

Owner's Manual

WITH 5-YEAR
WARRANTY

Marlin®

WARNING: Do not use Blazer brand ammunition in this rifle. The design is not compatible with the Marlin feeding system, and may result in live rounds inadvertently remaining in the magazine.

MODEL 1894 COWBOY II LEVER ACTION RIFLE 357 MAGNUM

IMPORTANT

This manual contains operating, care and maintenance instructions. To assure safe operation, any user of this firearm must read this manual carefully. Failure to follow the instructions and warnings in this manual can cause accidents resulting in injury or death. This manual should always accompany this firearm, and be transferred with it upon change of ownership.

The warranty card attached to the cover must be filled out and mailed within 10 days of purchase.

WARNING: KEEP THIS FIREARM OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

LIMITED WARRANTY AND CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

To insure warranty protection for your Marlin firearm, this warranty card must be completed and mailed within 10 days of purchase.

Marlin Model 1894 Cowboy II (357 Mag./38 Spl.)

Serial Number _____ Date of Purchase _____

I have read the Owner's Manual
and request registration of my warranty.

Please Print

Owner _____ Address _____

(signature of owner)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Store where purchased _____ City _____ State _____

To help us provide new and better products we would appreciate your answers to the following questions.

Your Occupation

- Farm
 Student
 Office

- Industrial
 Professional
 Managerial
- Which of these influenced your purchase?
 Previous experience
 with Marlin product
 Magazine Ad
 Newspaper Ad
 Magazine Article

Why did you buy a Marlin?

- Durability
 The Way it Handles
 Price
 Appearance

Your Age Group

- Under 18
 18-24
 35-49
 50+

Was this gun a gift?

- Yes
 No

LIMITED WARRANTY

The Marlin Firearms Company FIVE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY AGAINST DEFECTS IN MATERIAL & WORKMANSHIP

This firearm warranty is good only to the ORIGINAL OWNER who has registered his ownership with The Marlin Firearms Company at 100 Kenna Drive, North Haven, Connecticut.

WARRANTY and CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP card **must** be completed and mailed to The Marlin Firearms Company at the above address WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS of purchase to insure the protection of the warranty. NOTICE of defect in materials and/or workmanship **must** be received by the company WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS from the date of purchase.

Normal wear, or damage resulting from neglect, abuse, alteration, or repairs not made or authorized by The Marlin Firearms Company or use of non-Marlin parts are not covered by the warranty.

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

MARLIN'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE ABOVE WARRANTY

1. After notice of defect in material and/or workmanship is received by The Marlin Firearms Company, Marlin shall send instructions for shipment of the firearm; and repairs will be made and the firearm returned within a reasonable time after the firearm is received. Cost of shipping, insurance charges, etc. involved in returning the firearm to the company shall be prepaid by the original owner.
2. Cost of parts and labor performed shall be provided without charge by The Marlin Firearms Company.
3. If The Marlin Firearms Company, after receipt of the firearm, determines that the defects in material and/or workmanship were the result of abuse and/or neglect, or otherwise not covered by the warranty set forth above, Marlin shall notify such owner to that effect and give an estimate for repair. In such cases, repair, return shipping and insurance charges, etc. shall be paid by such owner.
4. In the event that The Marlin Firearms Company is unable to make warranty repairs to the firearm, it shall, within a reasonable time after its receipt, notify the owner to that effect and give him the option either to receive a replacement of the same model, if then available in its inventory, or to receive a refund, either of which, if feasible, will be made through the store of purchase.

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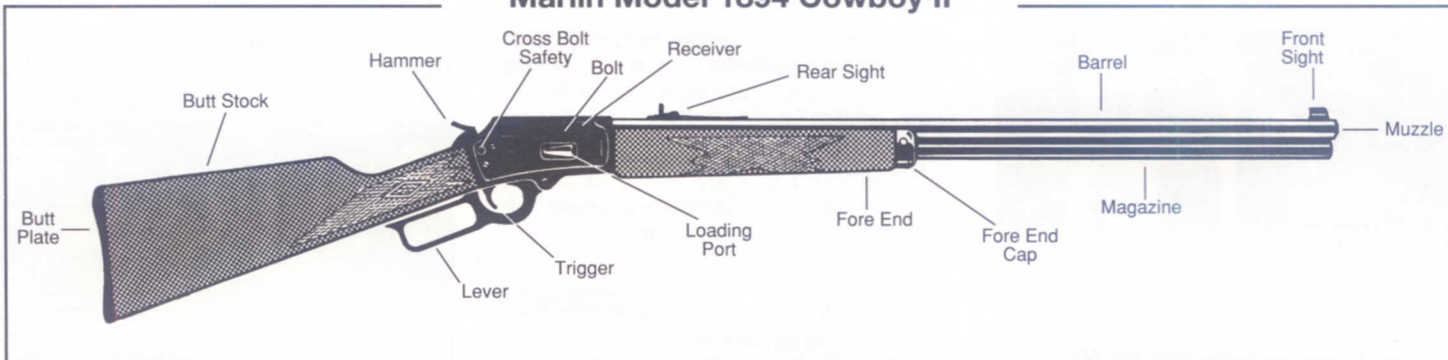


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Marlin Model 1894 Cowboy II



Before You Use This Firearm

It is very important that you read and understand this manual before using your firearm. Warnings should be read and heeded carefully. Also follow "Marlin's Guide to Gun Safety," printed in this manual.

•**WARNING:** We specifically disclaim responsibility for any damage or injury occurring with a Marlin firearm in which faulty, non-standard, "remanufactured", or handloaded (reloaded) ammunition is used.

Ammunition Note: The 1894 CBII is designed to handle 357 Magnum factory-loaded ammunition (except wad cutters and shot shells). It will also function with 38 Special cartridges.

Minimum overall cartridge length— 1.400"
Maximum overall cartridge length— 1.590"

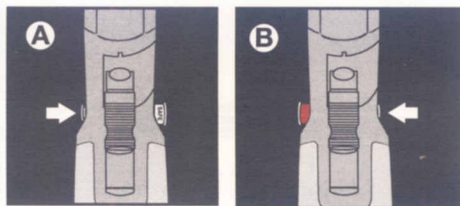
Use of the Hammer Spur

•**WARNING:** Only use the hammer spur on the gun with which it was packed. It will not fasten securely on narrower ($\frac{1}{4}$ " Marlin or Glenfield hammers, or other hammers, and could cause a dangerous situation.

Because of its solid top, side ejecting receiver, your rifle is ideally suited for use with a scope. The receiver is drilled and tapped for scope mounting. However, once mounted, most scope and mount combinations do not allow sufficient clearance for your thumb between the eyepiece

and hammer for safe operation. In order to operate the hammer safely, we recommend that you use the offset hammer spur packed with your gun, when using a scope. A $\frac{1}{16}$ " hexagonal wrench for attaching the spur is also included.

For right hand use, position the spur so that it protrudes from the right side of the hammer, slide the spur as far forward on the hammer as it will go, and tighten the set screw. For left hand use, mount the spur so that it protrudes from the left side of the hammer, and tighten set screw. Be sure the set screw tightens into the small notch on either the right or left side of the hammer, and check regularly to be sure that it is tight.



SAFE Position

FIRE Position

- **WARNING:** Do not use the gun with a scope unless the hammer spur is securely attached in the proper position. Make periodic checks to be sure the set screw securing the spur to the hammer is tight.

Safety Features

Your rifle has a two-piece firing pin and a trigger block, both of which prevent firing until the lever is completely closed. It is also equipped with two manual safety devices, which, when used properly, provide an added degree of safety.

- **WARNING:** Before loading your rifle, become familiar with the operation of the hammer block safety and the hammer positions (FULL FORWARD, HALF COCK and FULL COCK), by practicing with the rifle unloaded.
- **WARNING:** Never disassemble the safety. It has been correctly designed, fitted and tested and is not reversible. Any mechanical device can fail, however, so

never rely on the safety to justify careless handling. Never use a gun with a safety that does not function properly.

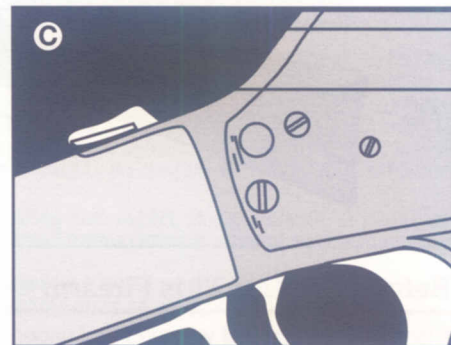
1. How to Operate the Hammer Block Safety

The Hammer Block Safety mechanism is a round button located at the rear of the receiver. To put your rifle on SAFE, first move the hammer to the Half Cock position (See D). Push the safety button from left to right as far as it will go (See A). The safety is now on SAFE and the word SAFE will appear around the right side of the button. The hammer should now be in the Half Cock position and the safety on SAFE. *This is the safest way to carry your rifle when it is loaded.* At all other times the action should be open.

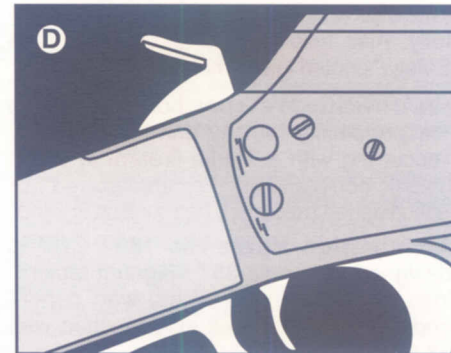
NOTE: You can only move the safety button if the hammer is in the Half Cock or Full Cock position. It will not move if the hammer is in the Full Forward position, or if the hammer is resting on the safety in the SAFE position (slightly forward of Half Cock).

To move the safety button to the FIRE position, push it from right to left as far as it will go (See B). A red ring will appear around the left side of the button as a warning that

it is in the FIRE position. *If the hammer is pulled all the way back at this point, the rifle will be cocked and ready to fire.*

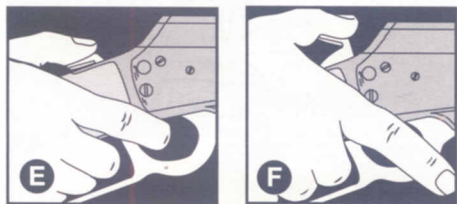


Full Cock



Half Cock

Changing hammer position—



Full Cock — to Half Cock

2. Full Cock and Half Cock Hammer Positions

Exposed hammer lever actions have, for over a century, relied on manipulation of the hammer for both manual cocking of the rifle as well as the traditional Half Cock safety position. Your rifle has these traditional hammer positions as well as the added benefit of a hammer block safety button. Use the following hammer positions in conjunction with the hammer block safety for the safest possible operation.

A.The Full Cock position of the hammer is when it is at its furthest point from the firing pin (See C). If the trigger is pulled when the hammer is in this position, and the safety button is in the FIRE position, the gun will fire.

NOTE: If the trigger is pulled when the hammer is in the Full Cock position, and the rifle is on SAFE, the hammer *will fall*, but will stop before it strikes the firing pin.

B.The Half Cock position of the hammer is between the Full Cock position and the full forward position (See D).

3.To move the hammer in the Half Cock position, first put the hammer block safety on SAFE. The hammer may be moved from Full Cock to the Half Cock position by firmly holding the hammer in the Full Cock position with your thumb. Keep your thumb on the hammer as you pull the trigger. As soon as you feel the hammer exerting forward pressure against your thumb, remove your finger from the trigger and ease the hammer slowly forward to the Half Cock position (See E & F). The hammer is now in the traditional Half Cock “SAFE” position.

To resume the Full Cock position, simply pull the hammer all the way to the rear (See C).

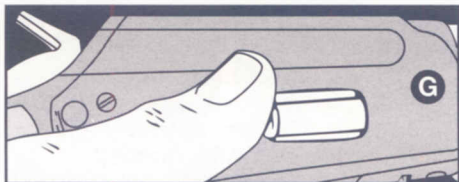
- **WARNING:** Any mechanical device can fail, so never rely on the Half Cock position or the hammer block safety to justify careless handling.
- **WARNING:** Never allow the hammer to rest on the firing pin (hammer in full forward position). If the rifle is loaded and

the hammer is inadvertently struck in the full forward position, the rifle will fire.

- **WARNING:** Should the hammer inadvertently be placed in the Full Forward position, open the bolt, put the hammer block safety on SAFE, and close the bolt. The hammer is now in the Full Cock position. Follow instructions in #3 above to move the hammer to the Half Cock position.
- **WARNING:** Become thoroughly familiar with the hammer positions before loading the rifle with ammunition. Failure to follow the instructions in paragraph 3, above, may result in “false half cock”, a condition that may allow the hammer to fall and fire the rifle if the hammer block safety button is in the FIRE position, and the trigger is pulled.

How to Load

- **WARNING:** Before loading or firing, always check the bore and chamber to be sure they are free of grease, oil, or any other obstruction. With the action open, and the hammer block safety button on SAFE, look through the barrel to see if there is an obstruction. If there is, it must be removed before firing. Otherwise, personal injury or damage could result.



Loading the magazine

1. Loading the magazine. Be sure the bolt is closed (lever to the rear), the hammer block safety button is on SAFE (See A), the hammer is in the Half Cock position (See D), and the gun is pointed in a safe direction. Insert the cartridges, bullet end first, into the loading port. As the cartridge enters the loading port, push it forward into the magazine tube (See G). Be sure that the last cartridge is completely inside the loading port before preparing to fire, or a jammed action may result.

2. Preparing to fire. With the rifle pointed in a safe direction, completely open and close the lever one time. When the hammer block safety button is moved to the FIRE position, your rifle is loaded, cocked, and ready to fire.

•**WARNING:** If you do not want to fire at this point, return the hammer block safety button to the SAFE position, and the hammer to the Half Cock position (See E & F).

3. Loading a Single Cartridge. With the hammer block safety button on SAFE, the rifle empty, and the lever forward (bolt open), place a single cartridge with the bullet forward, in the ejection port, onto the carrier (See H).

Return the lever to the rear position (bolt closed). The cartridge will be fed directly into the chamber and the rifle will be cocked and ready to fire, when the hammer block safety button is moved to the FIRE position.

•**WARNING:** Never attempt to load your rifle with ammunition that does not meet the cartridge designation stamped on the barrel. Use only ammunition suitable for a tubular magazine rifle. We recommend clean, dry, factory-loaded ammunition.

•**WARNING Regarding Ammunition:** Some pointed and full metal jacket round nose bullets are on the market which can chainfire other cartridges in a tubular magazine during recoil causing severe injury and damage. If you are uncertain about the safety of using a particular bullet in your Marlin, contact the ammunition or bullet manufacturer.

•**WARNING:** We specifically disclaim responsibility for any damage or injury



Loading a single cartridge

occurring with a Marlin firearm in which faulty, non-standard, "remanufactured", or handloaded (reloaded) ammunition is used.

How to Fire

With the hammer in the Full Cock position, push the hammer block safety button to the FIRE position and, with the gun pointed at the target, squeeze the trigger.

The gun will fire. Work the lever fully forward and back for each repeat shot. If you do not fire all the cartridges in the magazine, be sure to put the hammer in the Half Cock position and the hammer block safety button on SAFE until you are ready to shoot again.

•**WARNING:** Remember, until a visual check has been made, you should assume that a live round remains in the chamber. Whenever the action is closed, assume a live round is in the chamber.

