



Safety & Instruction Manual

PRO HUNTER **FX**[™] *Fixed Action*

- **Muzzleloading Rifle** •
(Non-Interchangeable Barrel)



WARNING: Black Powder or an approved Black Powder Substitute such as Pyrodex[®] are the only propellant powders that are safe to use in a muzzleloading firearm.



Read the instructions and warnings in this manual CAREFULLY BEFORE using this firearm.

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**This SAFETY & INSTRUCTION
MANUAL should always accompany
this firearm and be transferred with it
upon change of ownership or when the
firearm is presented to another person.**

**Always keep your firearm pointed in a
safe direction. Never point a firearm at
anything you do not intend to shoot.**

**If you don't have a manual, printed
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YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

SAFETY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY!!!!

At home, in the field, at the range, or anywhere, the first concern of every firearm owner should be safety. Apply the following safety rules in every situation, with any kind of firearm. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Thompson/Center at 866-730-1614 before proceeding with its operation.

If you are unfamiliar with firearms you should seek formal training before using your rifle.



WARNING: YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL OF THESE SAFETY RULES TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

As a firearm owner, you accept a demanding responsibility. How seriously you take this responsibility can be the difference between life and death. There is no excuse for careless or abusive handling of your firearm. At all times handle your firearm with intense respect for its power and potential danger.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Never point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot whether or not it is loaded. This is particularly important when loading, unloading, or field stripping the gun. ALWAYS control the direction of the firearm.
- **ALWAYS TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT IS LOADED AND WILL FIRE.** Do not take anyone's word that the firearm is uncharged or unprimed – always check for yourself. Never pass your firearm to another person until the action is open and/or on safe, and you visually check that it is uncharged and unprimed. Keep your muzzleloading firearm uncharged and unprimed and safely stored when not in use.
- **NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD OR ON THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOU INTEND TO FIRE.** Ensure that other objects do not touch the trigger.
- **ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.** Always be sure of where the bullet will strike and shoot only where there is a safe back stop free of obstructions, water or other surfaces which can cause ricochets. Be sure your bullet will stop behind your target. Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity. Do not fire randomly into the sky.
- **NEVER CROSS OBSTACLES SUCH AS FENCES OR STREAMS WITH A CHARGED OR PRIMED MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARM.** Always make certain your muzzleloading firearm is unprimed before crossing a fence, climbing a tree, jumping a ditch or negotiating other obstacles.
- **SAFE FIREARM HANDLING IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES.** Firearms can be dangerous and can cause serious injury or death if they are misused or used inappropriately. Safety must be the prime consideration of any one who owns or handles firearms. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe firearm handling and common sense. Firearm safety training is available. Contact your firearms dealer, law enforcement agency, local sportsman's club, the NRA, etc. for availability.
- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIREARM AT ALL TIMES.** In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury or death from misuse of the firearm 24 hours a day.
- **FIREARM SECURITY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must secure firearms safely from children and/or unauthorized users. Your firearm should always be kept unloaded and locked when not in use. Never assume that the use of a lock is sufficient to safely secure your firearm. You must always evaluate your personal situation and employ the security systems that meet your needs and prevent children and unauthorized users from gaining access to your firearm.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **APPROPRIATE USE FOR YOUR FIREARM MEANS USING YOUR FIREARM FOR LEGAL PURPOSES.** For example - target shooting, hunting and lawful resistance of deadly criminal force. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the use of your firearm.
- **NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE.** Only your safe firearm-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility.
- **ALWAYS SAFELY STORE AND SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm, ammunition, and loading components separately so that they are not accessible to children and/or other unauthorized persons.
- **NEVER KEEP AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE FIREARM.** Store each in a separate and secure place.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION THAT IS SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you handle your firearm for cleaning and maintenance.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTORS THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR USE WITH FIREARMS** every time you discharge your firearm. Make sure others in the vicinity of where you will be shooting do so as well.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.** Do not use your firearm if you are on any medication which impairs, even slightly, your mental or physical ability.
- **ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.** Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition and loading components may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Review the warnings and labels for all ammunition, loading components, and cleaning products carefully. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.
- **BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION.** Not all firearms are the same. Familiarize yourself with the mechanical features of any firearm you intend to use. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Thompson/Center before proceeding with its operation.
- **NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS SAFE OPERATION OR HAVE NOT READ THESE FIREARM SAFETY RULES.**

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT COMBINATION OF LOAD COMPONENTS FOR YOUR PARTICULAR MUZZLELOADING FIREARM** as detailed in this manual.
- **BE CERTAIN THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING.** Mud, water, snow or other objects may inadvertently lodge in the barrel bore. A small obstruction can cause a dangerous increase in pressure and may damage your firearm and cause injury to yourself and others.
- **BE SURE ALL ACCESSORIES, SUCH AS HOLSTERS, GRIPS, SLINGS, SCOPES AND OTHER ACCESSORIES ARE COMPATIBLE** with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation. It is your responsibility to understand and follow all of the instructions in this manual, as well as those which may be supplied with your ammunition and loading components and any accessory.
- **NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM** beyond the procedures outlined in this manual. Improper disassembly or re-assembly of your firearm may be dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death.
- **NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO SO IN THIS MANUAL.** Improper manipulation of any other internal component may affect the safety and reliability of your firearm and may cause serious injury or death.
- **NEVER ALLOW ANY ALTERATION OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS IN YOUR THOMPSON/CENTER FIREARM UNLESS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH** using genuine Thompson/Center parts. If you do otherwise, improper functioning of your firearm may occur and serious injury or death and damage to property may result.



WARNING: SAFE USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY DEVICE WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM AND THOMPSON/CENTER OR ITS PARENT COMPANY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM: (1) THE CRIMINAL OR NEGLIGENT USE OF THIS FIREARM; (2) A DISREGARD OF THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS; (3) IMPROPER OR CARELESS HANDLING OF THIS FIREARM; (4) THE USE OF NON-STANDARD, DEFECTIVE, IMPROPER LOAD COMPONENTS, OR (5) IMPROPER OR NEGLIGENT MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE FIREARM.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D

- **NEVER CLIMB TO OR DESCEND FROM A TREE STAND WITH A PRIMED MUZZLELOADING FIREARM. NEVER RAISE OR LOWER A PRIMED MUZZLELOADING FIREARM TO OR FROM A TREE STAND.** Failure to follow this rule may cause serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **NEVER LEAN A CHARGED AND PRIMED RIFLE AGAINST A TREE, A WALL OR ANY SURFACE WHERE IT MAY FALL OVER.** Once the rifle has been charged it is your responsibility to guard against situations that may result in an accidental discharge. Failure to follow this rule may cause serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **USE THOMPSON/CENTER SCOPE MOUNTS ONLY.** The current product catalog lists a series of scopes and mounts which are designed specifically for use with our firearms. These mounts make use of existing screw holes. Those who desire a scope sight should make use of Thompson/Center mounts. Do not drill additional holes in the barrel as this could weaken the barrel structure leading to a rupture. A ruptured barrel can cause serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.



WARNING: DO NOT DRILL HOLES IN THE BARREL AS THIS COULD WEAKEN THE BARREL STRUCTURE LEADING TO A RUPTURE. A RUPTURED BARREL CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. DRILLING HOLES IN THE BARREL ALSO VOIDS ALL WARRANTIES.

- **NEVER MODIFY ANY OF THE PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM.** Do not add or replace any of the parts in your firearm unless they are genuine Thompson/Center parts and you follow the instructions supplied by Thompson/Center. If you do otherwise, improper functioning may occur and serious injury or death may result. In addition to the dangers presented, the use of non-factory parts, including but not limited to, stocks and springs, voids all warranties.



WARNING: NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL SAFETY FEATURES OF THE FIREARM ALONE. ONLY YOUR SAFE FIREARM HANDLING WILL ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WHEN USED AND STORED IMPROPERLY. THEY POSE A RISK OF SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURIES. FIREARMS CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS TO CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE STORED IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNSAFE MANNER. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR FIREARM LOCKED AND UNLOADED IN A SECURE PLACE. THE AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS SHOULD BE STORED IN A SEPARATE, SECURE LOCATION WHEN IT IS NOT IN USE. SAFE AND SECURE STORAGE OF YOUR FIREARM IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY. YOUR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS SECURE YOUR FIREARM IN A MANNER THAT WILL PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.** Whenever your firearm is not in use, keep it unloaded and locked. Your safety and the safety of others requires that you always secure and store your firearm in a manner that will prevent unauthorized access. Never leave a firearm unattended unless it is locked, unloaded and secured.



WARNING: NEVER LOCK A LOADED FIREARM AND NEVER LOAD A LOCKED FIREARM!!

- **ALWAYS STORE YOUR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS SEPARATELY** so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Safe and secure storage of your firearm, ammunition, and loading components is your responsibility. It is a full-time responsibility.
- **NEVER ASSUME THAT A “HIDING” PLACE IS A SECURE STORAGE METHOD.** Others may be aware of your storage location or come upon it by chance. It is your personal responsibility to use common sense when storing your firearm and ammunition and loading components and to always make sure they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.
- **NEVER TRANSPORT A CHARGED OR PRIMED MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARM.** When transporting your firearm, be sure it is uncharged, unprimed and securely locked. Safe and secure transportation of your firearm is your responsibility.

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION CONT'D

- **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE LAW!** Many jurisdictions have laws that make it a crime to keep a firearm unlocked and in an area accessible to children or others. Keeping a firearm locked and unloaded when not in use is not only common sense safety practice... IT IS THE LAW. You must be familiar with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the safe storage and transportation of your firearm. Failure to know and follow the law may result in unauthorized access or use of your firearm by another. Obey all laws relating to the storage and transportation of firearms. Your local police department or gun shop can furnish you with available information on storing and/or transporting a firearm safely and legally.
- **YOUR FIREARM IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must prevent your firearm from being stolen or from being used by untrained or unqualified individuals. Keep it locked, uncharged, unprimed and secured when not in use.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADER

In addition to the general Firearm Safety Responsibilities covered so far in this manual, there are additional guidelines specific to black powder muzzleloading firearms that must be adhered to at all times to ensure the safety of the shooter and others.

- **NEVER USE SMOKELESS POWDER OF ANY TYPE OR IN ANY QUANTITY IN A MUZZLELOADING FIREARM, AND NEVER MIX POWDERS.** The use of any smokeless powder could result in a detonation or explosion which could cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **USE ONLY BLACK POWDER OR AN APPROVED BLACK POWDER SUBSTITUTE SUCH AS PYRODEX® TO LOAD YOUR MUZZLELOADING FIREARM.** Never use even small amounts of smokeless powder, even if it is black in color. The use of any other propellant may cause injury or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **NEVER SMOKE WHILE USING YOUR MUZZLELOADER.** The spark from a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe can ignite Black Powder or a Black Powder substitute such as Pyrodex, and Percussion Caps or Primers. Smoking around a charged and/or primed muzzleloader, percussion caps, primers, priming powder or supply of powder may cause premature firing of the firearm or an explosion of the powder can, horn or flask causing serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **BEFORE LOADING, MAKE SURE THE MUZZLELOADING FIREARM IS NOT ALREADY CHARGED.** To make sure it is uncharged, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and insert the ramrod provided with the rifle into the bore. Note the position of the ramrod in relation to the muzzle. It will be slightly below the end of the barrel if the rifle is not loaded.
- **NEVER EXCEED THE RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM CHARGE LISTED IN THIS BOOK.** To do so could result in injury or death to the shooter or bystanders.
- **WHEN LOADING, BE CERTAIN THAT THE PROJECTILE IS LOADED IN THE PROPER SEQUENCE AND THAT IT IS SEATED FIRMLY AGAINST THE POWDER CHARGE.** Serious personal injury or death can result if the projectile is not seated properly. To provide a reference mark for future loadings, mark the ramrod at the muzzle once a projectile has been loaded to the proper depth. NOTE: Be sure to recheck the ramrod mark if you change loading components or alter the ramrod.

PRO HUNTER FX SAFETY RULES CONT'D

- **NEVER POUND ON THE RAMROD.** Black Powder and approved Black Powder substitutes such as Pyrodex® are potentially sensitive to impact and could ignite from impact. Always keep the muzzle directed away from your face or body when loading.
- **BLACK POWDER AND BLACK POWDER SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS PYRODEX® LEAVE CORROSIVE RESIDUES IN THE BORE AND ON THE FIREARM.** A thorough cleaning is absolutely necessary before storage for any amount of time to keep the firearm functioning correctly and in safe a condition.
- **UNDERSTAND THE TERMINOLOGY.** “Charge” or “Charged” applies to the presence of a propellant powder charge and projectile in the bore of the muzzleloading firearm.
- “Uncharge” or “Uncharged” refers to the opposite condition to “Charged” and indicates that the powder charge and projectile have been either fired or removed and that the bore is completely clear.
- “Prime” or “Primed” applies to the act of placing a primer, cap or priming powder in or on a muzzleloader.
- “Unprime” or “Unprimed” refers to the opposite condition of “Primed” and indicates that the primer, cap or priming powder has been removed from the firearm or is not in place.
- **NEVER PRIME YOUR MUZZLELOADING FIREARM UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE IT.** Your muzzleloader should remain unprimed until the instant before firing. After you prime the firearm, your full concentration should be on the target and the act of firing.
- **A SHARP OR HEAVY BLOW TO THE EXTERNAL HAMMER CAN FRACTURE PARTS AND CAUSE A MALFUNCTION OR DISCHARGE OF THE FIREARM.** An accidental discharge may cause serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **NEVER HAND A CHARGED MUZZLELOADING FIREARM TO ANOTHER PERSON.** Once charged, a muzzleloading firearm requires your complete attention. Never charge the firearm and then hand it to another shooter. Equally, you should never shoot a muzzleloading firearm that has been charged by someone else. Only the person doing the loading knows whether the firearm has been charged properly.

PRO HUNTER FX SAFETY RULES CONT'D

- **DO NOT CHARGE YOUR PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADER DIRECTLY FROM A CAN, HORN OR FLASK.** A spark from a previous firing may ignite the stream of powder being poured into the firearm and cause the container to explode. The explosion of a powder can, horn or flask may cause serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property. Use a separate pre-calibrated measuring device containing small quantities of powder to charge your firearm. Keep the muzzle directed away from your face and body when loading.
- **ALWAYS KEEP SUPPLIES OF POWDER, PRIMERS AND CAPS WELL AWAY FROM A FIRING POSITION OR SHOOTING BENCH.** A powder horn, flask, can of powder, or quantity of primers or caps can ignite with deadly force if exposed to sparks or intense heat. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe handling and storage of powder and primers or caps. Keep unused powder and primers or caps well away from firearms that are being discharged. Sparks from the discharge of a muzzleloading firearm may cause an unused supply of powder or primers or caps to ignite causing serious injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.



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BASIC EQUIPMENT FOR SHOOTING THE PRO HUNTER FX

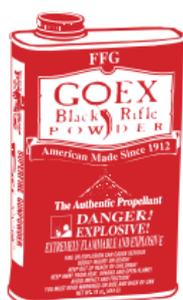
In order to shoot your PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader, the accessories and equipment listed below will be necessary:



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1. Proper eye protection - specified for use with firearms.
2. Proper ear protection - specified for use with firearms.
3. Black Powder or an approved Black Powder substitute such as Pyrodex[®], in the appropriate type for your firearm.
4. A Powder Measure.
5. Projectiles: Appropriate for your firearm.
6. 209 Primers.
7. Bore cleaning patches.
8. A Jag to hold cleaning patches.
9. An appropriate bore cleaner for muzzleloaders (like T/C's Number 13[®] Bore Cleaner).
10. An appropriate oil or rust inhibiting lubricant (like T/C's Natural Lube 1000 Plus[™] Bore Butter).
11. Breech plug anti-seize lubricant (like T/C's Super Lube).

UNDERSTANDING BLACK POWDER



Shooting muzzleloading firearms requires the shooter to be both a reloader and a rifleman at the same time. It requires strict adherence to the instructions set forth in this booklet. Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage to the firearm and injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

NOTE: Black Powder is manufactured in four specific types or granulations for use in firearms. Generally speaking, it is the granule size which determines the appropriate use of Black Powder. The largest granulations are naturally the slowest burning and, therefore, work best in large caliber rifles and shotguns. Pistols or smaller caliber rifles require a finer or faster burning powder. The priming powder used in the pan of a flint lock is extremely fine and fast burning for positive ignition of the main charge.

FG (commonly called Single “F”)

The muzzleloading enthusiast finds little use for this very coarse black powder. Its use is restricted to the large bore (10, 8, 4 gauge) shotguns of yesteryear.

FFG (commonly called Double “F”)

This is a very popular powder for .45 caliber to .58 caliber rifles. It is also used for 12, 16, and 20 gauge muzzleloading shotguns. While it is not considered a pistol powder, it is sometimes used in very large caliber single shot pistols. It is recommended for use in most T/C muzzleloaders.

FFFG (commonly called Triple “F”)

Due to its wide range of uses, Triple “F” is the black powder that is most commonly found on a dealer’s shelf. It is used in all percussion revolvers, most single shot pistols, and most of the smaller (under .45 caliber) rifles. It can also be used to prime a flint lock if no 4F powder is available for that purpose.

FFFFG (commonly called Four “F”)

The finest of all currently available black powders, Four “F” is best used for priming flint locks. Due to its limited use, it is sometimes difficult to obtain.

When purchasing Black Powder be certain that it is in the original manufacturer’s container and that its granulation or type is clearly marked on the label. Follow the storage and handling precautions which are on the label. If you have any questions concerning the safe handling or storage of Black Powder, write to the manufacturer of the powder. Additional information on powder storage is available from the National Fire Protection Association, P.O. Box 9146, Quincy, Mass. 02269. Or call 1-800-344-3555. Ask for pamphlet #495.

UNDERSTANDING PYRODEX®



Pyrodex® is a propellant powder designed for use in muzzleloading cap lock rifles, pistols and shotguns. Pyrodex is not Black Powder. In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, Pyrodex relates closely to Black Powder on a volume to volume basis (not weight of charge). In other words, a black powder measure that is set to dispense 70 grains of black powder will, in fact, dispense approximately 52 grains of Pyrodex (by weight). This lighter charge of Pyrodex will provide a charge which is ballistically similar to 70 grains of Black Powder. For all practical purposes, knowing the actual weight of a charge of Pyrodex may be informative, but not necessary. Your black powder measure will dictate the proper amount by its graduations according to volume. If you want to know the actual comparative weight of a Pyrodex charge, contact the manufacturer, Hodgdon Powder Co. Inc., 6231 Robinson, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202-1332.

Pyrodex® does not ignite as easily as Black Powder and, consequently, it is not recommended for use in flint lock firearms. Flint locks require strong, positive ignition and should be charged and primed with Black Powder of the appropriate granulation only.

PYRODEX® CTG - FOR BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGES.

This powder was designed to be used in breech loading cartridge firearms (rifles, pistols & shotguns) which were intended for use with Black Powder. It has no application in Thompson/Center muzzleloading firearms. It is listed here simply for identification purposes.

PYRODEX® RS (or PYRODEX SELECT "RS") RIFLE & SHOTGUN POWDER. Designed for use in all calibers of percussion muzzleloading rifles and shotguns, this powder has a wide application. It may be used with all Thompson/Center muzzleloading rifles and shotguns. Pyrodex Select (RS) may also be used in these applications.

PYRODEX® P - PISTOL POWDER. Designed for use in most percussion muzzleloading pistols and cap and ball revolvers, this powder has application in the (now discontinued) Thompson/Center Patriot™ Pistol.

PYRODEX® PELLETS - These pre-formed charges are designed for use in most Thompson/Center muzzleloaders and are suitable where permitted by state and local laws. Use the appropriate caliber and charge weight pellet for your muzzleloading rifle.

The reader should bear in mind that Thompson/Center does not manufacture or sell powder of any type. If there is ever a question as to the proper application of a particular powder or the safety of a given charge, write to the manufacturer of the powder. Adhere to the safe handling and storage precautions printed on the manufacturer's container and never purchase or use powders which have been removed from their original container. **USE OF THE WRONG PROPELLANT** may cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property. For information on Pyrodex write to Hodgdon Powder Co., Inc., 6430 Vista Drive, Shawnee, KS 66218.

PRO HUNTER FX TRIGGER & HAMMER



WARNING: THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE FIREARM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

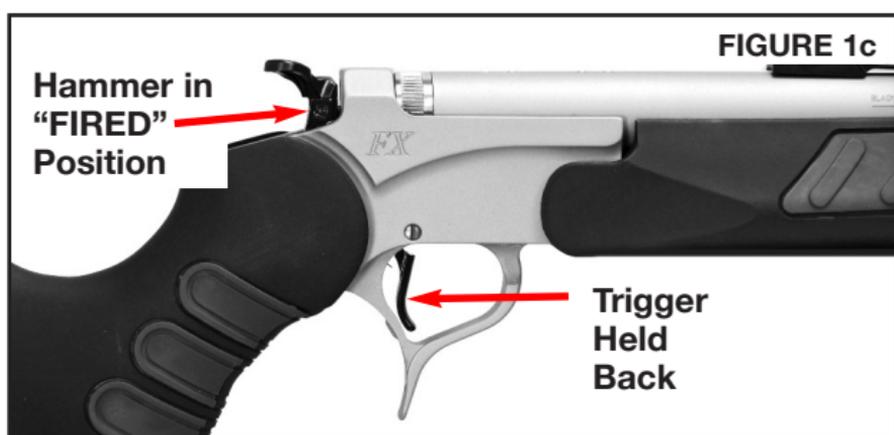
There are three hammer positions on the Pro Hunter FX:
At Rest, Cocked and "Fired".



- **THE HAMMER SHOULD BE IN THE "AT REST" POSITION DURING LOADING AND WHEN CARRYING (FIGURE 1a).**



- **THE HAMMER SHOULD BE IN THE "COCKED" POSITION ONLY WHEN IN THE PROCESS OF FIRING (FIGURE 1b).**



- **WHEN THE PRO HUNTER FX IS COCKED AND THE TRIGGER IS PULLED AND HELD BACK - THE HAMMER CONTACTS THE FIRING PIN (FIGURE 1c).**

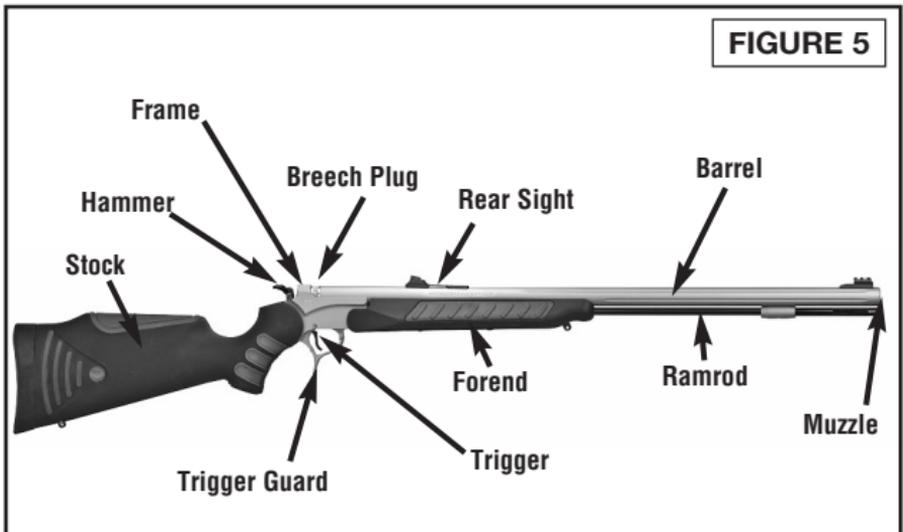
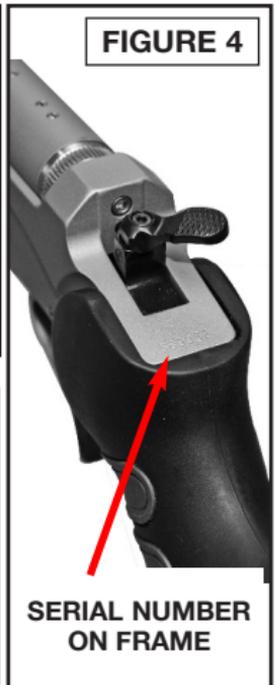
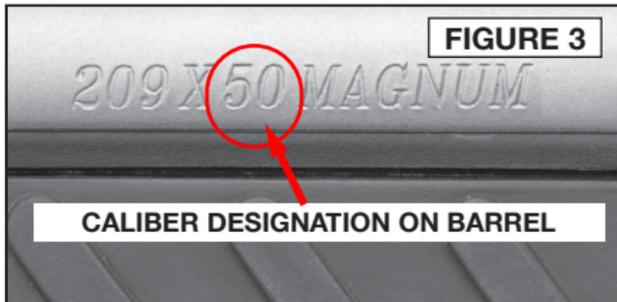
PREPARATION FOR FIRING



WARNING: THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE FIREARM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED AND WILL FIRE IF THE TRIGGER IS PULLED.**
- **ALWAYS WEAR ADEQUATE AND PROPER EAR PROTECTORS SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE** to prevent permanent damage to your hearing. Make sure others who are nearby are wearing ear protection as well.
- **ALWAYS WEAR PROPER CLOTHING WHEN FIRING A MUZZLELOADER.** Wearing long sleeves is recommended to protect arms from debris that may be ejected during firing.
- **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE,** whether indoors or out. Safety glasses should protect your eyes from the firing flash and particles associated with the discharge of a muzzleloader. Failure to do so creates a risk of personal injury from particle or debris spitting or ricochets. Make sure others who are nearby are wearing eye protection as well.
- **ALWAYS BE ALERT AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.** Never shoot if you are tired, cold or impaired in any way.
- **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF OTHER PEOPLE** so that persons cannot accidentally walk into the line of fire.
- **THE SHOOTER (AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SHOOTING AREA) MUST ALWAYS BE IN A POSITION THAT IS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE** and are not within an area where they may be struck by ricochets or particles ejected from a firearm.
- **NEVER SHOOT AT HARD SURFACES, WATER OR RANDOMLY INTO THE SKY.** Always select a place to shoot that has a safe backstop and is free from obstructions and surfaces which cause ricochets.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING OR HANDLING ANY FIREARM.**
- **NEVER SMOKE WHILE SHOOTING OR HANDLING A MUZZLELOADING FIREARM.**
- **ALWAYS KEEP LOADING COMPONENTS AND LOADING RESERVES WELL AWAY FROM THE MUZZLELOADER WHEN FIRING.**

SERIAL NUMBER & MODEL I.D.



INSPECTING



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



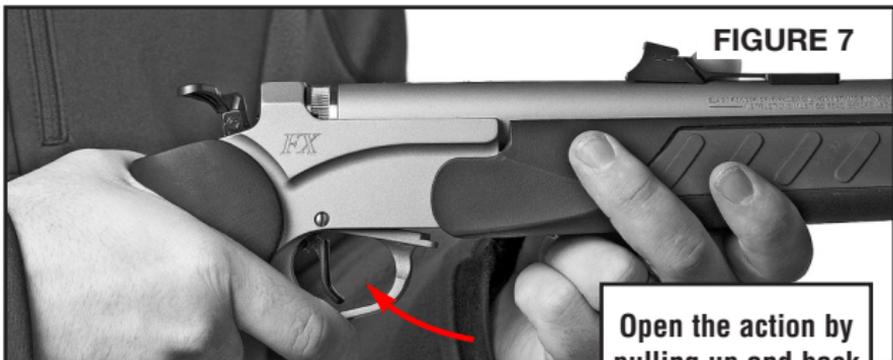
WARNING: ANY TIME THAT YOU HANDLE A PRO HUNTER FX, OPEN THE ACTION AND ENSURE THAT IT IS UNCHARGED AND UNPRIMED.

INSPECTING

- With your finger away from the trigger, with the firearm pointing in a safe direction, and with the hammer in the “AT REST” position, open the action to inspect by pulling rearward on the trigger guard spur (FIGURE 7) and then tipping the barrel down.
- Look into the breech plug to make sure there is no primer present (FIGURE 8) and look through the breech plug channel (toward a light source) to ensure that there is no charge in the bore.
- Verify that the bore is clear and free of obstructions.
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.



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Open the action by pulling up and back on trigger guard spur - allowing the barrel to fall open.



Note: Place your finger low on the trigger guard spur for maximum leverage; give it a fast, sharp pull to open the barrel.

CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADER



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

NOTE: The loading data found in this manual was compiled using Black Powder or Pyrodex® as a propellant. With any other approved Black Powder substitute, follow the instructions supplied by the manufacturer and heed all warnings and instructions as they apply to loading and usage of that product.

- Inspect the bore for obstructions and oil or grease (and clean if necessary). The rifle comes from the factory treated with anti-rust compound in the bore that needs to be removed by cleaning before loading and firing the first time.
- Do not charge or prime the muzzleloading firearm until you have read and fully understand this manual.
- Do not charge or prime the muzzleloading firearm until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.

Read this manual in its entirety before attempting to charge or prime your firearm. Improper loading and use of your firearm can cause injury and/or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.

Study the photo on page 22 carefully and read all the captions before you charge your muzzleloading rifle. The photo shows a shooter in the process of loading a PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader.

Pull the bottom of the trigger guard rearward and then tip the barrel open (down). Look into the breech plug primer pocket and check to make sure there is no primer present. Hold the muzzle up to the light and look through the ignition channel in the breech plug to ensure that there is no charge present.

To make sure the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader is uncharged (unloaded), keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and insert the ramrod provided with the rifle into the bore. Note the position of the ramrod in relation to the muzzle. The ramrod will disappear into the barrel entirely (1/2" below the muzzle) if the rifle is not charged. Commit this exercise to memory and practice it every time that you handle the PRO HUNTER FX, or any other muzzleloader. Before you attempt to charge it - before you store it away - before you hand it to a friend or leave it unattended, always check to ensure that the firearm is uncharged and unprimed.

CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

Wipe the bore free of all oil before charging. Be meticulous with your cleaning - for the presence of any amount of oil in the bore can dampen the powder charge and cause the rifle to misfire or hangfire (see section on "Cleaning"). Point the muzzle in a safe direction and snap several 209 primers in the breech plug before charging. This will help ensure positive ignition and clear away any oil that may have accumulated in the ignition channel of the breech plug.

Adjust the powder measure to dispense the desired charge and fill it with Black Powder or an approved Black Powder substitute, such as Pyrodex[®]. To achieve accuracy, consistency in the powder charge is required. Fill the measure exactly the same each time. Set the rifle on its butt and hold the muzzle away from your face and body as pictured on page 22. Pour the measured charge down the barrel and strike the side of the barrel several sharp raps with the heel of your hand. This will settle the powder into the breech area of the barrel. If you are using pellets - follow the instructions provided by the pellet manufacturer. Seat the projectile firmly on top of the powder or pellets.

NOTE: Do not pound on the ramrod or beat the projectile with excessive force, so as to crush the powder or pellet(s) and distort the bullet. Poor ignition and poor accuracy will result.

CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D



WARNING: IMPROPERLY CHARGING YOUR PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLE-LOADER CAN BE DANGEROUS. STUDY THIS PHOTO CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING.

The PRO HUNTER FX must be kept unprimed during charging.

Barrel must be held securely with muzzle upwards - directed away from your face and body.

Only Use Black Powder or an approved Black Powder substitute, such as Pyrodex®. Use a T/C graduated powder measure and do not overcharge. NEVER charge directly from a powder flask, can or powder horn.

Stay mentally alert. This task requires your complete attention.

Keep Eyes, ears & arms protected.

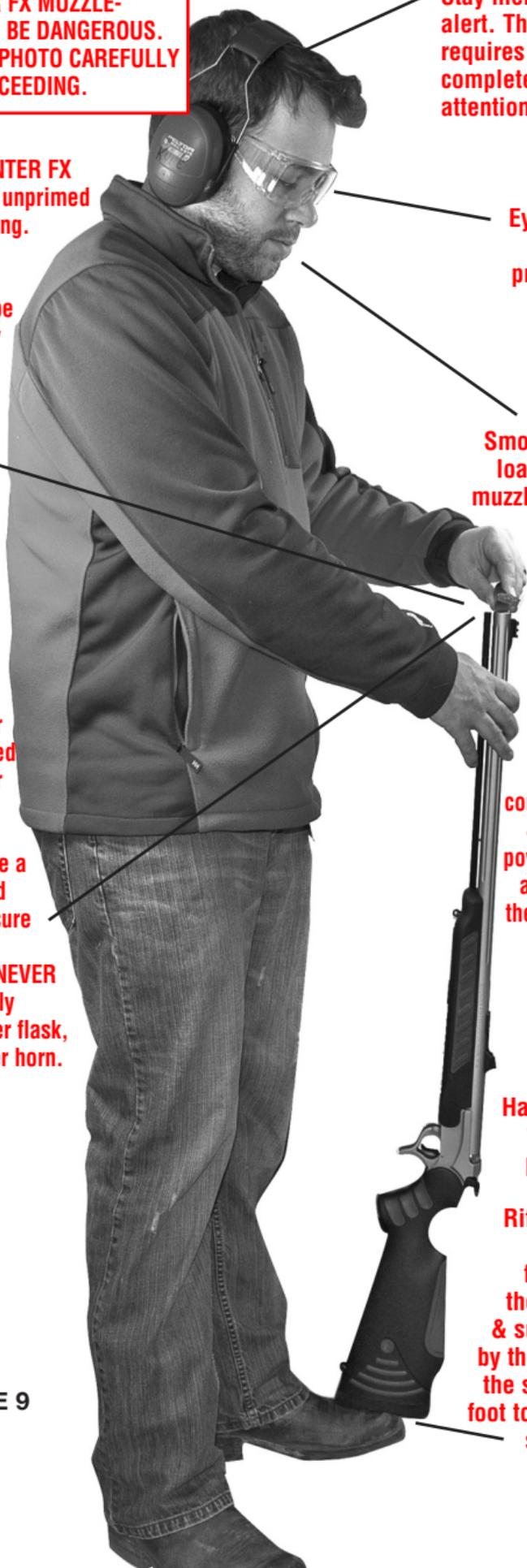
Do Not Smoke while loading any muzzleloader.

Always Keep components & reserve powder well away from the firearm.

Hammer in "at rest" position.

Rifle's butt resting firmly on the ground & supported by the side of the shooter's foot to prevent slipping.

FIGURE 9



CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

Loading Conical Lead Bullets or Sabots When Using loose Black Powder or Granular Pyrodex®

The procedures for loading sabots or conical bullets when using loose Black Powder or loose Pyrodex® are basically the same. Care should be taken to seat the bullet or sabot firmly against the powder charge. Do not pound on it. Again, mark your ramrod at the muzzle, ensuring that each time you seat a bullet on the powder the projectile is seated to the same depth.

If you are loading an all-lead conical bullet like T/C's Maxi-Ball™ or Maxi-Hunter®, proceed as follows: do not use any kind of cloth patch with these projectiles. They should be lubricated prior to loading, and are designed to be shot as cast (not sized further). T/C Maxi-Ball™ and Maxi-Hunter® bullets come from the factory prelubricated. However, if you find some unlubricated bullets, we recommend that you lubricate these bullets with T/C Natural Lube 1000 Plus™ Bore Butter. When loading a Maxi-Ball™ or Maxi-Hunter® bullet into the muzzle, you will note how only the forward most bearing band grooves to the rifling when loading. The base of the bullet upsets (increases in diameter) upon firing, causing it to fill the grooves, thus stabilizing the projectile and aiding accuracy.

When loading sabots, do not lubricate them. They are intended to be loaded into the muzzleloader just as they come from the package. In fact, for best results, it is recommended that all evidence of oil or lubricant be removed from the bore before loading a sabot - the drier the bore the better in terms of optimal accuracy.

Hold the rifle as pictured on page 22 and pour your measured powder charge into the barrel. Start the lubricated bullet or sabot into the bore with your fingers. The base of the projectile will enter the bore easily with finger pressure. Drive the projectile down about four inches into the barrel with the rod end of the bullet starter (FIGURE 10). Using the ram-

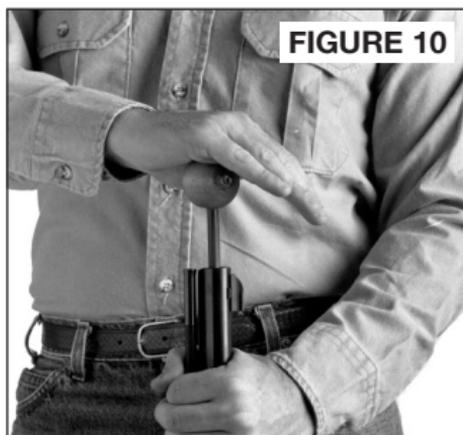


FIGURE 10

rod, push the projectile the remainder of the way down the barrel until it contacts the powder charge. The sabot or bullet must be seated firmly against the powder charge. Seat the projectile with the same pressure shot after shot to aid in accuracy.

Remove the ramrod from the bore and return it to the thimble under the barrel before you prime the firearm.

CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

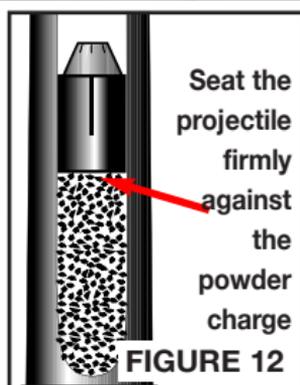
FIGURE 11

Push the projectile down the bore with the ramrod and seat it firmly against the powder charge.



FIGURES 12 and 13

Once the projectile is seated firmly against the powder charge, mark your ramrod to indicate the correct loaded depth of the powder plus the projectile. This will allow you to ensure that each projectile is seated to the same depth before firing. Re-mark the ramrod each time you adjust the powder charge or change projectiles. When you arrive at the desired charge, mark the ramrod so you have a permanent reference mark. When the powder charge or projectile are changed, the reference mark should also be changed to indicate the new correct load length.



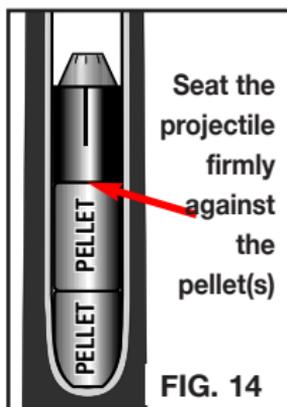
WARNING: NEVER FIRE A MUZZLELOADER UNLESS YOU ARE SURE THE PROJECTILE IS PROPERLY SEATED ON THE POWDER CHARGE AND THE RAMROD HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BORE. SHOOTERS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT THE MUZZLELOADING PROJECTILE IS NOT CRIMPED INTO POSITION AS IS THE FIXED CARTRIDGE PROJECTILE. IF A PROJECTILE DOES NOT FIT TIGHTLY THEN JARRING OR MOVEMENT OF THE FIREARM CAN CAUSE IT TO MOVE FORWARD IN A MUZZLELOADER. IF THE FIREARM IS FIRED WHEN A PROJECTILE IS FORWARD OR OFF THE POWDER CHARGE, OR THE RAMROD IS STILL IN THE BORE, THEN THE PROJECTILE OR RAMROD MAY ACT AS A BORE OBSTRUCTION. THIS CAN CAUSE A RUPTURED OR BURST BARREL. A RUPTURED OR BURST BARREL MAY CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. IF, DUE TO FOULING, A BULLET OR BALL BECOMES LODGED PART WAY DOWN THE BARREL, THE FIREARM MUST BE DISASSEMBLED AND THE CHARGE REMOVED. SEE SECTION ON "CLEANING." ALSO SEE THE SECTION ON "UNLOADING AND UNCHARGING."

CHARGING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

Loading Conical Bullets or Sabots When Using Pyrodex® Pellets

Start by loading the pellets into the bore, following the specific pellet manufacturer's instructions.

Next, start the projectile into the bore and then use your ramrod to push the projectile the remainder of the way down the bore, until it is seated firmly against the pellet(s) (FIGURE 14). Do not pound on it, as this will likely crush the pellets and effect the reliability of ignition. It could also deform the bullet and will undoubtedly affect accuracy.



With successive shots, fouling may build up enough in the bore to make loading of subsequent shots more difficult, or even impossible. The more fouling that is present, the more difficult it will be to seat your projectile to the same depth. This will cause differences in pressure, which will in turn affect accuracy. While at the range, you should clean (swab) your bore (with a bore cleaner like Thompson/Center's Number 13® and suitable jag/patch combination) after each shot, for maximum accuracy. In the field, you can expect to fire two to three shots before swabbing may be necessary. The more powder you use in each charge, the more fouling will build up. When you experience progressively more difficult bullet seating due to buildup of fouling, you must clean the bore or safe loading will become impossible. See the sections on "Cleaning" and on "Unloading/Uncharging."

Once the sabot has been loaded, it is necessary to carefully mark your ramrod to indicate the depth of the fully seated pellet and projectile combination that you are using (FIGURE 15).

If you are loading sabots, make sure that the bore has been cleaned and that all of the oil or lubricant has been removed. A dry and clean bore is better - when shooting sabots - as this will improve accuracy.



PRIMING THE PRO HUNTER FX



WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: DO NOT PRIME THE FIREARM UNTIL YOU ARE ACTUALLY READY TO FIRE AND YOU HAVE DOUBLE CHECKED TO ENSURE THAT THE RAMROD HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BORE. THOMPSON/CENTER DOES NOT RECOMMEND PRIMING THE FIREARM UNTIL THE INSTANT BEFORE FIRING. CARRYING A CHARGED, PRIMED PRO HUNTER FX CAN BE DANGEROUS. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE IS A CONSTANT HAZARD WHICH, IF IT OCCURS, CAN CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. THE ONLY SAFE WAY TO GUARD AGAINST AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE IS TO CARRY YOUR PRO HUNTER FX UNPRIMED, WITH THE HAMMER IN THE "AT REST" POSITION AND THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWNRANGE AWAY FROM YOURSELF, BYSTANDERS OR PROPERTY.

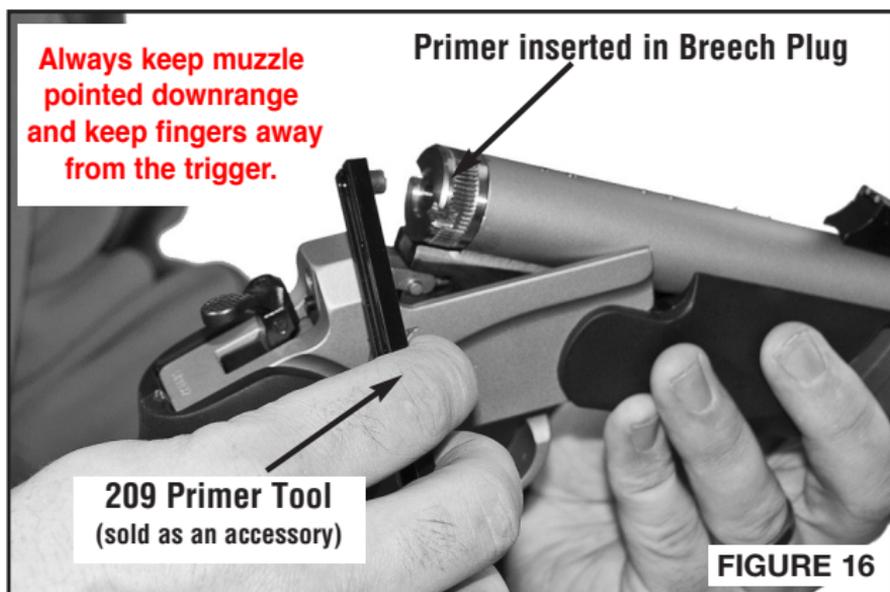
If you have followed the preceding instructions in this manual, your firearm will now be charged with Black Powder or an approved Black Powder substitute such as Pyrodex® and a projectile will be firmly seated against the powder charge. The ramrod will be returned to the thimble under the barrel and your ramrod will be marked to the exact seating depth of the powder/projectile combination that you are using - allowing you to ensure that each future projectile is also seated to the same depth in the bore.

The PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloading rifle uses a 209 primer for ignition.

With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, open the action by pulling rearward on the bottom of the trigger guard - then tipping the barrel down at the muzzle.

PRIMING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO FIRE YOUR PRO HUNTER FX, OPEN THE BARREL AND PRIME IT AS SHOWN HERE (FIGURE 16).



Prime the PRO HUNTER FX rifle the instant before firing. With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, open the action and press a 209 primer fully into the breech plug primer pocket. Tip the barrel back up and lock it into position - at this point the rifle is ready to fire.

If you decide not to fire; make sure the gun is always pointed in a safe direction. Open the action and remove the 209 primer from the breech plug.

FIRING THE PRO HUNTER FX



WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE EVERY TIME YOU DISCHARGE YOUR FIREARM. MAKE SURE OTHERS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE YOU WILL BE SHOOTING DO SO AS WELL.



WARNING: ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. CLEANING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, DISCHARGING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.



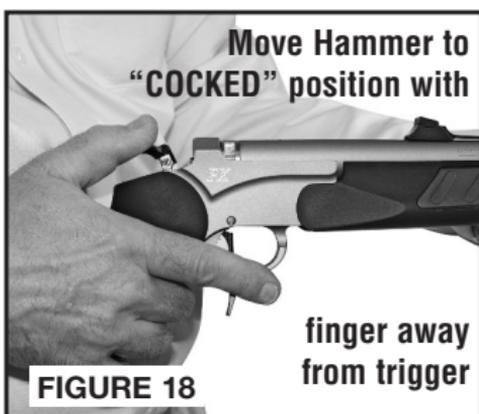
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WARNING: WHEN FIRING THE PRO HUNTER FX, HOLD IT FIRMLY, ALLOWING YOUR BODY WEIGHT TO ABSORB AND BUFFER THE FORCE OF THE RECOIL. AN IMPROPERLY HELD FIREARM CAN CAUSE POSSIBLE INJURY AND/OR BRUISING.

If you have followed the instructions to this point, your rifle will now be charged and primed.

- Grasp rifle firmly with the trigger finger resting along and outside of the trigger guard.
- Raise firearm and pull the stock firmly into the shoulder (FIGURE 17).
- Draw the hammer back to the full rearward “COCKED” position (FIGURE 18).
- The firearm will now fire when pressure is applied to the trigger.
- Aim at the intended target.
- Place your finger on the trigger and squeeze until the firearm fires.



FIRING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D

- To reload, see the Section on "CHARGING."

WARNING: IF THE FIREARM IS NO LONGER GOING TO BE USED, UNCHARGE IT BY FIRING IT INTO A SUITABLE BACKSTOP OR PULL THE CHARGE BEFORE RETURNING IT TO YOUR VEHICLE, CAMP OR HOME (SEE SECTION ON "UNLOADING"). AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE CAN CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

- If you decide not to fire; make sure the firearm is always pointed in a safe direction - then you must carefully lower the hammer from the "Cocked" position to the "At Rest" position. To do this, place the thumb of your free hand between the hammer and the frame to prevent the hammer from moving fully forward until your finger is off the trigger and out of the trigger guard (FIGURE 19).



FIGURE 19

- Place the thumb of your firing hand on the hammer spur. You must always control the hammer with your thumbs when decocking the firearm. If the hammer slips while the trigger is held to the rear and you have failed to block the hammer travel, your firearm will fire (FIGURE 20).



FIGURE 20

- Apply pressure to the trigger to release the hammer as shown (FIGURE 20). Immediately after the hammer has come out of the cocked position, release the trigger and withdraw your finger from the trigger guard (FIGURE 21).



FIGURE 21

- Carefully ease the hammer forward while removing your other thumb from between the hammer and the frame (FIGURE 22) until the hammer is in the "At Rest" position (FIGURE 23).

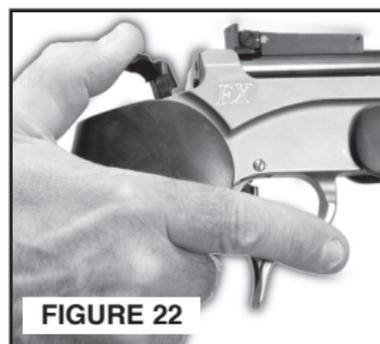


FIGURE 22

- Open the barrel and remove the 209 primer from the breech plug.



FIGURE 23

FIRING THE PRO HUNTER FX CONT'D



WARNING: IF YOUR FIREARM GIVES ANY INDICATION THAT IT IS NOT PERFORMING PROPERLY OR THE OPERATION OF YOUR FIREARM HAS CHANGED "THE WAY IT FEELS OR SOUNDS," STOP FIRING. MAKE SURE THE FIREARM IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, REMOVE THE CHARGE WITHOUT FIRING THE FIREARM AND HAVE IT INSPECTED BY A FACTORY TECHNICIAN. CALL THOMPSON/CENTER CUSTOMER SUPPORT @ 866-730-1614.

UNLOADING AND UNCHARGING



WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: NEVER ATTEMPT TO PULL A CHARGE FROM YOUR MUZZLELOADER UNTIL YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE FIREARM IS UNPRIMED. WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF PULLING THE CHARGE,



WARNING: DO NOT SMOKE, OR BE NEAR ANYONE ELSE WHO IS SMOKING; THE SPARK FROM A LIGHTED CIGARETTE, CIGAR, OR PIPE CAN IGNITE BLACK POWDER, A BLACK POWDER SUBSTITUTE OR CAPS AND PRIMERS.



WARNING: ANY EXTERNAL SPARK OR HEAT SOURCE CAN IGNITE YOUR CHARGE, CAUSING AN EXPLOSION, WHICH COULD RESULT IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

UNLOADING A CHARGE FROM THE PRO HUNTER FX

Under normal conditions the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader is unloaded simply by firing it into a suitable and safe backstop. There are, however, some conditions under which the firearm cannot be fired and the charge must be removed manually.

SOME OF THE MOST COMMON CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- If the projectile is not seated firmly against the powder charge, stop immediately! Do not attempt to fire the firearm. You must remove the charge and then clean the barrel.
- If the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader is loaded in a proper manner yet fails to fire after repeated priming and clearing of the ignition channel.
- If you are at a location that is unsuitable for discharging the firearm before transporting it.

UNLOADING & UNCHARGING CONT'D

To remove a charge from your T/C PRO HUNTER FX muzzle-loader it will be necessary to take the following steps:

- Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and open the action to make sure that the firearm is unprimed.
- Remove the breech plug using the wrench supplied.
- Once the breech plug has been removed, point the muzzle up. Gravity should then cause the pellets or the loose powder to drop out. The bullet can then be poked out of the bore with your ramrod. To push the bullet fully out of the barrel, it will be necessary to add the extended jag (which came with your rifle) to your ramrod, or, you may use a longer "range rod" if you have access to one.
- If the powder does not come out as a result of gravity, push the entire charge out from the muzzle end with your ramrod and the installed ramrod extension. If that isn't possible, you should then pour water into the breech area of the barrel to fully saturate (and liquify) the pellets or powder. After the powder is removed, push the bullet out with your ramrod inserted from the muzzle (with the ramrod extension installed).

If you can't remove the breech plug at this point:

If you can't remove the breech plug in order to unload the charge, it will be necessary to submerge the breech section of the barrel in a pail or bucket of water.

Disassembly of the PRO HUNTER FX will be necessary.

- Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and open the action to make sure that the firearm is unprimed.
- Detach the barrel/action assembly from the stock.
- Once the barrel/action assembly is detached from the stock - submerge the breech area of the barrel in a pail of water (hot water if possible). Make certain that at least 8" of the breech section is submerged for at least 1/2 hour.
- Once the powder has been soaked for 1/2 hour and rendered inert, try removing the projectile from the bore by using your ramrod (or a range rod).
- If, for any reason, you are unable to remove the charge in the manner recommended, soak the barrel again. Squirt oil into the primer pocket of the breech plug and into the barrel's breech area in order to ensure that the powder charge is inert, (if you were to use water only - it will just dry out over a period of time). Return the rifle to the Customer Service Department with a letter describing the problem.

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FIELD CLEANING



WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.



WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM AND ATTEMPT CLEANING OR MAINTENANCE.



NEVER ATTEMPT TO CLEAN A CHARGED OR PRIMED MUZZLELOADING FIREARM. AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE CAN CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.



WARNING: ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. CLEANING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, DISCHARGING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.

NOTE: Residue from burned Black Powder and Black Powder substitutes such as Pyrodex® is very corrosive. The fouling or residue left over after firing your muzzleloading firearm can be destructive to firearm's parts. Leaving your firearm uncleaned with this fouling present can lead to a ruined firearm, as the firearm's parts will rust and oxidize quickly.

The build-up of fouling from shot to shot will produce shot to shot increases in pressure that will greatly affect accuracy. The bullet lubricant used, the amount of powder in the charge, and the projectile used will all affect the amount of fouling produced with each shot. Eventually, if not cleaned, the muzzleloading firearm will become impossible to load properly. Driven part way down the bore and blocked by fouling, a projectile may "hang up" and refuse to budge further.



WARNING: A PROJECTILE WHICH IS SEATED ONLY PART WAY DOWN THE BARREL SETS UP A HIGHLY DANGEROUS CONDITION WHICH MAY CAUSE A BURST BARREL AND INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDER AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. THE PROJECTILE MUST BE SEATED FIRMLY AGAINST THE POWDER CHARGE. IF THE PROJECTILE IS NOT SEATED AGAINST THE POWDER CHARGE THE FIREARM MUST BE DISASSEMBLED AND THE CHARGE REMOVED (SEE SECTION ON "PULLING A CHARGE"). NEVER FIRE A MUZZLELOADING FIREARM UNLESS THE PROJECTILE IS FIRMLY SEATED ON THE POWDER CHARGE.

FIELD CLEANING CONT'D

The PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader was supplied with a cleaning jag which is the proper size for cleaning the firearm. Use commercial cleaning patches (round or square) or pieces of cotton clothing to clean the bore.

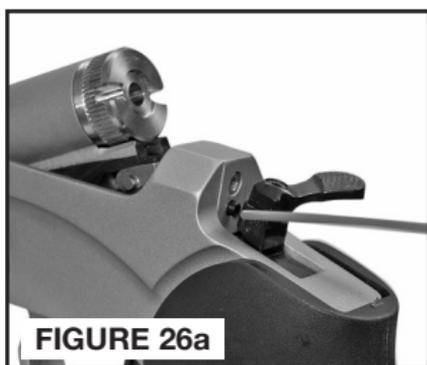
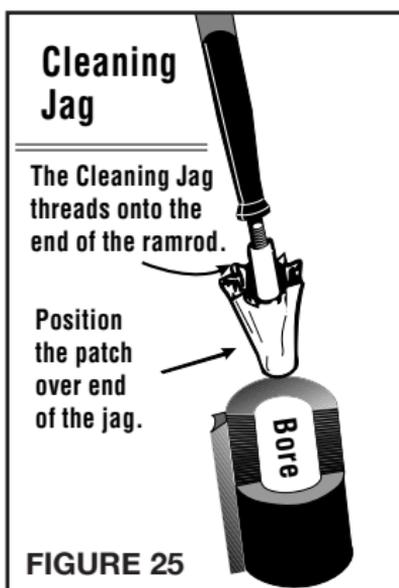
Use the cleaning jag that was provided with the PRO HUNTER FX, and a cleaning patch saturated with a bore cleaner like Thompson/Center's Number 13[®] Bore Cleaner. Run the saturated patch up and down the bore a few times - to remove the fouling (FIGURES 24 & 25).

T/C's Number 13[®] Bore Cleaner is specifically formulated for cleaning fouling caused by Black Powder or Pyrodex[®].

After removing the fouling from the bore, follow up with a few dry patches to thoroughly dry the bore.

Clean the breech assembly with a soft bristle brush dampened with some solvent. When the breech assembly is dry, lightly oil it.

Use a pressurized moisture displacing oil to clean and lubricate the firing pin within the breech - as shown (FIGURES 26a & 26b).



THOROUGH CLEANING



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WARNING: NEVER ATTEMPT TO CLEAN A CHARGED OR PRIMED MUZZLELOADING FIREARM. AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE CAN CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.



WARNING: DO NOT ALTER, MODIFY OR REPLACE ANY OF THE PARTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS THIS WORK IS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE THOMPSON/CENTER PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT. IT WILL ALSO VOID YOUR WARRANTY.



WARNING: ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. CLEANING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED AREAS, DISCHARGING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING AMMUNITION AND LOADING COMPONENTS MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.

Proper cleaning is essential to ensure the proper function of your firearm.

Your firearm is a precision instrument. To ensure reliable function it is necessary to follow a routine maintenance procedure. When you are finished shooting for the day or for the season and plan to store the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader away, you must clean the firearm thoroughly. Follow these instructions for thorough cleaning:

Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and open the action to make sure that the firearm is unprimed.

Remove the breech plug from the barrel by turning it counter-clockwise as viewed from the breech end of the barrel (using the wrench supplied if necessary). Grasp the breech plug with your fingers and remove it from the rifle (FIGURES 27 & 28).



THOROUGH CLEANING CONT'D

Once removed, the breech plug should be scrubbed free of fouling and then the threads should be lubricated with an anti-seize lubricant, like T/C's Super Lube, before reinstallation. The threads inside the breech end of the barrel must also be cleaned thoroughly with a stiff brush and solvent and then dried and lubricated with anti-seize lubricant.

Then fill a pan with hot soapy water. Submerge the muzzle end of the barrel in the water and push a wet patch down the barrel (from the breech end) on the end of your ramrod that has a jag installed on it (a jag comes with T/C muzzleloaders from the factory). Pump the ramrod and patch up and down in the barrel. This will draw water into the barrel and flush out the fouling. When the barrel is clean, wipe off any excess water and allow it to dry.

Thoroughly wipe any powder residue from the breech assembly. Dry the parts thoroughly and lubricate them lightly to prevent rust and corrosion.

Use a pressurized moisture displacing oil to clean and lubricate the firing pin within the breech block - as shown (FIGURES 29a & 29b).

After cleaning your PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader, it is recommended that you lightly lubricate the metal surfaces of the rifle. Do not use heavy grease or oil, as during cold weather, excessive lube may congeal and slow or stop the hammer fall when the trigger is pulled.

With the barrel completely dry, lightly lubricate the bore with a quality firearm lubricant or, in keeping with the all-natural method, T/C's Natural Lube 1000 Plus™ Bore Butter. Re-install the breech plug, making sure that you have lubricated all of the threads with an anti-seize lubricant like T/C's Super Lube. The breech plug should be threaded into place by turning it clockwise with the breech plug wrench - until it is seated. Screw the breech plug in carefully. Be certain that the threads mesh properly (not cross-threaded) and ensure that the breech plug is snug.

Lubricate the threads inside the breech area of the barrel with anti-seize lubricant.

After your PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader breech plug has been reinstalled, check for proper functioning of the barrel and the hammer/trigger mechanism prior to loading and firing.



THOROUGH CLEANING CONT'D

The PRO HUNTER FX Breech Plug has Triple-Lead threads which provide for quick removal from the firearm and improved ease of release when fouled. This breech plug DOES NOT interchange with any other model of T/C muzzleloader. Use a Breech Plug designated for use in the PRO HUNTER FX Only.



WARNING: USE ONLY THOMPSON/CENTER BREECH PLUGS OF THE CORRECT TYPE IN YOUR PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADER. UNAUTHORIZED REPLACEMENTS CAN CREATE A DANGEROUS CONDITION. BE CERTAIN THAT THE THREADS MESH PROPERLY (NOT CROSSTHREADED) AND ENSURE THAT THE BREECH PLUG IS SNUG BEFORE LOADING AND FIRING.



WARNING: IMPROPER TYPE OR INSTALLATION OF BREECH PLUGS CAN CAUSE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

CAUTION: Always follow the instructions provided with your firearm cleaner and firearm lubricant that you use.

CAUTION: Some cleaners can cause damage to your firearms. You should avoid prolonged solvent immersion and prolonged ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Choice of solvent should be restricted to those products specifically developed for firearms maintenance. Damage to a firearm's finish may occur if these cautions are ignored. Ammoniated solvents or other strong alkaline solvents, should not be used on any Thompson/Center firearm.

PRO HUNTER FX HAS A FIXED BARREL

NOTE: THE PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADING RIFLE DOES NOT ALLOW THE BARREL TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FRAME. IT HAS NO PROVISION FOR AN INTERCHANGEABLE BARREL.



WARNING: MAKE SURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNCHARGED AND UNPRIMED. TO ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNCHARGED AND UNPRIMED, KEEP THE BARREL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND TIP THE BARREL OPEN. THIS WILL EXPOSE ANY PRIMER THAT MAY BE IN THE BREECH PLUG. NEXT, HOLDING THE MUZZLE UP TO THE LIGHT, LOOK THROUGH THE IGNITION FIRE CHANNEL FROM THE BREECH END TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN SEE THROUGH IT. IF YOU CANNOT SEE THROUGH IT, EITHER THE FIREARM IS CHARGED OR THE IGNITION FIRE CHANNEL IS OBSTRUCTED AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO REMOVE THE BREECH PLUG AS DETAILED IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION ON THOROUGH CLEANING. IF YOU CAN SEE LIGHT, PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

PRO HUNTER FX FIXED BARREL CONT'D



WARNING: NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM BEYOND THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS MANUAL. IMPROPER DISASSEMBLY OR RE-ASSEMBLY OF YOUR FIREARM MAY BE DANGEROUS AND CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM AND ATTEMPT CLEANING OR MAINTENANCE.

DISASSEMBLY OF THE PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADING RIFLE

- Remove the ramrod from the thimble(s) and set it aside.
- Open the action by pulling rearward on the trigger guard spur and tipping the barrel down. This will expose the breech plug.
- Make sure there is no primer seated. Next, holding the muzzle up to the light, look through the ignition fire channel to make sure you can see through it. If you cannot see through it, it is charged or the channel is obstructed and it will be necessary for you to remove the breech plug.
- Turn the breech plug counter-clockwise to unscrew it from the barrel. You may have to exert some initial force in order to “break” the gas seal, which formed when the breech plug was originally “snugged” to the barrel during installation. There will be initial resistance to overcome. Use the breech plug wrench supplied with the rifle from the factory if necessary.



WARNING: THE PRO HUNTER FX BREECH PLUG DOES NOT INTERCHANGE WITH ANY OTHER MODEL OF T/C MUZZLELOADER. USE A BREECH PLUG DESIGNATED FOR USE IN THE PRO HUNTER FX ONLY. IMPROPER USE OF A NON-STANDARD BREECH PLUG MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION, POSSIBLY CAUSING INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

- The breech plug of the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloader should be seated in the barrel until it is “snug.” “Snug” is defined as being as tight as you can turn it into the barrel by using the supplied breech plug wrench and turning it clockwise, while holding the barrel in your hand. When you can no longer grip the barrel, and it turns in your hand, the breech plug is “snug.”

The breech plug should be threaded into place by turning it into the barrel in a clockwise manner - until it is fully seated. Screw the breech plug in carefully. Be certain that the threads mesh properly (not cross-threaded) and ensure that the breech plug is snug. Use the breech plug wrench supplied with the firearm to “snug” up the breech plug if necessary.

PRO HUNTER FX FIXED BARREL CONT'D

CAUTION: The stock bolt on your Pro Hunter FX should not be over-tightened. If you apply too much force to your stock bolt during re-assembly, you may compress the stock material and induce cracking in the stock grip area. Such cracking can lead to a premature failure of the stock. The stock bolt must be torqued to 50 inch-pounds (plus or minus 5 inch-pounds).

Always use the stock bolt and washer provided with your Pro Hunter FX. Use of non-factory stock bolts or stock bolts without washers can lead to stock failures.

 **WARNING: IF, AT ANY TIME DURING DISASSEMBLY OR REASSEMBLY OF YOUR PRO HUNTER FX YOU NOTICE CRACKING IN THE STOCK AT OR NEAR THE STOCK ATTACHMENT BOLT, DISCONTINUE USE OF YOUR STOCK AND RETURN IT TO SMITH & WESSON FOR INSPECTION.**

 **WARNING: NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM BEYOND THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS MANUAL. IMPROPER DISASSEMBLY OR RE-ASSEMBLY OF YOUR FIREARM MAY BE DANGEROUS AND CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

If other service is required, contact the Thompson/Center Customer Service Department - Toll free @ 866-730-1614.

MOUNTING A SCOPE

We recommend that you have a competent gunsmith install your scope and mount.

 **WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNCHARGED AND UNPRIMED BEFORE INSTALLING A SCOPE OR ANY ACCESSORIES. FAILURE TO DO THIS CAN LEAD TO PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.**

 **WARNING: DO NOT DRILL ADDITIONAL HOLES IN THE BARREL AS THIS COULD WEAKEN ITS STRUCTURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A RUPTURE CAUSING INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. IT WILL ALSO VOID YOUR WARRANTY.**

MOUNTING A SCOPE CONT'D

The barrel is factory drilled and tapped for T/C mounts. Follow the instructions that come with your scope and the mounts for proper installation. Questions should be addressed to the Thompson/Center Service Dept. - Toll free @ 866-730-1614.

Different scopes have varying lengths of recommended eye relief. You need to choose a combination that allows for adequate clearance between the scope and your eye brow. Follow the instructions supplied with the scope and rings for proper installation (FIGURE 30).



⚠ WARNING: A SCOPE WHICH IS NOT SECURELY MOUNTED MAY BECOME DETACHED UPON RECOIL OF THE FIREARM. IF IT BECOMES DETACHED IT MAY FLY BACK AND STRIKE THE SHOOTER OR A BYSTANDER AND CAUSE INJURY. OBSERVE THE CONDITION OF ALL THE SCOPE MOUNT SCREWS AFTER FIRING. IF THE MOUNTING SCREWS SHOW SIGNS OF LOOSENING DO NOT FIRE THE FIREARM AGAIN; TAKE IT TO A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH FOR ASSISTANCE.

⚠ WARNING: FIRING A SCOPED FIREARM WITH YOUR EYE TOO CLOSE TO THE SCOPE EYE PIECE, OR FAILING TO HOLD THE FIREARM SECURELY AGAINST RECOIL, MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BLINDNESS.

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

This warranty is granted by Smith & Wesson Corp. doing business as Thompson/Center Arms. This warranty is effective from the date of purchase for the lifetime of the original retail purchaser of any factory finished firearm. In order to be eligible for service under this warranty, the original retail purchaser must return a completed authorized warranty card or register online at <http://www.tcarms.com/warranty-details/registration> within thirty (30) days of purchase of such firearm. With respect to such firearm, this warranty supersedes any and all other warranties.

Thompson/Center Arms brand firearms are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Any such defects of which Smith & Wesson receives written notice by the original retail purchaser will be remedied without charge within a reasonable time after such notification and delivery of the firearm as provided below.

Warranty claims (in writing) and the firearm or part thereof concerned should be delivered, postage prepaid, to the factory at Smith & Wesson, 2100 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield, MA 01104, Attn: Service Department. In addition, a copy of the bill of sale in the original retail purchaser's name, or, where applicable, a copy of ATF Form 4473 indicating date of purchase must be included. Please include your physical address and phone number. You must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations in the shipment of firearms to Smith & Wesson.

Note: See the Contact & Shipping section of this manual for further details regarding returns.

Warranty claims should state the model and, where applicable, the serial number of the firearm concerned and the description of the difficulty experienced. It is recommended that shipments be insured by the owner, since Smith & Wesson will accept no responsibility for loss or damage in transit. Transportation and insurance charges for return to the owner will be paid by Smith & Wesson if the claim is covered by this warranty.

If the work required is not covered by our "Limited Lifetime Warranty" you will receive a quotation which must be authorized by you. No actual work will be done without your approval. Return shipments can be shipped via UPS, FedEx or mail at your cost. Repaired product will be shipped back to you via FedEx requiring an adult signature upon receipt.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SMITH & WESSON BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC LOSS, INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY CONT'D

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

Smith & Wesson will not be responsible for:

- Defects or malfunctions resulting from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments or modifications made or attempted by anyone other than a qualified gunsmith following authorized procedures, or failure to follow the instructions in Safety & Instruction manual that was provided with the firearm from the factory.
- Use of defective or improper ammunition and/or propellant, corrosion, neglect, abuse, ordinary wear and tear, or unreasonable use.
- Use of replacement parts, including but not limited to barrels and springs, other than factory or authorized parts.
- Criminal misuse, negligence, or use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Services that were performed by the Thompson/Center Arms Custom Shop and/or that are performed by the Smith & Wesson Repair Department do not void this warranty. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Note: All liability is excluded in the event that the instructions provided in the Safety and Instruction manual that was provided with the firearm from the factory are not observed.

CONTACT & SHIPPING INFORMATION

NOTE: A Return Merchandise Authorization (**RMA**) is the first step in the process of returning a product in order to receive a repair, replacement or refund. Please contact Thompson/Center's Customer Service Dept. (e-mail: tca_customerservice@tcarms.com or by phone at 800-331-0852 ext. 4125) to obtain authorization to return your firearm so we can process it quickly and efficiently. The RMA number that is supplied by Thompson/Center Arms must be displayed on the outside of the returned product's packaging; returns without an RMA number will be routed differently which will result in delayed processing.

The issuance of an Return Merchandise Authorization (**RMA**) allows Thompson/Center Arms an opportunity to try to diagnose and correct a customer's concerns with the product (such as ammunition problems) before it is returned. Accordingly, please contact us before returning your Thompson/Center firearm.

Shipping Address: Thompson/Center Arms
2100 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, MA 01104

Should your Thompson/Center firearm require service, it should be returned to the Thompson/Center factory.

- Call or e-mail the Customer Service Dept. for authorization and shipping instructions.
- Ensure that the magazine and chamber are unloaded.
- **Do not attempt to ship a firearm via US Postal Service; only federally licensed dealers may ship a firearm by US Postal Service.**
- **DO NOT SHIP ANY AMMUNITION.**
- Enclose a letter which includes your full name and address (no P.O. Boxes, please), daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the serial number of the firearm, and details of the problem experienced (stating the brand and type of ammunition used when the problem occurred) or work desired.
- Record the serial number before shipping, in case you wish to check on the repair status of your firearm.
- Please remove all custom parts and accessories, such as stocks, special sights and scopes, or slings from your firearm before returning.
- Place the firearm in its original case or in a similarly secure container and pack it securely.
- The package must **NOT** bear any markings which indicate the identity of the contents.

CONTACT & SHIPPING CONT'D

- It is most important that you comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The following guidelines are meant to help, but you must seek assistance from the appropriate authorities if necessary.
- If your firearm must be replaced, it *may* be necessary to ship the replacement to a dealer rather than directly to you. You *may* be requested to furnish a signed FFL (Federal Firearms License) from your dealer in such an instance.
- Warranty repair work will begin upon receipt and examination of the firearm. In the case of repairs or work not covered by the warranty, a quotation covering the cost of the work plus shipping charges will be sent to you. Repairs or modification will be scheduled upon receipt of payment.

 **WARNING: YOU MAY PURCHASE ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR THOMPSON/CENTER FIREARM. YOU MUST HAVE SOME OF THESE PARTS INSTALLED BY A GUNSMITH QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SERVICE ON THOMPSON/CENTER FIREARMS. NEVER ATTEMPT TO MODIFY YOUR FIREARM OR INSTALL REPLACEMENT PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM. ALWAYS USE A QUALIFIED THOMPSON/CENTER GUNSMITH EVEN IF THE REPAIR SEEMS SIMPLE.**

LOAD COMPONENTS

 **WARNING: NEVER USE LOADING COMPONENTS NOT SPECIFICALLY REFERENCED IN THIS MANUAL. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE MAY CAUSE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

- **USE ONLY BLACK POWDER OR AN APPROVED BLACK POWDER SUBSTITUTE SUCH AS PYRODEX® TO LOAD YOUR MUZZLELOADING FIREARM.** Never use even small amounts of smokeless powder, even if it is black in color. The use of any other propellant may cause injury or death to the shooter or bystanders and damage to property.
- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR USING THE CORRECT COMBINATION OF LOAD COMPONENTS IN YOUR PRO HUNTER FX MUZZLELOADER** as detailed in this manual.

NOTE: Different combinations of bullet weight and powder charge can have a major effect on felt recoil. Heavier bullets and heavier powder charges will result in more recoil.

 **WARNING: DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAN RESULT FROM THE USE OF INCORRECT LOAD COMPONENTS.**

SUGGESTED LOADS FOR THE PRO HUNTER FX



WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

The following charts show recommended charges using Black Powder or a Pyrodex[®] equivalent as the propellant for the PRO HUNTER FX muzzleloading rifle. Loads are listed by caliber, powder charge and type of projectile.

Note that in each instance a series of charges are listed. More than one charge is shown in each category to illustrate the appropriate powder charge range for that particular caliber, firearm model and projectile.



WARNING: MAXIMUM LOADS ARE NOT TO BE EXCEEDED NOR IS A SUBSTITUTION OF POWDER OR GRANULATIONS TO BE ATTEMPTED! ONLY USE LOADS THAT ARE LISTED FOR YOUR PARTICULAR CALIBER, MODEL AND BULLET STYLE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

- The shooter is instructed to start with the lightest charge listed. As you become familiar with the firearm, increase your charges gradually until you reach your best performing load (most accurate). Thompson/Center Arms is not responsible for loading information printed in sources other than this booklet.

NOTE: All loading data contained in this book is the result of testing by Thompson/Center. Testing was done under carefully controlled conditions with the components specified in the text. 28 inch barrels were used to produce the data (unless otherwise specified).

- Since Thompson/Center has no control over the components or equipment which may be used with this information, no responsibility is implied or assumed for the results obtained.



WARNING: THE LOADING DATA FOUND IN THIS MANUAL WAS COMPILED USING BLACK POWDER OR GRANULAR (LOOSE) PYRODEX[®] RS AS A PROPELLANT (NO PELLETS). WITH ANY OTHER APPROVED BLACK POWDER SUBSTITUTE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS SUPPLIED BY THE MANUFACTURER AND HEED ALL WARNINGS AS THEY APPLY TO LOADING AND USAGE OF THAT PRODUCT.

LUBRICATED T/C MAXI-BULLET LOADS

For Use Only With .50 Caliber PRO HUNTER FX Only Bullets Lubricated with Bore Butter™. Use a 209 Primer for Ignition		.50 Caliber Rifle Using Black Powder & Maxi-Ball™ or Maxi-Hunter® Bullets	
Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Black Powder Charge (Grains)	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
275 Grain Maxi-Hunter or 320 Grain Maxi-Ball Lead Bullet	80 grs. FFG	1408 F.P.S.	1409 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1462 F.P.S.	1519 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1511 F.P.S.	1623 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1588 F.P.S.	1792 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1632 F.P.S.	1893 Ft. Lbs.
350 Grain Maxi-Hunter or 370 Grain Maxi-Ball Lead Bullet	80 grs. FFG	1344 F.P.S.	1484 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1426 F.P.S.	1671 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1478 F.P.S.	1795 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1535 F.P.S.	1936 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1556 F.P.S.	1990 Ft. Lbs.
Load Shown in Red is Maximum			

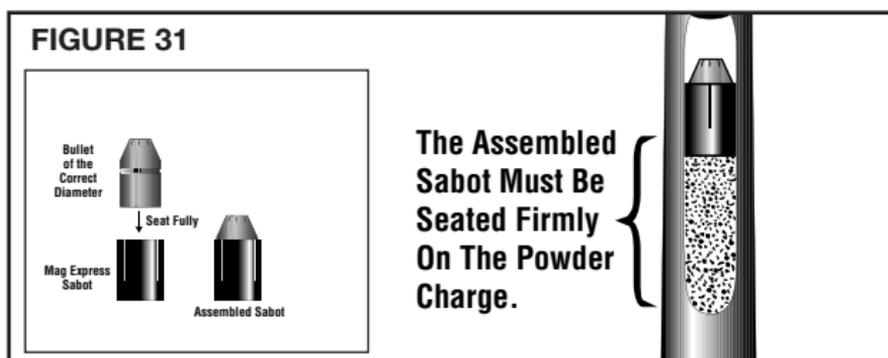
Assembly & Loading T/C Mag Express™ & Shock Wave® Sabots

T/C Sabots come in several variations for .50 caliber muzzleloaders; some sabots accept .44 caliber (.429" - .430" diameter) bullets and others accept .45 caliber (.451" - .452" diameter) bullets. In either case, insert the correct diameter projectile into the sabot and press them together firmly, making sure the bullet is fully seated to the base of the sabot (FIGURE 31).



WARNING: WHEN LOADING YOUR MUZZLELOADER, MAKE SURE THAT IT IS UNPRIMED. MAKE SURE THAT THE SABOT AND BULLET ARE PROPERLY ASSEMBLED. FAILURE TO ASSEMBLE AND LOAD YOUR SABOT CORRECTLY COULD RESULT IN THE BULLET DISENGAGING FROM THE SABOT. THIS COULD RESULT IN AN AIR SPACE BETWEEN THE COMPONENTS IN THE BARREL. WITH SUCH A CONDITION, ONE OR MORE OF THE COMPONENTS MAY ACT AS A BARREL OBSTRUCTION. FIRING COULD RESULT IN INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

To properly assemble your Mag Express or Shock Wave® Sabot, insert the projectile into the sabot and press firmly, making sure the bullet is fully seated in the sabot. Use bullets of the correct diameter.



WARNING: USE ONLY PROJECTILES OF THE CORRECT DIAMETER THAT WERE DESIGNED FOR THE SABOTS YOU ARE USING. USING BULLETS OF LESSER DIAMETER MAY CAUSE THE BULLET TO SEPARATE FROM THE SABOT WHILE IN THE BARREL. THIS COULD CREATE A BARREL OBSTRUCTION. USING BULLETS OF LARGER DIAMETER COULD RESULT IN DIFFICULT LOADING, OR A CONDITION WHERE THE SABOT IS NOT SEATED FULLY ONTO THE POWDER CHARGE, RESULTING IN A BARREL OBSTRUCTION. EITHER CASE CAN RESULT IN POSSIBLE INJURY AND/OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.



WARNING: USE THE DATA PROVIDED IN THIS MANUAL IN RIFLES OF THOMPSON/CENTER MANUFACTURE. FOR OTHER BRANDS OF RIFLES YOU MUST REFER TO THE LOADING DATA THAT THEY PROVIDE.

T/C Mag Express[®]

Sabot Loads

For Use With .50 Caliber T/C PRO HUNTER FX Only Using Bullet Weights Listed Use a 209 Primer for Ignition		.50 Caliber Rifle Using Pyrodex [®] Pellets & Mag Express [™] Sabot Loads	
For Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Powder Charge .50 cal/50gr. Pyrodex [®] Pellets	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
180 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1937 F.P.S.	1500 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2303 F.P.S.	2120 Ft. Lbs.
240 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1889 F.P.S.	1902 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2249 F.P.S.	2696 Ft. Lbs.
250 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1863 F.P.S.	1927 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2197 F.P.S.	2680 Ft. Lbs.
300 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1729 F.P.S.	1992 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2036 F.P.S.	2762 Ft. Lbs.
325 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1624 F.P.S.	1903 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	1938 F.P.S.	2711 Ft. Lbs.
400 Gr. Bullet	2 Pellets	1512 F.P.S.	2031 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	1806 F.P.S.	2897 Ft. Lbs.
Load Shown in Red is Maximum			

For Use With .50 Caliber T/C PRO HUNTER FX Only Using Bullet Weights Listed Use a 209 Primer for Ignition		.50 Caliber Rifle Using Black Powder & Mag Express™ Sabot Loads	
For Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Black Powder Charge (Grains)	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
180 Grain Bullet Like The Thompson/Center XTP™	80 grs. FFG	1609 F.P.S.	1035 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1685 F.P.S.	1135 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1737 F.P.S.	1206 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1766 F.P.S.	1247 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1852 F.P.S.	1371 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1907 F.P.S.	1454 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	2004 F.P.S.	1606 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	2043 F.P.S.	1669 Ft. Lbs.
240 Grain Bullet Like The Thompson/Center XTP™	80 grs. FFG	1511 F.P.S.	1217 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1629 F.P.S.	1414 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1672 F.P.S.	1490 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1710 F.P.S.	1559 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1761 F.P.S.	1653 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1794 F.P.S.	1716 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	1846 F.P.S.	1816 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1879 F.P.S.	1882 Ft. Lbs.
250 Grain Bullet Like The Thompson/Center PTX™	80 grs. FFG	1472 F.P.S.	1203 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1601 F.P.S.	1423 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1642 F.P.S.	1497 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1696 F.P.S.	1597 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1724 F.P.S.	1650 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1775 F.P.S.	1749 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	1828 F.P.S.	1855 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1853 F.P.S.	1907 Ft. Lbs.
300 Grain Bullet Like The Thompson/Center XTP™	80 grs. FFG	1452 F.P.S.	1405 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1535 F.P.S.	1570 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1601 F.P.S.	1708 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1646 F.P.S.	1805 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1667 F.P.S.	1852 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1693 F.P.S.	1910 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	1714 F.P.S.	1957 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1758 F.P.S.	2015 Ft. Lbs.

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For Use With .50 Caliber
T/C PRO HUNTER FX Only
Using Bullet Weights Listed
Use a 209 Primer for Ignition

.50 Caliber Rifle
Using Black Powder &
Mag Express™ Sabots

For Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Black Powder Charge (Grains)	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
325 Grain Bullet	100 grs. FFG	1451 F.P.S.	1520 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1555 F.P.S.	1745 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1710 F.P.S.	2110 Ft. Lbs.
400 Grain Bullet	100 grs. FFG	1390 F.P.S.	1679 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1469 F.P.S.	1917 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1587 F.P.S.	2238 Ft. Lbs.

Load Shown in Red is Maximum

Shock Wave® Sabot Loads

For Use With .50 Caliber T/C PRO HUNTER FX Only Using Bullet Weights Listed Use a 209 Primer for Ignition		.50 Caliber Rifle Using 50 Gr. Equivalent Pyrodex® Pellets & Shock Wave® Bullets with T/C Super Glide Sabots	
For Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Powder Charge .50 caliber/50gr. Pyrodex® Pellets	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
250 Gr. Bullet T/C Shock Wave® in the T/C Super Glide™ Sabot	2 Pellets	1863 F.P.S.	1927 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2197 F.P.S.	2680 Ft. Lbs.
300 Gr. Bullet T/C Shock Wave® in the T/C Super Glide™ Sabot	2 Pellets	1729 F.P.S.	1992 Ft. Lbs.
	3 Pellets	2036 F.P.S.	2762 Ft. Lbs.
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For Use With .50 Caliber T/C PRO HUNTER FX Only Using Bullet Weights Listed Use a 209 Primer for Ignition		.50 Caliber Rifle Using Black Powder & Shock Wave® Bullets with T/C Super Glide™ Sabots	
For Use With Bullets Weighing (Grains)	Black Powder Charge (Grains)	Muzzle Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Muzzle Energy (Foot Pounds)
250 Gr. Bullet T/C Shock Wave® in the T/C Super Glide™ Sabot	80 grs. FFG	1472 F.P.S.	1203 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1601 F.P.S.	1423 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1642 F.P.S.	1497 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1696 F.P.S.	1597 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1724 F.P.S.	1650 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1775 F.P.S.	1749 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	1828 F.P.S.	1855 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1853 F.P.S.	1907 Ft. Lbs.
300 Gr. Bullet T/C Shock Wave® in the T/C Super Glide™ Sabot	80 grs. FFG	1452 F.P.S.	1405 Ft. Lbs.
	90 grs. FFG	1535 F.P.S.	1570 Ft. Lbs.
	100 grs. FFG	1601 F.P.S.	1708 Ft. Lbs.
	110 grs. FFG	1646 F.P.S.	1805 Ft. Lbs.
	120 grs. FFG	1667 F.P.S.	1852 Ft. Lbs.
	130 grs. FFG	1693 F.P.S.	1910 Ft. Lbs.
	140 grs. FFG	1714 F.P.S.	1957 Ft. Lbs.
	150 grs. FFG	1758 F.P.S.	2015 Ft. Lbs.
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