

Owner's Manual

A black Marlin Model XL7 bolt action centerfire rifle is shown in a top-down view, resting on a topographic map. The rifle is equipped with a large, black, high-magnification scope. To the right of the rifle, five brass rifle cartridges are laid out on the map. The map shows various geographical features like ridges, valleys, and roads. The rifle's receiver and bolt are visible, showing the classic Marlin design.

Marlin[®] MODEL XL7 BOLT ACTION CENTERFIRE RIFLE

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 bound into this manual must be filled out and mailed within 10 days of purchase.
WARNING: KEEP THIS FIREARM OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN, UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHERS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS.

COMES WITH MARLIN'S 5-YEAR WARRANTY

How Your Rifle is Made

Your rifle has been made to Marlin's strictest standards of safety and reliability. It has been proof tested with a high pressure load, function fired, and checked for accuracy at the factory. Built with tradition and engineered to last, your rifle is the product of over 135 years of Marlin technology.

Before You Use This Firearm

It is very important that you read and understand this manual before using your new rifle. Warnings should be read and heeded carefully. Also follow the safety rules listed in "Marlin's Guide to Gun Safety", printed on this page.

- **WARNING:** Marlin firearms are designed and manufactured to handle standard factory-loaded ammunition which conforms to SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute Inc.) standards with dependability and safety. Due to the many bullet and load options available, the element of judgement involved, the skill required, and the fact that serious injuries have resulted from dangerous handloads, Marlin does not make any recommendations with regard to handloaded ammunition.
- **WARNING:** Your rifle should not be assembled, used or disassembled without fully reading and understanding the instructions in this manual.
- **WARNING:** It is a violation of federal law to alter or deface the serial number of any firearm.

Marlin's Guide to Gun Safety

1. Read and understand the owner's manual before using a firearm.
2. If you are unfamiliar with firearms, attend a firearms safety class taught by a certified instructor.
3. Handle every firearm as if it were loaded and ready to fire.
4. Control the muzzle, and never point a firearm at anything you don't want to shoot.
5. Keep the safety on SAFE until you are ready to shoot.
6. Unless you are hunting, carry your firearm empty, with the action open.
7. Before shooting, be sure you have an adequate backstop. All ammunition is dangerous beyond your line of sight.
8. Avoid ricochets by never shooting at water or any hard, flat surface.
9. Do not run, climb, or jump over an obstacle with a loaded firearm.
10. Do not climb into or out of a tree or tree stand with a loaded firearm. Do not allow others to pass loaded firearms to you while in a tree stand.
11. Do not enter or ride in a motor vehicle with loaded firearms.
12. Do not lean a loaded firearm against anything.
13. Do not bump, drop or jar a loaded firearm.
14. Do not pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
15. Wear hearing protectors when shooting.
16. Wear impact-protective glasses when shooting, disassembling or cleaning firearms.
17. Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before and during shooting.
18. Use only ammunition of the correct gauge, caliber, size and bullet shape for your firearm.
19. Do not use damaged, dirty, modified, or improperly handloaded ammunition.
20. Keep the barrel and mechanism of the firearm free of obstructions.
21. Do not use a firearm that fails to function properly. Do not try to force a jammed action.
22. Be sure no one is in the path of ejecting shells or cartridges.
23. Do not interchange parts between firearms, and be sure disassembly and reassembly are correct and complete.
24. Before cleaning, be sure the chamber, action and magazine are completely unloaded.
25. Unload firearms before storing, transporting, or leaving unattended.
26. Store firearms and ammunition separately, locked and out of the reach of children.

Failure to follow these rules, or other instructions in this manual, can result in personal injury.

Bolt Installation

To install the bolt, first check to ensure the chamber is empty. Line up the locking lugs with the recesses at the rear of the receiver and push the bolt forward. (If bolt sleeve/cocking piece are out of location, do not force. Consult a gunsmith or call Marlin Gun Service Dept.)

How to Operate the Safety

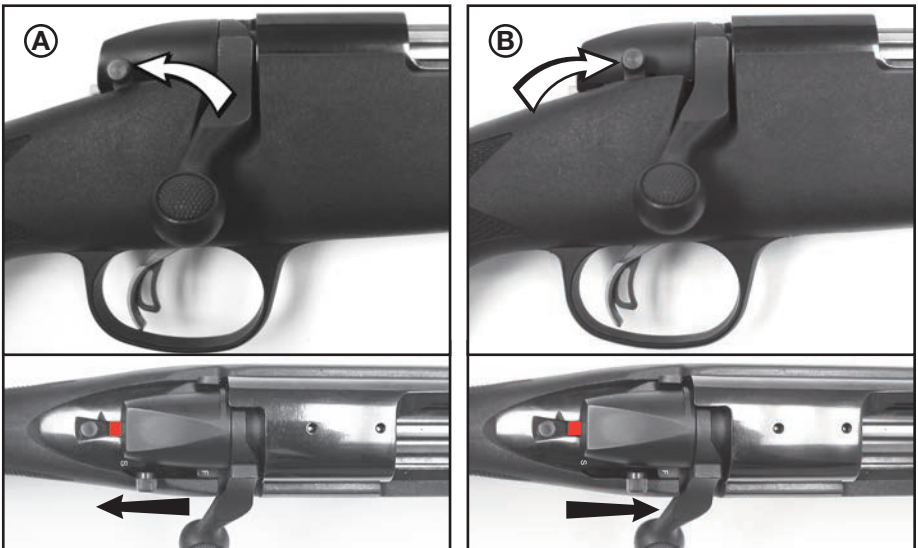
The safety button is round and located on the right side of the receiver behind the bolt handle. The letters "F" and "S" are engraved on either side of the safety button.

- **WARNING:** Prior to firing, know and understand the operation of the safety by practicing with the rifle unloaded. Do not touch the trigger while operating the safety, or at any other time, unless you are ready to shoot.
- **WARNING:** Never put the safety between the SAFE and FIRE positions. Always place it in either the forward position (FIRE) or rearward position (SAFE). Unless the safety is in either the forward or rearward position, you cannot be certain whether it is on SAFE or FIRE.

This rifle is equipped with a two-position safety which will operate when the bolt is open, or closed and rifle is cocked. When cocked, a red indicator is visible beneath the bolt sleeve (See Figures A and B). To cock the rifle, rotate the bolt handle all the way up and pull the bolt rearward until you can see the chamber and magazine to ensure they are empty. Then push the bolt forward and rotate the handle down to its original position. The rifle is now empty and cocked and the red indicator will be visible.

The two safety positions.

1. **Fully to the rear "S"** (See A). This is the SAFE position. With the safety in this position, the trigger is blocked, the bolt is not. This position should be used for carrying in the field and during loading and unloading the chamber and magazine.
2. **Fully forward "F"** (See B). This is the FIRE position. If the chamber is loaded and the trigger is pulled with the safety in this position, the rifle will fire.



Fully to rear, safe

Fully forward, fire

- **WARNING:** Never disassemble the safety. It has been correctly designed, fitted and tested. Any mechanical device can fail, however, so never rely on the safety to justify careless handling. Never use a firearm with a safety that does not function properly. (See instructions for factory maintenance in this manual.)

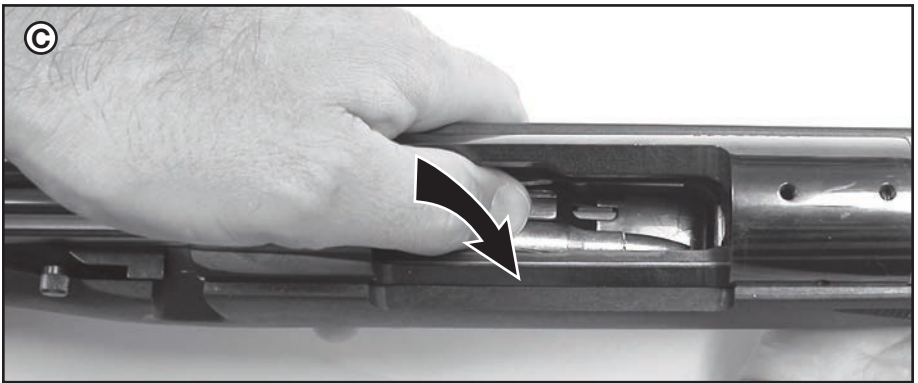
How to Load

- **WARNING:** Before loading, be sure that all grease, oil or any obstruction has been removed from the barrel and chamber. Use only the ammunition type inscribed on the barrel of your rifle.

1. With the rifle pointed in a safe direction and the safety in the safe position (See A, pg. 3), lift the bolt handle and pull the bolt back as far as it will go.

Note: If bolt is not cocked, safety cannot be moved. In this case, open bolt and move safety to safe position (See A, pg. 3).

2. Push four cartridges, one at a time, straight down into the magazine, and flush with the rear wall (See C).



Loading the magazine

3. One additional cartridge can be loaded directly into the chamber (See D). This is not recommended unless you are ready to aim and fire your rifle.

4. Using your thumb to push the cartridges in the magazine all the way down, slide the bolt forward slowly, so that it passes over the top of the cartridges in the magazine (See E).

5. Push the bolt handle all the way down. The chamber and magazine are now loaded. Your rifle is now cocked, with a round in the chamber, and will fire if the safety is placed in the fire position and the trigger is pulled.



Loading the chamber



Closing the bolt over the loaded magazine

How to Fire

- **WARNING:** Before firing your rifle, always be sure of your intended target and that there is a safe backstop beyond.

With the rifle pointed at the target, push the safety to the FIRE position (See B, pg. 3) and pull the trigger.

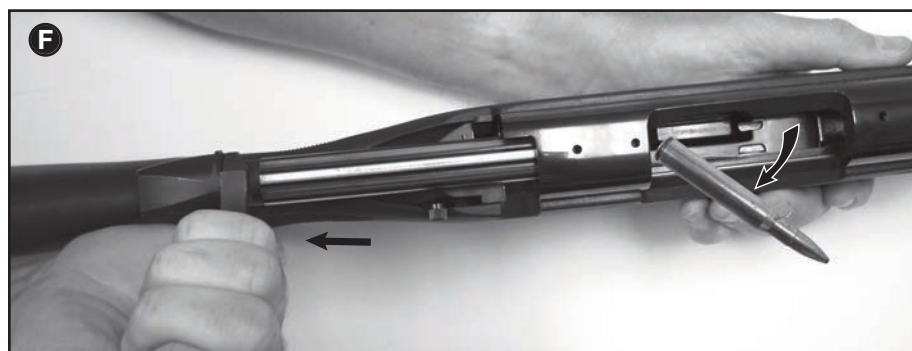
After firing, lift the bolt handle and pull it all the way back, ejecting the fired cartridge case. If you do not want to fire again, see "How to Unload".

To chamber the next cartridge, push the bolt forward and the handle fully down. Your rifle is cocked and ready to fire again. If you do not want to fire again, put the safety in the SAFE position before closing the bolt (See A, pg. 3).

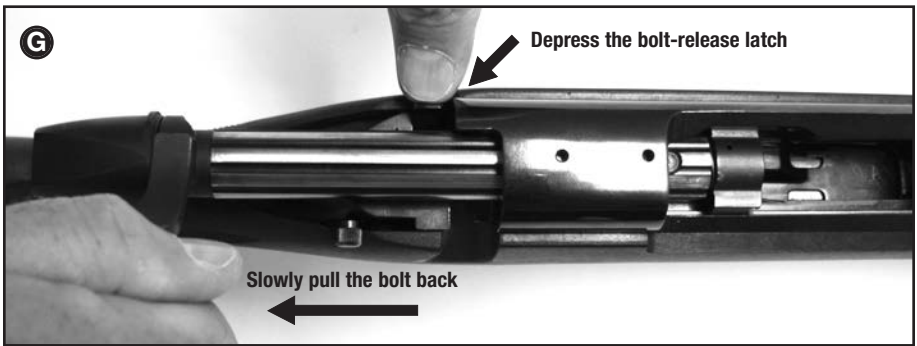
- **WARNING:** A "squib" or underpowered shot, can normally be detected by the unusually low report it makes. Because the bullet may actually still be in the barrel, you must unload completely and, with the bolt removed, look through the barrel from the breech end to see if there is an obstruction. If there is, it must be removed before firing. Otherwise, personal injury or severe damage could result.

How to Unload

With the rifle pointed in a safe direction, and the safety in the SAFE position (See A, pg. 3), lift the bolt handle. Pull the bolt handle back slowly to eject the cartridge from the chamber (See F).



Ejecting cartridges



Removing the bolt

Close the bolt and push the handle all the way down. Lift the handle and pull it all the way back slowly to eject the next cartridge. Repeat this procedure until the chamber and magazine are empty.

- **WARNING:** Check chamber and magazine to be certain that no cartridges remain. If possible, leave the bolt open. If it must be closed, be sure the safety is on.

How to Clean Your Rifle

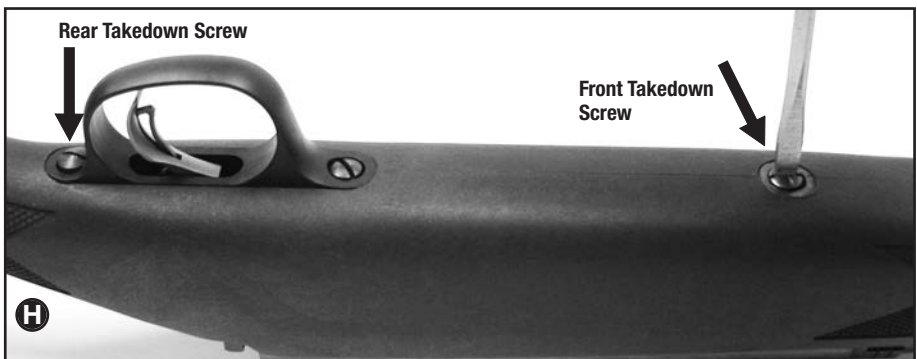
- **WARNING:** Before cleaning your rifle, be certain it is completely unloaded and the bolt has been removed.
- **WARNING:** Never attempt to wipe down or clean a loaded firearm. Follow instructions under "How to Unload" before cleaning.

With the rifle unloaded and pointed in a safe direction, open the bolt and put the safety in the SAFE position (See A, pg. 3). To remove the bolt, lift the bolt handle and slowly pull the bolt back, while depressing the bolt-release latch with your other hand (See G).

With the bolt removed, clean the bore from the breech (chamber) end, using the proper caliber cleaning rod, cleaning patches and powder solvent. Clean and oil the breech bolt and other exposed metal surfaces.

Caution: Before using any solvent or other gun cleaning product, read the label carefully to be sure it will not damage either the finish or any parts of this firearm.

To remove the barreled action from the stock, first remove the bolt, as described above. Turn the rifle upside down and remove the rear takedown screw and the front takedown screw (See H), in that order. Screw heads are either slotted, as shown, or have a 9/64 Allen head.



Removing takedown screws. Note: If screws are slotted, use a screwdriver, as shown. If screws are Allen heads, use a 9/64 Allen Key.

Separate the barreled action from the stock. When separating, note proper magazine spring placement in stock inletting (See I). Clean and oil exposed metal surfaces, and put a small amount of gun grease on the cocking cam surface (See J). (Further disassembly is not recommended.) (Do not attempt to disassemble bolt. Firing pin assembly is under strong spring load and can be dangerous.)

Reassemble the rifle by placing the barreled action back into the stock aligning the magazine spring with the stock inletting notch to ensure proper functioning (See I). Replace the two screws; the front takedown screw followed by the rear takedown screw. Be sure the screws are tightened securely when reassembling, or accuracy will be adversely affected, and damage to the rifle may result when firing.

To reinstall the bolt, line up the locking lugs with the recesses at the rear of the receiver and push the bolt forward. (If bolt sleeve/cocking piece are out of location, do not force. Consult a gunsmith or call Marlin Gun Service Dept.)

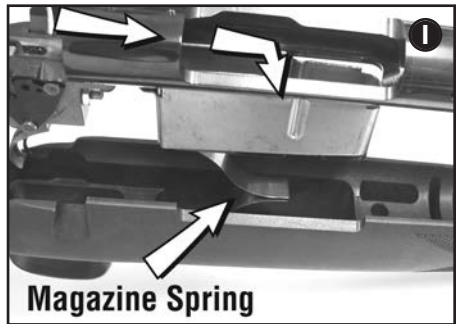
Note: Use a very thin coat of light oil during below freezing conditions. Condensation droplets will form soon after the rifle is brought into a warm room, or the rifle may become wet during inclement weather. In any case, all moisture should be removed. Exterior metal finishes may be wiped down with a slightly oiled cloth. For long term storage, lightly oil the bore, barrel and action with gun oil. Your rifle should be completely unloaded and stored in a dry, ventilated area. Do not store it in a carrying case.

Pro-Fire™ Adjustable Trigger

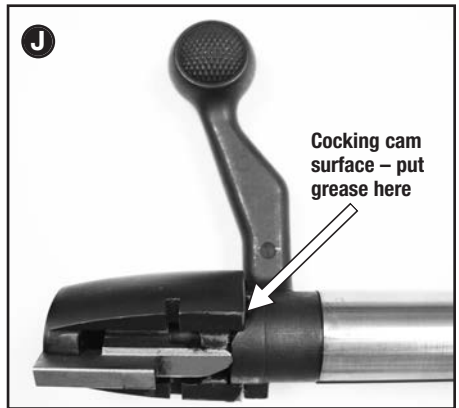
The XL7 bolt action rifle is equipped with Marlin's custom-designed Pro-Fire™ adjustable trigger system. With safety as our primary concern, the Pro-Fire™ design requires the user to place their finger squarely over the trigger release (see K, pg. 8). pulling the trigger from the side or not directly rearward may not disengage the trigger release and not allow the trigger to move.

Trigger Pull Adjustment

- **WARNING:** The XL7 bolt action rifle has a specially designed adjustable trigger. The trigger pull on this firearm has been preset at the factory for field and hunting use. Rifles with trigger pull settings lower than set at the factory are considered target firearms used only for precision shooting under firing range or bench firing conditions. It is the sole responsibility of the user to exercise extreme caution while adjusting and using these firearms. Marlin Firearms accepts no responsibility or liability for any direct and/or consequential damage and/or injury resulting from the misuse, lack of maintenance, adjustment, and/or mishandling of a firearm.



Aligning the magazine spring with the stock inletting notch



Put a small amount of grease on the cocking cam surface

- **WARNING:** Safe ownership and use of this firearm is solely your responsibility. Before adjusting the trigger pull, please thoroughly read and understand the instruction manual in its entirety.
- **WARNING:** Make sure the bolt is open and the firearm is unloaded before removing the stock and adjusting the trigger.

1. Remove the stock (see section “How to Clean Your Rifle” for instruction).
2. Loosen, but do not remove, the jam nut (See K) using a 3/8" open end wrench (not included).

3. Insert a 3/32" hex key wrench into adjusting screw as shown (hex key wrench not included). To increase the trigger pull, turn the hex key wrench clockwise. To decrease the trigger pull, turn the hex key wrench counter-clockwise (See L and M).

Note: If the trigger pull is increased too much, the trigger cannot be pulled. Turn the adjusting screw counter-clockwise until the trigger can be pulled.

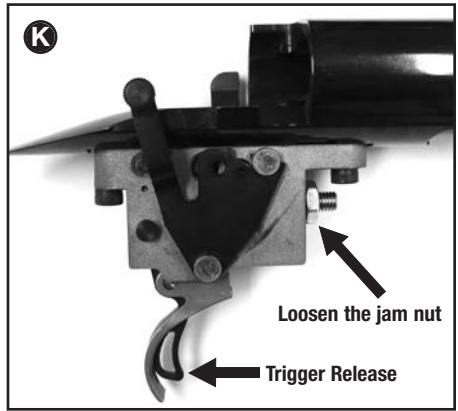
4. After adjusting pull weight tighten the jam nut.

5. FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENT, WITH NO AMMUNITION IN THE FIREARM AND THE MUZZLE POINTING IN A SAFE DIRECTION, close the bolt and verify that the “TWO POSITION SAFETY” is fully operational as explained in the section “How to Operate the Safety”. (You can check adjusted trigger pull weight by using a trigger pull gauge.)

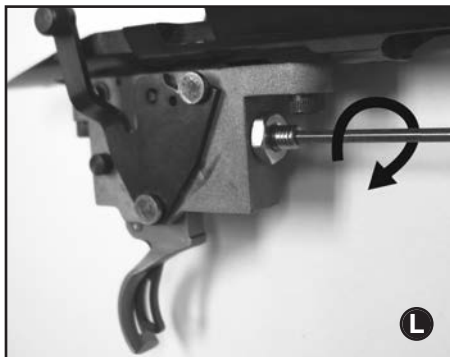
Note: Be sure that you are comfortable with the force that is necessary to pull the trigger. If not, follow the instructions carefully to readjust the trigger for the conditions under which you will use this rifle.

Note: Marlin recommends the trigger pull, as adjusted at the factory (3 pounds +), for field/hunting use. Reduced trigger pulls should only be set for precision/target shooting.

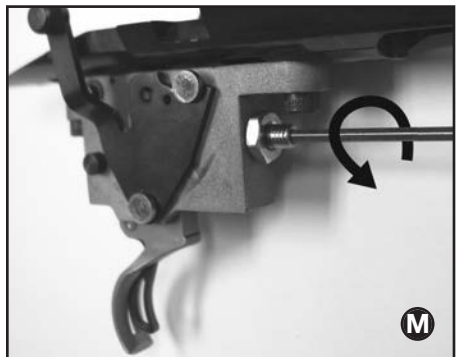
Note: At no time should you tamper with the trigger release or trigger release spring.



- Pro-Fire™ Trigger Release shown
- Trigger pull adjustment, jam nut shown



Trigger pull adjustment: Turn adjusting screw clockwise to increase trigger pull



Trigger pull adjustment: Turn adjusting screw counter-clockwise to decrease trigger pull

Repair Instructions

Your firearm has been designed and manufactured in accordance with Marlin's rigid quality control standards. However, any mechanical device may occasionally require adjustment or repair.

Questions regarding the performance and serviceability of your firearm should be addressed to our Gun Service Division at 1-800-544-8892. You should include the Serial Number, Model Number and a full description of the conditions and problems involved.

Warranty Repairs

Our Warranty policy covers all our firearms against defects in workmanship or material for a period of five years from the date of purchase to the original owner. See the inside front cover of this manual for warranty details.

Guns requiring warranty repairs should be returned to the factory. Be sure to follow the "Shipping and Handling" instructions on this page.

Non-Warranty Repairs

A competent gunsmith may be able to repair your gun. If not, ship it to the factory, following the "Shipping and Handling" instructions on this page.

After receiving your firearm, we will send you an estimate of the repair cost. Repairs will begin upon receipt of your check or money order. If repairs are not possible, your gun will be returned.

Shipping and Handling

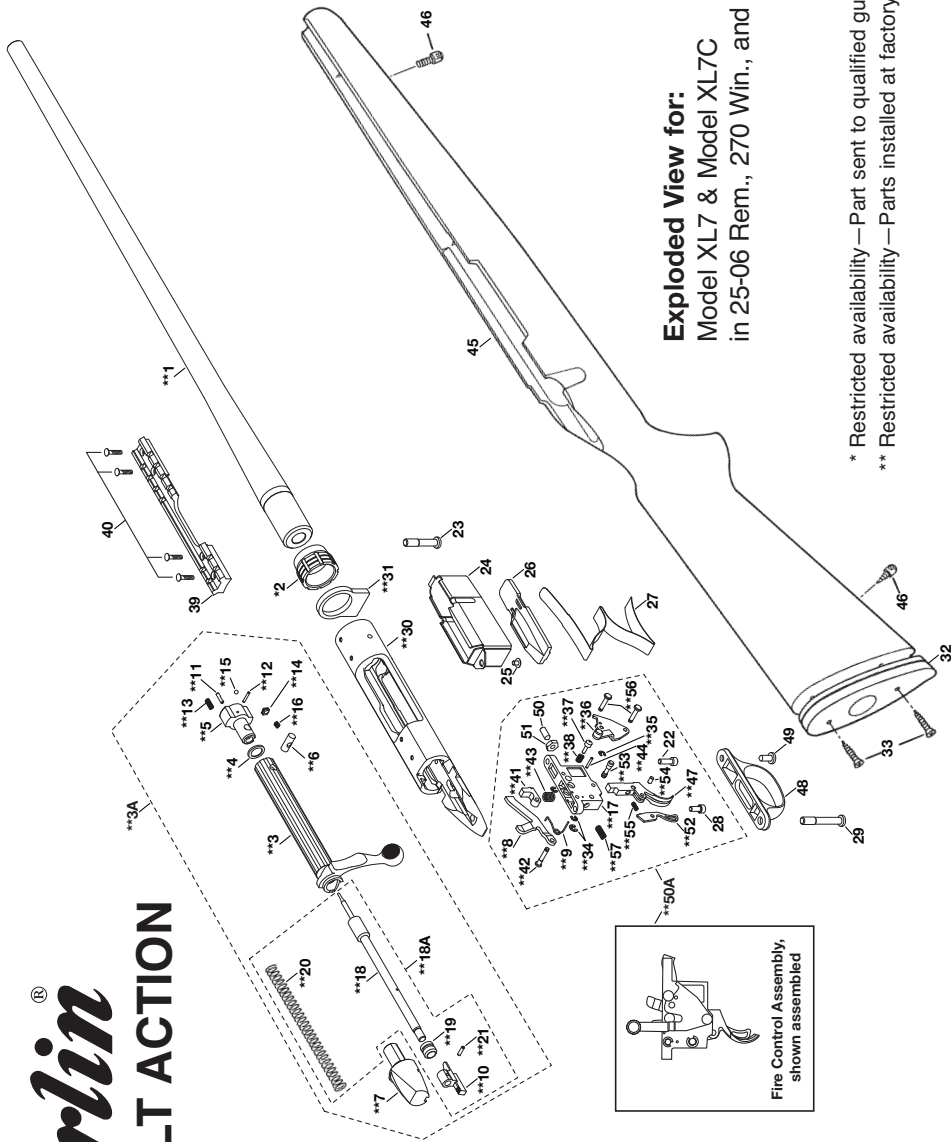
When sending your firearm to the factory, you must follow these instructions:

1. Prior to mailing, be absolutely certain that the chamber and magazine of your firearm are not loaded.
2. Pack your gun carefully. Use ample cushioning and a sturdy outer cardboard box. Do not ship in a special container which you want returned.
3. Accessories such as scopes, scope mounts, gun case, quick detach type swivels, sling straps and other special appointments should be removed prior to returning the firearm.
4. Inside the box, include a sheet with the following information: model number, serial number, description of damage or problem, and under what conditions difficulty occurs.
5. ***Keep a record of your serial number when returning a firearm.***
6. Clearly mark your return address on the outside of the box and on your instruction sheet.
7. Do not ship live ammunition under any circumstances.
8. Ship your firearm via insured Parcel Post or U.P.S. prepaid and addressed to:

**MFC INC.
ATTN: SERVICE DEPT.
100 KENNA DRIVE
NORTH HAVEN, CONN. 06473**

Marlin[®]

XL7 BOLT ACTION RIFLE



Exploded View for:
 Model XL7 & Model XL7C
 in 25-06 Rem., 270 Win., and 30-06 Spr.

* Restricted availability—Part sent to qualified gunsmith only.
 ** Restricted availability—Parts installed at factory only.

PARTS LIST BOLT ACTION XL7 RIFLE

For parts prices, call 1-800-544-8892

Be sure to mention gun serial number when ordering parts

ILL. NO.	PART NAME	PART NUMBER	ILL. NO.	PART NAME	PART NUMBER
**1	Barrel, 270 Win.	117320	**19	Firing Pin Sleeve	477253
**1	Barrel, 30-06 Spr.	117220	**20	Firing Pin Spring	417794
**1	Barrel, 25-06 Rem.	117230	**21	Firing Pin, Cocking Piece Pin	477998
**2	Barrel Nut	477194	22	Front Fire Control Mt. Screw	477090
**3A	Breech Bolt Assembly	577385	23	Front Takedown Screw	477490
**3	Bolt Assembly	577085	24	Magazine Box	477046
**4	Bolt Friction Washer	477153	25	Magazine Box Screw	417193
**5	Bolt Head	177085	26	Magazine Follower	477024
**6	Bolt Head Retaining Pin	477997	27	Magazine Spring	417194
**7	Bolt Sleeve	277088	28	Rear Fire Control Mt. Screw	477290
**8	Bolt Stop	377281	29	Rear Takedown Screw	477590
**9	Bolt Stop Spring	477694	**30	Receiver	120060
**10	Cocking Piece	277054	**31	Recoil Lug	177918
**11	Ejector	477068	32	Recoil Pad	477002
**12	Ejector Retaining Pin	320798	33	Recoil Pad Screw	477995
**13	Ejector Spring	477894	**34	Retaining Ring	420752
**14	Extractor	277069	**35	Retaining Ring	418152
**15	Extractor Ball	401182	**36	Safety	377181
**16	Extractor Spring	477994	**37	Safety Plunger	477089
**17	Fire Control Housing	477160	**38	Safety Plunger Spring	477394
**18A	Firing Pin Assembly	577620	39	Scope Mount Base	477131
**18	Firing Pin	477099	40	Scope Mount Base Screw	320190
**41	Sear	277051	**41	Sear	277051
**42	Sear Bolt Stop Pin	477790	**42	Sear Bolt Stop Pin	477790
**43	Sear Spring	477294	**43	Sear Spring	477294
**44	Sear Stop Pin	477990	**44	Sear Stop Pin	477990
45	Stock: Black Synthetic	577070	45	Stock: Black Synthetic	577070
45	Stock: Camo	577170	45	Stock: Camo	577170
46	Swivel Studs	420793	46	Swivel Studs	420793
**47	Trigger	277043	**47	Trigger	277043
48	Trigger Guard	277158	48	Trigger Guard	277158
49	Trigger Guard Screw	477690	49	Trigger Guard Screw	477690
50A	Fire Control Assembly	577160	50A	Fire Control Assembly	577160
50	Trigger Pull Adj Screw	477890	50	Trigger Pull Adj Screw	477890
51	Trigger Pull Jam Nut	477052	51	Trigger Pull Jam Nut	477052
**52	Trigger Release	377182	**52	Trigger Release	377182
**53	Trigger Release Pin	477190	**53	Trigger Release Pin	477190
**53	Trigger Release Pin	477191	**53	Trigger Release Pin	477191
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**53	Trigger Release Pin	477193	**53	Trigger Release Pin	477193
**54	Trigger Release Pivot Pin	477990	**54	Trigger Release Pivot Pin	477990
**55	Trigger Release Spring	477494	**55	Trigger Release Spring	477494
**56	Trigger Safety Lever Pin	477189	**56	Trigger Safety Lever Pin	477189
**57	Trigger Spring	477594	**57	Trigger Spring	477594

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If you have any questions or problems relating to your new Marlin, would like additional information on safe operation, or wish to order parts or accessories, just call our Customer Service Center. A Service Representative can be reached at the number listed below, between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time), Monday through Friday.

1-800-544-8892 (Toll Free)

Please record the firearm serial number, date of purchase and where purchased below.

Serial #: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Purchased From: _____

In case of loss or theft, supply this information to the proper authorities.



WARNING

Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death.

Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.



ADVERTENCIA

A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesiones graves y la muerte.

Evite que los niños tengan acceso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la cárcel.

Health Warning: Discharging of firearms in poorly ventilated areas and handling ammunition may cause exposure to lead and/or lead compounds. Exposure may cause cancer, birth defects or damage to the kidney, nervous, blood forming and reproductive systems. Have adequate ventilation at all times, especially in confined areas. Wash hands thoroughly after shooting, handling ammunition, or cleaning a firearm. Do not eat or smoke during these activities.

Safety Warning: Marlin strongly recommends that you take a hunter safety course, taught by a certified instructor, before you use this firearm. Your State Fish & Game Dept. or a local gun shop can suggest courses in your area.

Safety Warning: Keep this firearm out of the reach of children, unauthorized individuals, and others unfamiliar with the safe handling of firearms.