



## **SA Revolver All Types - Left 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, Gate Closed, hammer down, placed on a horizontal surface, Gate facing up (visible)**

**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 firearm 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. Turn so you are facing 45 degrees to the right of your safe direction, while keeping the gun pointed in the center of the safe direction. The gun should now be moved to your WORKSPACE. Bring the Firearm to your WORKSPACE (Chest High, 6 to 8 Inches from your body), while keeping it pointed at the center of the SAFE DIRECTION.**
- 4. Turn the revolver on its side, place your LEFT hand underneath the gun with the barrel extending out between your thumb and index finger. Close your LEFT thumb, index finger, and middle finger around the base of the barrel. Place your LEFT ring and little finger along the edge of the frame. Make sure that no part of your LEFT hand touches any part of the cylinder.**
- 5. From this point to having the gun fully loaded, no part of your left hand should move at all. This is called the “CLAW” grip.**
- 6. Keeping the Firearm pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION, locate the Loading Gate behind the cylinder top facing you. USING your RIGHT THUMB ONLY, Put the tip of your RIGHT THUMB into the notch at the rear of the gate. Push the GATE DOOR Up until it stays open under spring pressure.**
- 7. Keeping your RIGHT HAND ON THE GRIP, use your RIGHT INDEX FINGER to turn the cylinder Clockwise. It will only move in one direction. While looking at the chamber holes in the notch, verify that all the cylinder**



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chambers are **EMPTY**. If there are 6 (six) chambers in the cylinder, check 7 (seven), if 8 (eight), check 9 (nine), etc.

- a. If the cylinder does not freely, rotate in a clockwise direction with the Gate Open, **WITH YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER**, Pull the hammer back to the half-cock position. Some revolvers use this action to unlock the cylinder for loading.

### **LOADING: SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER**

8. Keeping the Firearm pointed in a **SAFE DIRECTION** , remove your **RIGHT HAND** from the grip, pick up a Cartridge from the bench, and place it in the first empty cylinder.
  - a. If the cylinder chamber is too far rotated to Clockwise to insert the cartridge, using your **RIGHT INDEX FINGER**, move the Cylinder clockwise and insert in the **NEXT Chamber**. Continue this until there are no empty chambers remaining.
  - b. Re-establish your **RIGHT-HAND GRIP** and use your **RIGHT INDEX FINGER** to **CLOSE** the Loading Gate.
  - c. **TRANSFER** the Revolver to your **LEFT-HAND GRIP**, while keeping it pointed in a safe direction.
  - d. Remove your **Right HAND** from the gun, maintaining your **LEFT-HAND Grip**, remember:
    - i. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe Direction
    - ii. Nothing enters the trigger Guard
    - iii. Do not place any part of your hands and body in front of the Muzzle

### **OPERATING: SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER**

9. Keep the Firearm pointed in a **SAFE DIRECTION**, acquire a **TWO-HANDED GRIP** by placing the **INSIDE OF YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR GRIPPED LEFT FINGERS**.
10. **SLIDE** your **RIGHT HAND** upward so that the **TOP RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR RIGHT INDEX FINGER** touches the **BOTTOM OF THE TRIGGER GUARD**.
11. **EXTEND YOUR ARMS TO ALIGN WITH THE TARGET (Safe Direction)**.
  - a. This provides the basis for a two handed “Isosceles” Grip.



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- b. Your RIGHT hand will slide rearward so the thick, lower part of your RIGHT thumb will come to rest on the side of the revolver grip in the area not covered by your LEFT fingertips, filling the void. Your RIGHT hand MUST be in this position whenever you are firing the pistol with two hands.
- 12. LET YOUR RIGHT THUMB FALL SO THAT IT COMES TO REST ON THE TOP of your LEFT THUMB.**
  - a. DO NOT PLACE OR PRESS YOUR RIGHT THUMB ON THE PISTOL FRAME OR SLIDE. This will reduce aiming accuracy problems.
- 13. KEEP THE PISTOL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, using your RIGHT THUMB, COCK THE HAMMER (to the rear) and then return your RIGHT hand to the proper grip position, with the bottom your RIGHT thumb touching the grip.**
- 14. KEEP THE PISTOL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, insert your LEFT FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is touching your finger JUST ABOVE the JOINT CREASE.**
- 15. When your SIGHTS are ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET (*SIGHT PICTURE*), BEGIN TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR FINGER REARWARD, taking up any slack in the trigger pull. Stop when you feel resistance. This is “THE WALL.”**
- 16. When your finger stops at the wall while keeping a proper *SIGHT PICTURE*, slowly increase the pressure on the Trigger, BIT BY BIT. *THINK: “TOP OF THE FRONT SIGHT” or “DOT IN THE MIDDLE.” Continue this step several times until the Hammer Drops and the Pistol fires. You should NOT know when the hammer will drop. Repeat 1 time.***

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

- 17. SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS NEED TO BE USED. *Begin in the Single Action Cocked State:***
- 18. KEEP THE PISTOL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION and with your LEFT FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER, use your RIGHT THUMB, and COCK THE HAMMER (to the rear).**
- 19. Place your RIGHT THUMB FIRMLY on the REAR of the PISTOL FRAME IN FRONT OF THE HAMMER.**
- 20. Place your LEFT THUMB LESS FIRMLY on the HAMMER SPUR (REAR of the HAMMER), enough to stop any movement of the hammer, but NOT too much ensuring the HAMMER is NOT pressed down to the maximum rearward position.**



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21. **WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS**, insert your **LEFT INDEX FINGER** into the **TRIGGER GUARD**, so that the trigger is touching your finger **JUST ABOVE** the **JOINT CREASE**.
22. **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**, **DO NOT MOVE YOUR THUMBS BEFORE THE NEXT STEP**.
23. **REMOVE YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER FROM THE TRIGGER GUARD**, **WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS**, and **RETURN YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER TO REST ON THE SIDE OF THE FRAME ABOVE THE TRIGGER GUARD**.
24. **WHILE KEEPING PRESSURE** on the **HAMMER SPUR** with your **LEFT THUMB**, **CAREFULLY** remove your **RIGHT thumb** from in front of the Hammer and lower it to rest as far forward as it will allow.
25. 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 HAMMER AREA.** This ensures that any internal safety mechanisms are not deactivated by rearward trigger movement.

### **UNLOADING (Make it Safe)**

26. **WITH YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER ON THE FRAME**, **SAFELY TRANSFER THE REVOLVER TO A RIGHT-HANDED GRIP**.
27. **TURN SO YOU ARE FACING 90 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR SAFE DIRECTION**, **WHILE KEEPING THE GUN POINTED IN THE CENTER OF THE SAFE DIRECTION**. The gun should now be moved to your **WORKSPACE**. Bring the Firearm to your **WORKSPACE** (Chest High, 6 to 8 Inches from your body), while keeping it pointed at the center of the **SAFE DIRECTION**.
28. Turn the revolver on its side, place your **LEFT hand** underneath the gun with the barrel extending out between your thumb and index finger. Close your **LEFT thumb**, index finger, and middle finger around the base of the barrel. Place your **LEFT ring and little finger** along the edge of the frame. Make sure that no part of your **LEFT hand** touches any part of the cylinder. From this point to having the gun fully loaded, no part of your left hand should move at all. This is called the “**CLAW**” grip.



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29. Keeping the Firearm pointed in a **SAFE DIRECTION**, locate the Loading Gate behind the cylinder top facing you. **USING** your **RIGHT THUMB ONLY**, Put the tip of your **RIGHT THUMB** into the notch at the rear of the gate. Push the **GATE DOOR** Up until it stays open under spring pressure.
30. Keeping your **RIGHT HAND ON THE GRIP**, use your **RIGHT INDEX FINGER** to turn the cylinder **Clockwise**. It will only move in one direction. While looking at the chamber holes in the notch, verify that all of the cylinder chambers are **EMPTY**. If there are 6 (six) chambers in the cylinder, check 7 (seven), if 8 (eight), check 9 (nine), etc.
31. Using your **RIGHT INDEX FINGER**, Rotate the cylinder clockwise until a full cartridge base **JUST BECOMES VISIBLE**. **STOP** there. Then take your **RIGHT HAND** off the revolver, **REACH UNDER THE** Revolver with your **RIGHT HAND**, moving your **RIGHT HAND** forward until you can use your **RIGHT THUMB** and **RIGHT INDEX FINGER** to grasp the **EJECTOR ROD HANDLE**. **PULL** the **EJECTOR ROD REARWARD UNTIL THE CARTRIDGE CASE APPEARS**
  - a. You may remove the case with your **RIGHT HAND** and place it on the bench or let it fall to the ground.
  - b. Repeat this until the revolver is empty.
32. Keeping your **RIGHT HAND ON THE GRIP**, use your **RIGHT INDEX FINGER** to turn the cylinder **Clockwise**. It will only move in one direction. While looking at the chamber holes in the notch, verify that all of the cylinder chambers are **EMPTY**. If there are 6 (six) chambers in the cylinder, check 7 (seven), if 8 (eight), check 9 (nine), etc.

**DO NOT pick anything up odd the ground until the Revolver is confirmed safe and unloaded and placed on the bench at the end of the exercise.**

33. **KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**, place the **UNLOADED** Revolver in your **LEFT Hand**, remove your **RIGHT hand**, and place the revolver **RIGHT SIDE UP**, on a surface with the **GATE OPEN** for Inspection. This allows others to see that the pistol is unloaded.
34. If there is a **CARTRIDGE** on the **Floor/ Ground**, pick it up now. If it has gotten **sandy/ dirty/ wet**, wipe it off before using it.