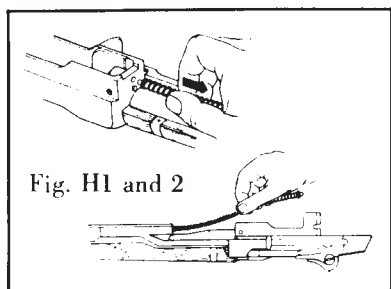


4. Remove trigger group (Fig. F).

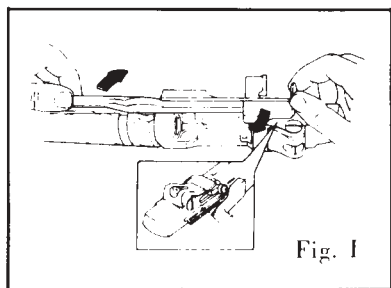




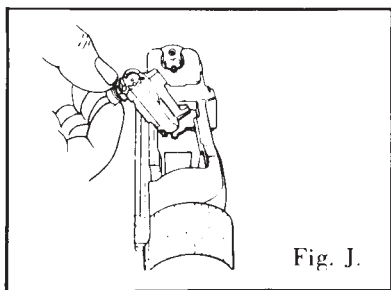
5. Remove Barrel/receiver assembly from stock (Fig. G).



6. Remove Recoil spring guide and recoil spring (Fig. H1 and 2). Caution: Mainspring is heavily compressed — Use care while disassembling or reassembling to prevent mainspring assembly from escaping and possibly causing injury.



7. Pull slide handle to the rear. Align locking projections on slide with disassembly notch on receiver. Remove slide (Fig. I).



8. Pull the bolt forward until it pivots out of the receiver. Align firing pin projection with slot in lower receiver bridge. Remove bolt (Fig. J).

Further disassembly should not be required and is not recommended unless performed by competent persons experienced in gunsmithing.

## REASSEMBLY

Reassembly is accomplished by reversing the steps outlined above. Note that the hammer must be cocked and the Safety must be "On".

## CARE AND CLEANING

Always check to be sure rifle is unloaded before handling.

1. Field strip rifle.

2. To clean the bore and chamber, wipe out powder residue with a clean cloth patch, saturated with a recognized brand of powder solvent and follow the manufacturer's directions. The bore and chamber should then be wiped clean and a very light film of oil applied to prevent rust.

(Note: Only a very small amount of oil is required to provide adequate lubrication of moving parts and prevent rust. An excess of oil (or *any solid* obstruction) in the bore may cause damage to this or any other firearm.)

3. Using powder solvent, remove powder residue from all components of the mechanism including the cylindrical chamber in the front of the slide, the fixed gas piston and the inside steel liner of the forearm. Lightly oil all components as noted above.

4. It will do no harm to apply a small drop of oil at all pivot points and to the bolt roller.

5. Reassemble the rifle.

**PERIODIC MAINTENANCE** — The design of the MINI-14 provides unequalled ease of maintenance.

At regular intervals or when the rifle has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity or other adverse conditions, disassemble it and clean and oil as outlined above.

Take advantage of the rapid field stripping procedure to ensure that your MINI-14 will always be ready when you need it.

## SERVICE POLICY

Before shipment every Ruger firearm is carefully inspected and test-fired in order to prove that it is in perfect condition and conforms fully to our specifications and standards. If there is any question with regard to the performance of the rifle, please write to our Service Department, fully describing all circumstances and conditions involved.

If you should return your gun for repair or order parts, please comply with the following suggestions for prompt service:



## **PARTS:**

All parts orders for the **RUGER @MINI-14** rifle should be sent to: Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc., Service Department, 411 Sunapee Street, Newport, New Hampshire, 03773, 603-863-3300. We cannot comply with open account or C.O.D. orders. Payment in the form of a check, money order, Visa or Mastercard must accompany your order. Credit Card orders must include the account number, expiration date and whether it is a Visa or Mastercard account. Minimum parts order is \$1.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling charge. Order parts by Part Name and Part Number and include the entire serial number of the firearm for which the parts are being ordered. The price shown for parts does not include the minimum net labor charge of \$15.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling charge. All factory fitted parts are fit on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts.

Barrels, and a number of other component parts must be fitted at the factory. Company policy is to proof-test and/or function fire all barrels after fitting to the receivers in which they are to be used. This procedure ensures maximum protection to our customers. The special proof-test ammunition used in this testing is sold only to bonafide firearms manufacturers and is not available to gun shops, gunsmiths, or individuals.

Because it is a serial numbered part, the receiver of the **RUGER @MINI-14** rifle is defined as a 'firearm' by Federal Law and is not offered for sale as a component part.

Parts designated by an asterisk (\*) must be factory fitted. These parts are fitted on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts. We will not return any part that is broken, malfunctioning, badly worn or has been modified. See "Warning -- Parts Purchasers" p. 11.

## **FIREARMS:**

1. Ruger MINI-14's returned for service should be sent to:

Sturm Ruger & Company, Inc.  
Products Service Dept.  
411 Sunapee Street  
Newport, New Hampshire 03773  
Phone (603) 863-3300

2. Guns shipped to the factory should be sent prepaid. We will not accept collect shipments.

3. For best repair service, always enclose letter furnishing serial number and Model of rifle. Also, state nature of trouble experienced or of work desired. (Merely stating "defective" or "repair" is inadequate information.)

Please enclose copies of any previous correspondence.

4. Work performed will bear a net minimum labor charge of \$15.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling charge. The charge for re-bluing is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling charge.

5. Federal regulations must be complied with when shipping any firearm. In certain states and under certain regulations, it may be *impossible* for us to return a repaired firearm to an individual. It is therefore most strongly recommended that all firearms sent to us for repair, be sent through a federally licensed dealer!

*NOTICE: Check chamber and magazine before shipping. If firearms are sent to us in a loaded condition, we must notify Federal authorities.*

*Please do NOT send to our factory your scope or rifle case with the firearm being sent to us for repair.*

**Prices and specifications subject to change at our discretion without notice.**

# PARTS LIST AND SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICES

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## SPECIFY MODEL WHEN ORDERING

### *RUGER® MINI-14® RIFLE*

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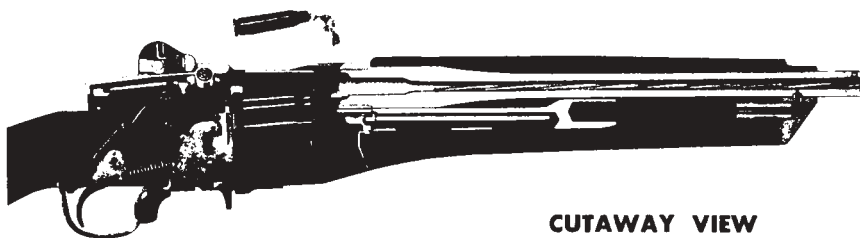
Part Name	Part No.	Price
* Barrel	M-3	\$55.50
* Bolt & Roller Assembly	M-10	No Longer Available
Bolt Lock	M-32	3.50
Bolt Lock Plunger	M-45	.50
Bolt Lock Plunger Spring	M-46	.50
Butt Plate	C-63	2.50
Butt Plate Screw, 2 Req'd	C-64	ea. .50
Ejector	M-8	1.25
Ejector Spring	M-70	.50
* Extractor	M-14	4.50
Extractor Plunger	M-16	1.25
Extractor Spring	M-15	.50
* Firing Pin	M-11	17.00
Forearm Liner & Stock Cap Assembly	M-22	No Longer Available
Front Sight	M-44F	4.50
Front Sight Cross Pin	MF-133	.50
* Gas Block, Top & Bottom	M-35	20.75
Gas Block Screw, 4 Req'd	M-65	ea. .50
Gas Port Bushing	M-25	.50
Guide Rod	M-39	.50
* Hammer	M-17	14.75
Hammer Pivot Pin	M-19	.50
Hammer Spring	M-47	.50
Hammer Strut	M-18	.50
Hand Guard, Wood	M-5	14.50
Hand Guard Clip	M-41	.50
Magazine, Complete 5-Shot Capacity	MAG/5	13.20
Magazine Bottom	M-34	1.00
Magazine Bottom Retainer	M-26	.50
Magazine Catch	M-40	.75
Magazine Catch Retaining Pin	M-66	.50
Magazine Follower	M-30	1.00
Magazine Latch	M-31	4.00
Magazine Latch Pivot Pin	M-12	.50
Magazine Latch Spring	M-50	.50
Magazine Shell	M-27-5	6.75
Magazine Spring	M-28-5	.50
Piston	M-36	5.00

<b>Part Name</b>	<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Price</b>
Rear Sight Base	M-55F	\$ 7.25
Rear Sight Elevation Detent Plunger	M-73F	No Longer Available
Rear Sight Elevation Detent	M-56F	No Longer Available
Plunger Spring		
Rear Sight Elevation Screw	M-74F	1.00
Rear Sight Elevation Plunger	M-53F	.50
Rear Sight Elevation Plunger Spring	M-54F	.50
Rear Sight Nut	M-57F	1.00
Rear Sight Peep	M-52F	.50
Rear Sight Windage Detent Plunger	M-61F	.50
Rear Sight Windage Detent Spring	M-58F	.50
Rear Sight Windage Screw	M-59F	2.00
Rear Sight Windage Screw Pin	M-71F	.50
Receiver	M-1	Not Offered For Sale
Recoil Spring	M-51	1.50
Retainer Plate	M-67	.50
Retainer Plate Plunger	M-68	.50
Retainer Plate Plunger Spring	M-60	.50
* Safety Assembly	M-38	1.50
Safety Detent Spring	M-49	.50
Safety Spring Retaining Pin	M-62	.50
* Secondary Sear	M-23	4.50
Secondary Sear Spring	M-24	.50
* Slide Assembly	M-37	57.25
Sling Swivel, Front	B-77	No Longer Available
Sling Swivel Assembly, Rear	B-78	No Longer Available
Sling Swivel Pin, Front	M-76	.50
Sling, Nylon Carrying	MA-132	5.25
Stock	M-4	64.00
Stock Reinforcement	M-7	5.00
Stock Reinforcement Screw, 2 Req'd	M-69	ea. .50
* Trigger	M-20	9.75
Trigger Bushing	M-43	.50
Trigger Guard	M-2	3.75
Trigger Housing	M-13	23.75
Trigger Pivot	M-21	.50
Trigger Spring	M-48	1.00

*\*PARTS SO MARKED MUST BE FACTORY INSTALLED*

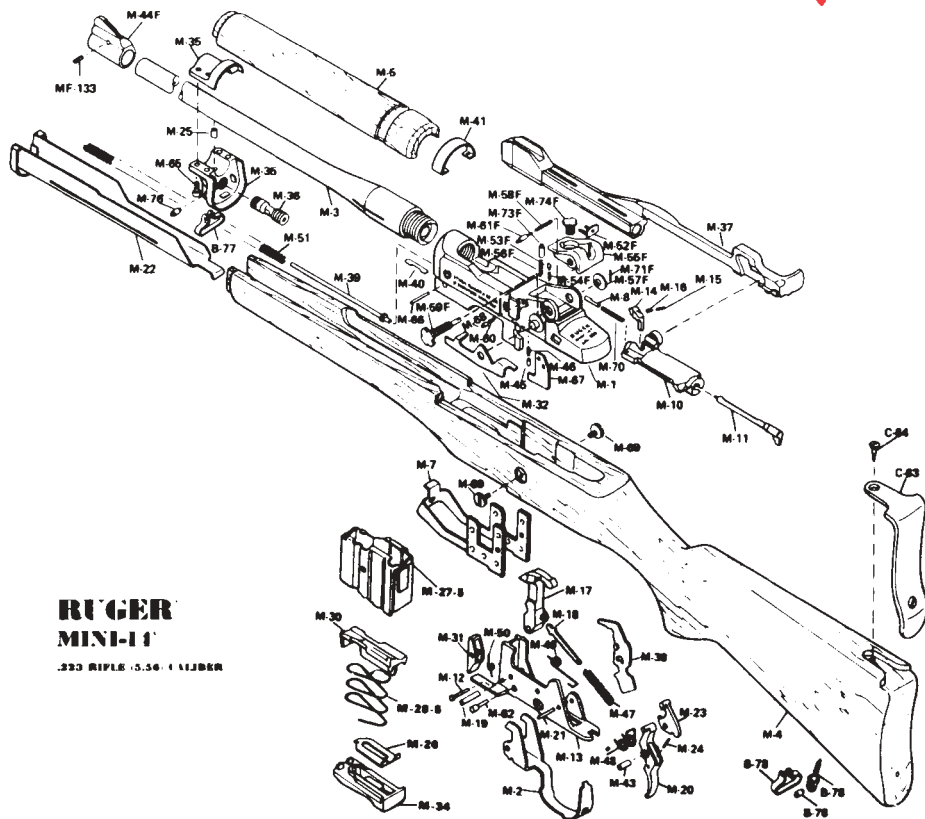
### **WARNING TO PARTS PURCHASERS**

*It is the purchaser's responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from the factory are correctly fitted and installed. Firearms are complicated mechanisms and IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS. The purchaser and installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and functioning of the firearm after such installation.*



### CUTAWAY VIEW

Mechanism shown in full recoil after firing.



## RUGER MINI-14

**.223 RIFLE (5.56) (M16)**