



Double Action Revolver All Types - Right Handed Operator

Begin with an UNLOADED FIREARM, UNLOADED CYLINDER, DUMMY ROUNDS (2 minimum) and NO AMMUNITION IN THE ROOM. The drill is begun with an (Unknown) Firearm State. Unloaded, unloaded Cylinder, Cylinder Closed, hammer down, placed on a horizontal surface, Cylinder release (LEFT side) facing up (visible), POINTED IN THE SAFE DIRECTION.

All firearm handling should be performed in a standing position, unless the shooter cannot stand.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION

UNLOADING (Make it Safe)

- 1. Pick up the REVOLVER with your LEFT hand**
 - a. Keep the REVOLVER pointed in a Safe Direction
 - b. Nothing enters the trigger Guard
 - c. Do not place any part of your hands and body in front of the Muzzle
- 2. Place the Revolver GRIP in your Right Hand**
 - a. High and Tight on the Backstrap, web of your hand in the notch
 - b. RIGHT Index Finger ON the FRAME,
 - c. Wrap your 3 Lower Fingers around the Front of the Grip
- 3. Keeping the revolver in a safe direction, move your body so you are at a right angle to the Safe Direction, and your LEFT SHOULDER is FACING the SAFE DIRECTION.**
- 4. Your WORKSPACE is an 18" area, Six inches high (envision a stack of Pizzas), six inches from your chest. Bring the revolver to your CHEST, so the left side of the revolver is vertical and parallel to your Chest, Six inches away. This is your WORKSPACE.**
- 5. Place the TRIGGER GUARD in your LEFT PALM. PLACE your TWO LEFT MIDDLE FINGERTIPS at the TOP of the CYLINDER on the RIGHT SIDE of the Revolver. Place your LEFT Thumb on the LEFT side of the Cylinder.**
- 6. Keeping the REVOLVER pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION, locate the CYLINDER RELEASE on the LEFT Side of the revolver behind the**



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- CYLINDER SLIDING button (S&W & most others), PUSH button (Ruger), or PULL latch (Colt).
7. **OPERATE and HOLD the CYLINDER RELEASE (OPEN) with your RIGHT THUMB (button), while increasing pressure on your two LEFT MIDDLE FINGERTIPS.** The Cylinder will TIP OUT of the frame until it stops open at a 90-degree location. **INSERT your TWO LEFT MIDDLE FINGERS ALL the way into the FRAME, until you cannot go any Further. Close your FOUR LEFT FINGERS, TWO Middle on the OPEN Cylinder, and tour Left Index and Pinky Fingers on the top of the frame (ROCKSTAR GRIP). REMOVE YOUR RIGHT HAND.**
 8. **Orient the REVOLVER MUZZLE STRAIGHT UPWARD (Use Gravity as Your Friend), PRESS THE EJECTOR ROD WITH YOUR LEFT PALM and let any cartridges or casings fall to the ground.** Alternately, if there are *unfired cartridges* in the revolver, you can press the EJECTOR ROD with your LEFT THUMB, letting them fall into your right hand. **Empty your Right hand.**
 9. **KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, CHECK to ensure ALL CHAMBERS are empty in the Cylinder.**

LOADING

10. **Keep the REVOLVER POINTD IN A SAFE DIRECTION, MUZZLE POINTED SLIGHTLY DOWN (Remember" Gravity is your Friend). Looking at the Cartridges, pick up a CARTRIDGE with your Right hand, Round END (Bullet) Exposed.**
11. **Insert the CARTRIDGE into an EMPTY CHAMBER. Repeat this until the CYLINDER HAS NO EMPTY CHAMBERS.**

OPERATING

12. **KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, REACQUIRE your RIGHT-HAND Grip (Finger on the Frame), prepare to REMOVE YOUR LEFT HAND from the revolver.**
13. **As you remove your LEFT MIDDLE FINGERS from the FRAME, press the CYLINDER in with your thumb. Once your fingers are all the way out, PRESS THE CYLINDER IN FIRMLY UNTIL YOU HEAR OR FEEL THE CYLINDER RELEASE LOCK THE CYLINDER IN.**
14. **REACQUIRE a TWO-HANDED GRIP by placing the INSIDE OF YOUR LEFT HAND OVER YOUR GRIPPED RIGHT FINGERS.**



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- 15. SLIDE your LEFT HAND upward so that the BOTTOM OF YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER touches the BOTTOM OF THE TRIGGER GUARD.**
- 16. EXTEND YOUR ARMS TO ALIGN WITH THE TARGET (Safe Direction).**
 - a. This provides the basis for a two handed “Isosceles” Grip.
 - b. Your left hand will slide rearward so the thick, lower part of your thumb will come to rest on the side of the Revolver grip in the area not covered by your right fingertips, filling the void. Your left hand **MUST** be in this position whenever you are firing the Revolver with two hands.
- 17. PLACE YOUR LEFT THUMB ABOVE OF YOUR RIGHT THUMB, FACING FORWARD.**
 - a. **DO NOT PLACE OR PRESS YOUR LEFT THUMB BEHIND the REVOLVER AT ANY TIME.**

SINGLE ACTION:

- 18. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, Using your LEFT THUMB, COCK THE HAMMER (to the rear) and return your hand to the proper position, with the bottom your left thumb on top of your right thumb. MAKE SURE NO PART OF YOUR BODY IS NEAR THE GAP BETWEEN THE BARREL AND THE CYLINDER.**
- 19. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, Insert your RIGHT FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is touching your finger JUST ABOVE the JOINT CREASE.**
- 20. When your SIGHTS are ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET (*SIGHT PICTURE*), PREPARE TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR FINGER REARWARD.**
- 21. WHILE KEEPING A PROPER *SIGHT PICTURE*, slowly increase the pressure on the Trigger, LITTLE BIT BY BIT. *THINK: “TOP OF THE FRONT SIGHT”* . *Continue this step several times until the Hammer Drops and the Revolver fires. You should NOT know when the Revolver will fire.***
- 22. REPEAT Steps 5-8 Above.**

DOUBLE ACTION:

- 23. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, insert your RIGHT FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is IN THE FIRST JOINT CREASE.**
- 24. When your SIGHTS are ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET (*SIGHT PICTURE*), PREPARE TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR FINGER REARWARD.**



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- a. There will be more resistance and travel firing in the Double Action mode, due to the trigger performing two actions: Bringing the HAMMER back and dropping the hammer to fire.
25. SLOWLY INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE TRIGGER, **BIT BY BIT**. *THINK: "TOP OF THE FRONT SIGHT"*. Continue slowly increasing pressure until the Hammer Drops and the Revolver fires.
- a. You should NOT know when the Revolver will fire.
26. REPEAT Steps 10-12 Above.

DECOCKING (Safely lowering the HAMMER, WITHOUT firing the Revolver):

27. SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS NEED TO BE USED. *Begin in the Single Action State:*
28. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION and with your Right FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER, use your LEFT THUMB, and COCK THE HAMMER (to the rear).
29. Place your LEFT THUMB FIRMLY on the REAR of the REVOLVER Frame IN FRONT OF THE HAMMER.
30. Place your RIGHT THUMB LESS FIRMLY on the HAMMER SPUR (REAR of the HAMMER), enough to stop any movement of the hammer, but NOT too much so the HAMMER is NOT pressed down to the maximum rearward position.
31. WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS, insert your RIGHT FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is touching your finger JUST ABOVE the JOINT CREASE.
32. BEGIN TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR FINGER REARWARD, KEEPING YOUR THUMBS IN THEIR SLIDE-HAMMER POSITIONS, the Hammer will "break", moving forward but stopping while putting pressure on your left thumb,
33. REMOVE YOUR RIGHT FINGER FROM THE TRIGGER GUARD, **WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS**, and RETURN YOUR FINGER TO REST ON THE SIDE OF THE FRAME ABOVE THE TRIGGER GUARD.
34. WHILE KEEPING PRESSURE on the HAMMER SPUR with your RIGHT THUMB, slowly remove your left thumb from in front of the Hammer and lower it to rest as far forward as it will allow.
35. Repeat DECOCKING above until 3 SUCCESSFUL operations are demonstrated.

It is CRITICAL to ensure that the Trigger Finger is removed from the TRIGGER GUARD and placed on the FRAME **BEFORE EITHER THUMB IS MOVED FROM THE**



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HAMMER AREA. This ensures that any internal safety mechanisms are not deactivated by rearward trigger movement.

UNLOADING (Make it Safe)

36. Keeping the revolver in a safe direction, move your body so you are at a right angle to the Safe Direction, and your LEFT SHOULDER is FACING the SAFE DIRECTION.
37. Bring the revolver to your WORKSPACE, so the left side of the revolver is vertical and parallel to your Chest, Six inches away.
38. Place the TRIGGER GUARD in your LEFT PALM. PLACE your TWO LEFT MIDDLE FINGERTIPS at the TOP of the CYLINDER on the RIGHT SIDE of the Revolver. Place your LEFT Thumb on the LEFT side of the Cylinder.
39. Keeping the REVOLVER pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION, locate the CYLINDER RELEASE on the RIGHT Side of the revolver behind the CYLINDER SLIDING button (S&W & most others), PUSH button (Ruger), or PULL latch (Colt).
40. OPERATE and HOLD the CYLINDER RELEASE (OPEN) with your RIGHT THUMB (button), while increasing pressure on your two LEFT MIDDLE FINGERTIPS. The Cylinder will TIP OUT of the frame until it stops open at a 90-degree location. INSERT your TWO LEFT MIDDLE FINGERS ALL the way into the FRAME, until you cannot go any Further. Close your FOUR LEFT FINGERS, TWO Middle on the OPEN Cylinder, and your Left Index and Pinky Fingers on the top of the frame (ROCKSTAR GRIP). REMOVE YOUR RIGHT HAND.
41. Orient the REVOLVER MUZZLE STRAIGHT UPWARD (Use Gravity as Your Friend), PRESS THE EJECTOR ROD WITH YOUR RIGHT PALM and let any cartridges or casings fall to the ground. Alternately, if there are *unfired cartridges* in the revolver, you can press the EJECTOR ROD with your LEFT THUMB, letting them fall into your right hand. Empty your Right hand.
42. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, CHECK to ensure ALL CHAMBERS are empty in the Cylinder.
43. REACQUIRE your Right Hand Grip, REMOVE YOUR LEFT HAND from the revolver, turn your Left hand so it is palm down over the left side of the revolver, PINCH THE CYLINDER with your Left thumb and fingers, REMOVE YOUR RIGHT HAND, and PLACE THE REVOLVER on a SURFACE, OPEN CYLINDER UP (for Visibility), POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
44. If there are cartridges or Empty casings on the ground, pick them up for safety now. If unfired cartridges have gotten sandy/ dirty/ wet, wipe them off before using them.