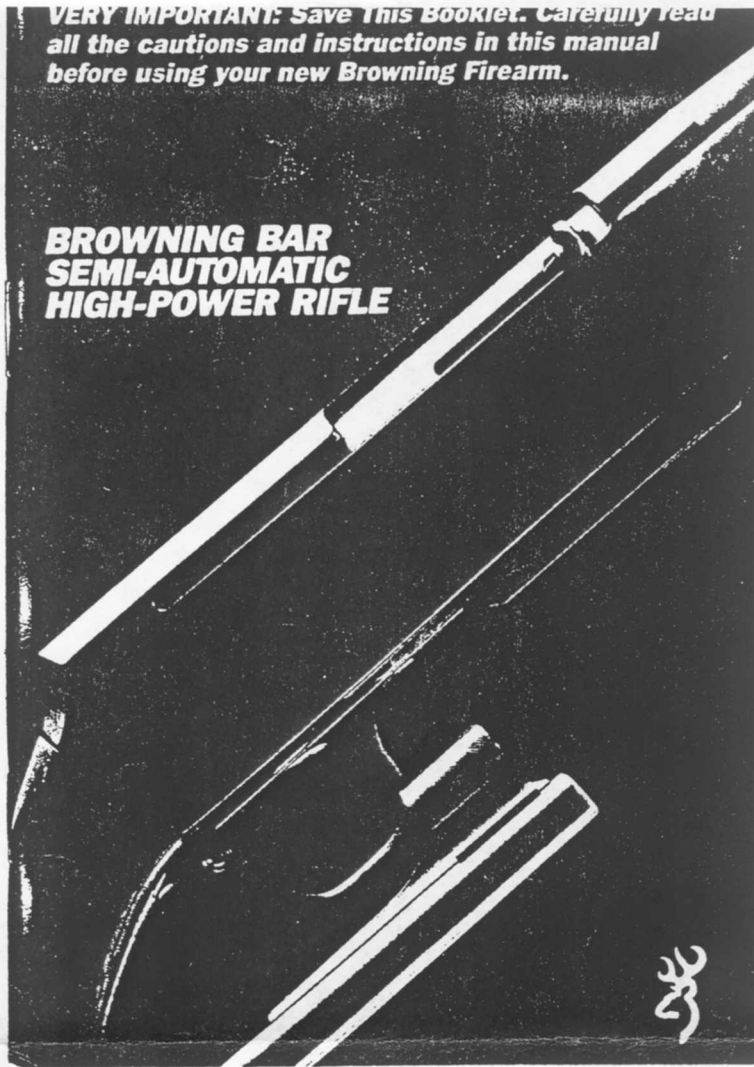


**VERY IMPORTANT: Save This Booklet. Carefully read all the cautions and instructions in this manual before using your new Browning Firearm.**

**BROWNING BAR  
SEMI-AUTOMATIC  
HIGH-POWER RIFLE**



**New Gun Owner's Record**

KEEP THIS RECORD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Browning Model \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Caliber \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Price \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased From \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and mail the Market Survey Card at the back of the booklet.

**We are pleased that you have chosen a Browning BAR Rifle.** In its manufacture, we have endeavored to incorporate the very finest in materials and craftsmanship, and with just reasonable care, this gun should provide you with many years of pleasure and dependable service. Please feel free to write us immediately if you have any observations regarding its performance and operation.

Also please take a moment to complete and mail in the brief attached marketing survey card found on our back cover. It helps us considerably in our constant effort to provide you with better service.

Thank you.



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## ***You are responsible for firearm safety.***

Please let us remind you that, as a gun owner, you accept a set of responsibilities of the most demanding nature. Firearms are, and should always be considered as, dangerous products and should be handled accordingly.

**PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING PROPER HANDLING AND INSTRUCTION PROCEDURES OUTLINED BELOW IN THIS BOOKLET BEFORE USING YOUR NEW FIREARM.**

- 1 ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION** even though you are certain the rifle 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.
- 2 DO NOT RELY TOTALLY ON YOUR FIREARM'S MECHANICAL "SAFETY" DEVICES. AS AN ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURE ALWAYS ASSUME THAT A GUN CAN BE FIRED WITH A SAFETY ON.** The word "safety" describes a gun's

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up and down from the stand. Always make certain that your firearm is not dropped from the stand, or dropped while it is being taken up or down from the stand. Remember, a loaded firearm may discharge when dropped, even with the safety on.

- 6 BEWARE OF BARREL OBSTRUCTIONS** for the safety of both your gun and yourself. Mud, snow, and an infinite variety of other objects may inadvertently lodge in a barrel bore. It takes only one small obstruction to cause dangerously increased pressures that may damage your gun and cause injury to yourself and to others.  
**BEFORE CHECKING FOR A BARREL OBSTRUCTION, BE CERTAIN NO LIVE ROUND IS IN THE CHAMBER AND THAT THE MAGAZINE AND FEED MECHANISMS ARE COMPLETELY EMPTY. PUT THE SAFETY IN THE "ON SAFE" POSITION** (See page 19 for instructions on unloading). After assuring yourself that the firearm is completely empty, again, open the action and look through the barrel to be sure it is clear of any obstruction. If an obstruction is seen, no matter how small it may be, clean the bore with a cleaning rod and patch as described in "Cleaning Suggestions" on page 31.

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blocking or disengaging mechanism for the trigger, sear, hammer and/or firing pin. Although mechanical devices place your gun in a SAFER status, no guarantee can be made that the gun will not fire even if the "safety" is in the "on safe" position. Safe gun handling does not stop with your gun's mechanical "safety" devices. It starts there. Always treat your firearm with the respect due a loaded, ready-to-fire gun.

- 3 WHENEVER YOU HANDLE A FIREARM, OR HAND IT TO SOMEONE, ALWAYS OPEN THE ACTION IMMEDIATELY,** and visually check the chamber, receiver and magazine to be certain they do not contain any ammunition.
- 4 DO NOT TRANSPORT YOUR FIREARM LOADED, WHETHER IN A SCABBARD, GUN CASE, OR OTHER CONTAINER.**
- 5 HUNTING FROM ELEVATED SURFACES SUCH AS TREE STANDS IS DANGEROUS** and may increase the risk of handling a firearm. The following rules should always be observed by you and those you hunt with: Always make certain that the stand being used is safe and stable. Always make certain that your firearm is unloaded when it is being taken

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- 7 ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR GUN WHEN NOT IN USE.** Your responsibilities do not end when your firearm is unattended. Store your gun and ammunition separately and well beyond the reach of children. Take all safeguards to insure your gun does not become available to untrained, inexperienced, or unwelcomed hands.

- 8 USE THE PROPER AMMUNITION.** The barrel and action of this rifle have been made with substantial safety margins over the pressures developed by established American commercial loads. Nevertheless, Browning assumes no liability for accidents which occur through the use of cartridges of non-standard dimensions or which develop pressures in excess of commercially available ammunition which has been loaded in accordance with standards established by SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute). **BE ALERT TO THE SIGNS OF AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION.** If you detect an off sound or light recoil when a cartridge is fired, **DO NOT LOAD ANOTHER CARTRIDGE INTO THE CHAMBER.** Open the action and remove all cartridges from the magazine, chamber and action areas. Glance down the barrel to make sure that a bullet or other

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obstruction does not remain in the barrel. Completely empty the barrel before loading and firing again.

**9 EXAMINE EVERY CARTRIDGE YOU PUT IN YOUR GUN.**

Browning cannot assume any responsibility through the use of unsafe or improper arms and ammunition combinations. It is your responsibility to read and heed all warnings including those that appear in the instruction manual and on ammunition boxes and to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your Browning gun.

**10 DO NOT SNAP THE FIRING PIN ON AN EMPTY CHAMBER-THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE EMPTY!**

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

**11 KEEP YOUR FINGER AWAY FROM THE TRIGGER WHILE UNLOADING, LOADING OR UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.**

**12 BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BACKSTOP,** particularly during low light periods. Know the range of your ammunition. Never shoot at water or hard objects.

**13 DROPPING A LOADED GUN MAY CAUSE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE EVEN WITH THE SAFETY IN THE "ON SAFE" POSITION.** Although safety mechanisms are designed to make a gun safer, the owner or user should be extremely careful while hunting or during any shooting activity, to avoid dropping a loaded firearm.

**14 ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM'S CHAMBER BEFORE CROSSING A FENCE, CLIMBING A TREE, JUMPING A DITCH OR NEGOTIATING OTHER OBSTACLES.**

Refer to page 19 of this instruction book for instructions on the unloading of your firearm. Never place any firearm on or against a fence, tree, car, or other similar object.

**15 IF YOUR GUN FAILS TO FIRE, KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

Hold this position for a minimum of 30 seconds. Never assume that failure to fire means that the gun is empty or unloaded. Carefully open the action and remove the cartridge. If the primer or rim is indented, the cartridge should be disposed of in a way that cannot cause harm. If the primer or rim is not indented, your firearm should be examined

by a qualified gunsmith and the cause of the malfunction should be corrected before further use.

**16 WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING.**

Unprotected, repeated exposure to gunfire can cause hearing damage. Wear ear protectors (shooting ear plugs or muffs) to guard against such damage. Wear shooting glasses to protect your eyes from flying particles. Also, wear eye protection when disassembling and cleaning your shotgun to prevent the possibility of springs, spring-tensioned parts, solvents or other agents from contacting your eyes.

**17 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.

**18 EDUCATE AND SUPERVISE FIREARMS SAFETY TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY,**

especially to children and non-shooters. Closely supervise newcomers to the shooting sports. Encourage enrollment in hunting/shooting safety courses.

**19 NEVER DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TAKE ANY TYPE OF DRUGS**

**BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING.** Your vision and judgement could be dangerously impaired, making your gun handling unsafe to you or to others.

**20 READ AND HEED ALL WARNINGS**

in this instruction book and on ammunition boxes. It is your responsibility to secure the most up-to-date information on the safe handling procedures for your Browning gun. Browning cannot assume any responsibility when unsafe or improper arms and ammunition combinations are used.

**21 PERIODIC MAINTENANCE—UNAUTHORIZED SERVICING.**

Your gun is a mechanical device which will not last forever and, as such, is subject to wear and requires periodic inspection, adjustment, and service. Browning firearms should be serviced by a Browning recommended service station or by Browning's service facility in Arnold, Missouri. Browning cannot assume any responsibility for injuries suffered or caused by unauthorized servicing, alterations or modifications of Browning firearms. **IT CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS TO ALTER THE TRIGGER, SAFETY OR OTHER FIRING MECHANISM OF ANY FIREARM.**

