Owner’s Manual
C39v2 SEMI-AUTO RIFLE
Cal. 7.62x39MM

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Congratulations on your purchase of the 100% American Made C39v2 Semi-Automatic Rifle. With proper care and handling, it will give you many years of long, reliable service. The C39v2 is chambered for the 7.62x39mm cartridge.

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Always keep this manual with your firearm. Make sure you understand all the warnings, operation instructions and safety procedures. When you lend, give or sell the firearm, be sure this manual goes with it. You can get a copy of this manual from Century Arms on request.

FIREARMS SAFETY IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER. ALWAYS TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY WERE LOADED AT ALL TIMES!

IMPORTANT!
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS BOOKLET BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.

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Commandment #2
Firearms Should Be Unloaded When Not Actually in Use
Firearms should only be loaded when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. When not in use, firearms and ammunition should be secured in a safe place, separate from each other. Remember to unload your firearm completely so that there is no ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Before handling this or any firearm, or handing it to someone else,
Commandment #5
Use the Correct Ammunition
Every firearm is designed to use a certain caliber or gauge of ammunition. It is important that you use the correct ammunition for your firearm. Information on the correct ammunition to use with your firearm appears in the firearm’s instruction manual and the manufacturer’s markings on the firearm itself. Use of the wrong ammunition, improperly reloaded ammunition or corroded ammunition can result in the destruction of the firearm, serious personal injury and/or death. Form the habit of examining every round of ammunition before you put it into your gun to ensure it is of the proper gauge or caliber and that it is in good condition.
Commandment #6
If Your Gun Fails to Fire When the Trigger Is Pulled, Handle With Care
If a cartridge or shell does not fire when the trigger is pulled, follow Commandment #1 and keep the firearm’s muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Keep the muzzle down range with the action closed and wait at least 30 seconds (to ensure that the ammunition is not delayed in firing) before carefully opening the action, unloading the firearm and safely disposing of the ammunition.

Commandment #7
Always Wear Eye and Ear Protection When Shooting
Exposure to shooting noise can permanently damage hearing. Flying debris, such as powder residue and ejected cartridge cases, can injure your eyes. Thus, it is only common sense to wear both eye protection (such as shooting glasses) and ear protection (such as a sound-muffling headset) whenever shooting. Also, wear eye protection when cleaning or disassembling your gun to ensure that cleaning solvent and tensioned parts (such as springs) do not come into contact with your eyes.

Commandment #8
Be Sure the Barrel Is Clear of Obstructions Before Shooting
Discharging a firearm with an obstruction in the barrel can result in personal injury, property damage and/or death. Before you load your firearm, check the chamber and magazine to ascertain that no ammunition is inside. Also, check the inside of the barrel (called the “bore”) to ensure it is free of obstructions. Even a small amount of mud, snow or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore can cause excessive pressures resulting in a bulged or burst barrel which can injure or kill the shooter and bystanders. It is a good idea to make a habit of cleaning the bore and checking for obstructions with a cleaning rod just before each shooting session. If the noise or recoil experienced upon firing seems low or weak, or something doesn’t feel “right,” cease firing immediately and carefully check to make sure that there is no obstruction in the barrel. Placing an undersized shell or cartridge into a gun (such as a 20 gauge shell in a shotgun chambered for 12 gauge ammunition) can result in the smaller round of ammunition falling into the barrel and acting as an obstruction. When a round is subsequently fired, the barrel may burst, causing injury to the shooter and bystanders. For reference, re-read Commandment #5.

Commandment #9
Do Not Alter or Modify Your Gun and Have It Serviced Regularly
Firearms are complex mechanisms that are designed to function properly in their original condition. Any alterations or changes made to a firearm after its manufacture can make the gun unsafe and will void its warranty. Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others by altering the trigger, mechanical safety or other mechanisms of your firearm. You should have your firearm periodically checked for proper functioning and serviced by a qualified gunsmith.

Commandment #10
Learn the Mechanical and Handling Characteristics of Your Firearm
Not all firearms operate the same way. The method of carrying, handling and operating firearms varies with the mechanical characteristics of each gun. Thus, you
should never handle any firearm until you become familiar with the safe handling, loading, unloading and carrying procedures for that particular firearm, as well as the rules for safe gun handling in general.

LEAD WARNING!
Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious injuries. Have adequate ventilation at all times when shooting. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

Basics of Safe Gun Handling
1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
3. Don’t totally rely on your gun’s safety.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
5. Use the correct ammunition for your firearm.
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting and cleaning.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Don’t alter or modify your firearm and have your firearm(s) serviced regularly.
10. Learn the mechanics and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.

Safe gun handling depends on you! A safe shooter is a knowledgeable shooter.

WARNING! STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY AND UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM if your firearm develops a mechanical malfunction; binding or stoppage, spitting powder/gas, a cartridge primer is punctured, a cartridge case is bulged or ruptured, or the sound on firing does not sound quite right. Do NOT try one more shot, but unload your firearm and take it and the ammunition to a qualified gunsmith or send it back to Century Arms for examination. Do not assume that the firearm is empty merely because you checked the chamber. You must also check the bore for any fired bullet jammed inside the barrel.

WARNING! Always ensure that the ammunition you are using is clean, undamaged and of the proper caliber before loading your rifle. The manufacturer and distributor of this rifle disclaim any liability for the use of remanufactured, reloaded or hand-loaded ammunition. Protect your investment in this fine firearm by using only factory fresh, quality ammunition. The use of improper caliber or low quality ammunition could result in injury, death and/or property damage upon firing. Remember, firearms safety depends on you!

Specifications:
Caliber: 7.62x39mm
Type of Firearm: semi-automatic gas operated rifle
Magazine Capacity: 30 round standard AK magazine
Overall Length: 37.25”
Barrel Length: 16.5”, 1:10 twist rifling, 14x1mm LH
Barrel: 4140 Chrome moly, Nitride treated for durability
Weight: 8.2 lbs.
Sights: elevation adjustable rear sight, conventional drift post front sight
Finish: black nitride barrel and receiver, fire control group; phosphated bolt carrier group
Features: selector lever bolt hold open notch, larger T shaped magazine catch, compatibility with AKM furniture, enhanced dust cover
**Safety:** The safety lever is in the “SAFE” position when it is moved to its uppermost (top position) on the receiver. You should hear an audible “click” when it is correctly in place. (See Illustration #2.) **NOTE:** When the safety lever is in its lower position on the receiver, the gun is in the “FIRE” position. (See Illustration #3.)

**Illustration #1**

Diagram showing major operational parts of the C39v2 Rifle

Study of this picture will aid you in understanding the instructions in this booklet.

1. Buttstock
2. Recoil spring cam
3. Safety lever
4. Receiver
5. Charging handle
6. Rear sight
7. Gas tube lock arm
8. Upper & lower handguards
9. Front sight
10. Compensator detent
11. Muzzle
12. Barrel
13. Magazine
14. Magazine release lever
15. Trigger
16. Triggerguard
17. Pistol grip
18. Rear sling attachment

**Illustration #2**

Safety lever in upper “SAFE” position.

**Illustration #3**

Safety lever in lower or “FIRE” position. Pulling the trigger when the safety lever is in the lower position will result in the rifle firing if there is a round in the chamber! Exercise extreme caution when handling rifle in this condition.
**Bolt Charging Handle:** Located on the right hand side of the firearm. It protrudes from the bolt and is used for pulling the bolt rearward. (See Illustration #4.)

![Bolt cocking handle.](Illustration #4)

**To Load the Rifle**

**WARNING!** Before loading, make sure the inside of the barrel is free of dirt or other obstructions. We recommend passing a cleaning rod with brush attached down the bore before shooting.

**WARNING!** Always check each cartridge to ensure it is of the correct caliber and in good condition before loading the firearm.

**WARNING!** Never load a firearm indoors. An accidental discharge will cause property damage, serious injury and/or death! Never use live ammunition to function test your rifle indoors.

**WARNING!** Keep fingers away from the trigger while loading.

**WARNING!** Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

**WARNING!** The safety lever should not extend below the safety lever stop on the bottom of the receiver or rise past the receiver cover. If this occurs, have the rifle inspected by a competent gunsmith before further use.

1. Place the safety lever in the “SAFE” position. (See Illustration #2.)
2. Load the magazine with the correct ammunition by pressing the cartridges one at a time down and under the magazine’s feed lips; the cartridges will automatically alternate from side to side. Holding the magazine in your primary hand and gently tapping it against your opposite palm will help seat the cartridges and assure good feeding. When loading the rounds into the magazine ensure the base of the cartridge is in contact with the back of the magazine. (See Illustration #5.)
3. Pick up the firearm with one hand and the magazine with the other. Insert the front of the magazine into the magazine well. (See Illustration #6.)
4. Rotate the magazine rearward until it engages the latch. You should hear an audible click when it locks into place, pull down on the magazine to ensure it has locked into place properly.
5. Keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, move the safety lever downward to the “FIRE” position.

**WARNING!** Pulling the trigger when the safety lever is in this lower position will result in the rifle firing a round. To avoid serious injury, death or causing property damage, make sure you know the “SAFE” and “FIRE” positions of the safety lever before attempting to load your rifle!
6. Pull back the bolt cocking handle to its fully-rearward position and release. As it moves rapidly forward under spring pressure, the bolt will strip a round from the magazine and insert it into the chamber. (See Illustration #7.) The rifle is now loaded and ready to fire.

7. Place the rifle back on “SAFE.” (See Illustration #2.)

**WARNING!** The rifle is now loaded and will fire if the safety lever is moved downward to the “FIRE” position and the trigger is pulled! Handle with extreme caution and keep the muzzle (the end of the barrel) pointed in a safe direction!

### To Fire the Rifle

1. Keeping the **10 Commandments of Firearm Safety** in mind, aim the rifle downrange at the target. When firing this rifle you may need to experiment with different shooting styles until you find the method which best suits your sporting activity. Remember to always fire the rifle in such a manner that you can maintain a safe muzzle direction at all times.

2. Disengage the safety lever by moving it to the "FIRE" position. (See Illustration #3.)

3. After aligning the sights on your target, place your finger inside the triggerguard and on the trigger.

4. Slowly pull the trigger fully rearward to fire the first round. If nothing happens, ensure that the selector lever is in the downward “FIRE” position and try again.

5. Being a semi-automatic rifle, the rifle’s action (its moving parts) will cycle after the first round is fired. As the bolt moves rearward, the extractor will pull the empty cartridge case from the chamber and eject it from the rifle. (Make sure there are no bystanders in close proximity on either side of the rifle who could be injured by the ejected cartridge case or gasses expelled from the rifle.)

   **NOTE:** If the trigger is pressed again, the rifle will fire! Keep the rifle pointed in a safe direction. Keep your fingers away from the muzzle when firing the gun.

6. Firing may be continued in this manner until the magazine is empty.

7. When firing is finished, place the safety lever in the “SAFE” position. (See Illustration #2.)

**WARNING!** The barrel, gas block and gas tube will be very hot after firing!

**WARNING!** Keep your fingers away from the muzzle!
**WARNING!** Always unload your rifle immediately after use and prior to cleaning and storage to minimize the risk of an accidental discharge. If your rifle ever fails to fire keep it pointed at the target for at least 30 seconds in the event of a hangfire (slow ignition). If the round still does not fire, remove the magazine, eject and discard the bad round. Reload the rifle to resume firing.

## Unloading the Rifle

**WARNING!** Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

1. Move the safety lever to the "SAFE" position. (See Illustration #2.)
2. Remove the magazine from the rifle. With one hand holding the receiver, remove your other hand from the rifle grip and grasp the magazine, using your thumb, depress the magazine release lever. (See Illustration #8.) You will now be able to rotate the bottom of the magazine toward the muzzle end of the rifle and remove it from the magazine well in the receiver. (See Illustration #9.)

![Illustration #8](image8.png)

![Illustration #9](image9.png)

Press the magazine release lever forward to remove the magazine from the rifle.

3. Move the safety lever to the “FIRE” position. (See Illustration #3.) Check the rifle's chamber to ensure it does not contain a round by pulling back on the bolt cocking handle. (See Illustration #4.) Inspect the chamber to ensure it is empty. Once you determine the chamber is empty and no magazine is in the rifle, let the bolt go forward. Move the safety lever to the "SAFE" position. (See Illustration #2.)

4. In the event that a cartridge remains in the chamber after pulling the trigger and the extractor fails to remove it (whether or not it has fired), you should remove the magazine, then work the bolt cocking handle several times to try to eject the cartridge. If this does not eject the cartridge, ride the bolt cocking handle home (slowly allow it to return to its forward position without allowing it to impact the back of the cartridge casing). Follow the instructions found on page 10 to field strip your rifle before attempting to remove the cartridge. If after field stripping your rifle you are still unable to remove the cartridge casing, do not reassemble the rifle. Take the rifle to a competent gunsmith to remove the round and ensure proper functioning.

**WARNING!** The rifle will fire if the magazine is removed and if the trigger is pulled when a cartridge is in the chamber.

**WARNING!** If dropped, any firearm could fire when there is a cartridge in the chamber and the safety lever is in the "FIRE" position.
1. Remove the magazine from the rifle. To do so, follow the procedures detailed in the Unloading the Rifle section on page 9.

2. Move the safety lever to the "FIRE" position by rotating the safety lever downward. (See Illustration #3.)

3. Check the rifle's chamber to ensure it does not contain a round by pulling back on the bolt cocking handle. (See Illustration #4.) Inspect the chamber to ensure it is empty. Once you determine the chamber is empty and no magazine is in the rifle, let the bolt go forward. Remove all live ammunition, loaded magazines and other firearms from the working area. Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

4. While remembering to maintain a safe muzzle direction, secure the rifle firmly in a supported location such as your lap, or on a table. With the rifle secured, use the thumb of your primary hand to press in on the recoil spring cam, while lifting the duct cover off of the receiver with your support hand. Then remove the receiver cover from the back end first with your other hand. (See Illustration #10.)

5. Remove the recoil spring assembly from the rifle by holding the forward portion of the receiver with your hand and pressing on the back of the recoil spring cam with your other hand until its rear face leaves the groove in the rear of the receiver. Lift the recoil spring cam and remove the recoil spring assembly from the bolt carrier channel. (See Illustration #11.)

**NOTE:** The recoil spring assembly is under spring pressure. Hold on to the assembly when removing it or injury could result.

6. Remove the bolt carrier and bolt from the rifle by holding the receiver with one hand and the cocking handle with your other hand. Pull the bolt carrier and bolt to the rear as far as possible. Once the back of the bolt carrier contacts the backplate of the receiver, lift the rear portion of the bolt carrier and remove it and the bolt from the receiver. (See Illustration #12.)

7. To remove the bolt from the bolt carrier, hold the bolt carrier in your primary hand so that the cocking handle faces to the left. (See Illustration #13.) Next, rotate the bolt, counter clockwise while letting it drop to the bottom of the bolt cam track. Once at the bottom of the cam track continue to rotate counter clockwise until the bolt cam has exited the cam track then lift the bolt up and out of the bolt carrier.
Reassembly

1. To reinstall the bolt in the bolt carrier, start by holding the bolt carrier in your primary hand with the piston pointed towards the sky and the cocking handle pointing to the left. Use your support hand to drop the bolt into the large hole in the bolt carrier and allow gravity to be your friend. With the bolt at the bottom of the carrier, rotate the bolt clockwise until the bolt cam enters the bolt carrier cam track. Now turn the bolt carrier around so that the piston is facing the ground. The bolt will fall forwards in the cam track until it stops in the “open” position. (See Illustration #14.)

Illustration #14

2. Make sure that the hammer is cocked (locked underneath the sear) before attempting to install the bolt carrier.

3. To reinstall the bolt carrier and bolt point the muzzle of the rifle toward the ground (you can rest it on a chair or other object). Place the gas piston into the gas tube and begin sliding the bolt carrier forward (See Illustration #15) until the carrier guide grooves are lined up with the rails on the receiver. Press down on the bolt carrier so it slightly depresses the hammer. (See Illustration #16.) Gravity then should allow the bolt to fully close, ensure that the bolt carrier and bolt can fully close. (See Illustration #17.)
4. Install the recoil spring assembly on the rifle by holding the forward portion of the receiver with one hand, and with your other hand, insert the recoil spring retainer into the bolt carrier channel. Move the recoil spring cam forward, placing its guide lugs in front of the grooves in the receiver rear plate. Depress the recoil spring cam until its guide lugs are aligned with the channel on the top of the receiver rear plate. Release pressure on the recoil spring cam which will allow it to move rearward and lock into the receiver.

5. To install the receiver cover on the rifle, hold the rifle by the forward portion of the receiver with one hand and with other hand insert the front edge of the receiver cover into the groove in the back of the gas tube block. Press the back end of the receiver cover forward and downward with the heel of your hand until it is locked in by the cam button.

6. Move the safety lever to the "SAFE" position. (See Illustration #2.)

**Sight Adjustment**

The front sight is adjustable for both elevation and windage. The front sight adjustment tool is not included with the rifle.

1. To adjust the elevation turn the front sight post clockwise lowering the post and raising the point of impact. Turning the front sight post counter-clockwise raises the post and lowers the point of impact. (See Illustration #18.)

2. To adjust windage move the front sight adjusting block to the left moves the point of impact to the right, moving the front sight adjustment block to the right moves the point of impact to the left. (See Illustration #19.)

![Illustration #18](image1.png) ![Illustration #19](image2.png)

**Cleaning the Rifle**

**WARNING!** Before beginning the cleaning process, check to ensure the rifle is unloaded. (See the Unloading the Rifle section on page 9.)

**WARNING!** You should wear eye protection, such as shooting glasses or goggles, when cleaning your firearm to protect your eyes from tensioned parts, such as springs, that may become dislodged during disassembly.

1. Obtain a quality cleaning kit and thoroughly review the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Follow the rifle field stripping procedures. (See page 10.)
3. To clean the barrel, select the correct caliber cleaning brush and attach it to a cleaning rod.
4. Dampen the brush with gun cleaning solvent and then push the brush through the barrel several times.
5. Remove the brush and attach a correctly sized cloth cleaning patch to the cleaning rod and push it through the barrel several times to remove loosened fouling.
Cleaning Intervals

Always clean your rifle as soon as possible after firing to prevent buildup of shooting residue and to prevent corrosion from starting. To maintain your rifle in good working order, it should be cleaned regularly even if it has not been fired. If you live in a low-humidity area, this may mean doing a full cleaning once or twice a year; but if you live in a high-humidity area, it may be necessary to clean your rifle as often as once a week.

**NOTE:** In freezing weather (below 32° F. or 0° C.), the use of a dry lubricant (instead of oil) for lubrication may work better.

Lubrication Warning

Firing a firearm with oil, grease or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the firearm and injury to the shooter and those nearby. Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on ammunition. If the powder charge of a cartridge is affected by the lubricant, it may not be ignited, but the energy from the primer may be sufficient to push the bullet into the bore where it may become lodged. Firing a subsequent bullet into the obstructed bore will damage the firearm and may cause injury to the shooter and those nearby. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearm and ammunition.
Warning Concerning Alterations and Aftermarket Parts! Altering or modifying parts and/or internal safeties is dangerous and will void the warranty. This firearm was manufactured to perform properly with the original parts as designed. It is your duty to make sure any parts you buy are made for this firearm and are installed correctly and that neither the replacements nor originals are altered or changed. Your gun is a complex precision tool with many parts that must relate correctly to other parts in order for proper and safe operation. Putting a gun together wrong or with incorrect or modified parts can result in a damaged gun, danger, and injury or death to you and others through malfunction. Always have a qualified gunsmith work on your gun or at least check any work not performed by a gunsmith.

Storage

Your rifle should be thoroughly cleaned and lightly lubricated before being put away for storage. A light coating of good quality gun oil should be applied to all exposed surfaces. Remove all excess lubrication and use a cleaning rod and cleaning patch to make sure that the bore (the inside of the barrel) is dry and free of obstructions when you remove your rifle from storage and before firing it. Check to ensure that your rifle is not loaded before storing it. Always store firearms and ammunition separate from each other and out of reach of children. Always securely lock your firearms when not in use. Reference your home state's firearms regulations for safe storage of firearms and ammunition. Insure your firearm is unloaded before installing any locking device. You could be held civilly or criminally responsible if a child or unauthorized adult misuses your firearm.

NOTE: The use of reloaded, remanufactured, wrong caliber, hand-loaded or other non-standard ammunition may result in damage to the rifle and injury or death to the shooter and/or bystanders. The manufacturer does not accept responsibility for malfunctions resulting from use of such ammunition.

Limited Parts Replacement Warranty

The C39v2 is warranted to be free of manufacturing defects for a period of one year from the original date of purchase of the C39v2 from a federally licensed firearms retailer. The warranty only applies to the first retail purchaser and is not transferrable or assignable. Proof of purchase must be presented at the time any warranty claim is made. This is a one year warranty limited to replacement of improperly manufactured parts. Any alternations, modifications, abuse, misuse or discharge of poor quality, corrosive or defective ammunition voids the warranty.

Return Authorization

To obtain warranty service, contact us at 1.800.527.1252 to get a return authorization. Please note that a return authorization must be obtained prior to returning the firearm.

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