

# New Shooter 101<sup>®</sup> – Handgun Cleaning Checklist – Semi-Auto Pistol

## STEP 1. ASSURE THE GUN IS UNLOADED & SAFE TO HANDLE

1. Remove magazine
2. Remove round from chamber
3. Remove rounds from magazine
4. Move live rounds into another room
5. Point in safe direction and operate the trigger

## STEP 2. DISASSEMBLE & INSPECT

1. Tools & Supplies
  - a. User's manual
2. Disassemble gun
  - a. Follow instructions in users guide
3. Identify parts of the gun
  - a. Frame
  - b. Slide
  - c. Barrel
  - d. Recoil spring
  - e. Magazine
4. Identify critical areas to get clean
  - a. Trigger assembly
  - b. Extractor
  - c. Breech face
  - d. Slide grooves
  - e. Barrel feed ramp

## STEP 3. SPRAY & SCRUB

1. Tools & Supplies
  - a. Spray cleaner
  - b. Brass brush
  - c. Nylon brush
  - d. Bore brush, on rod
  - e. Cleaning patch, on rod
  - f. Cleaning pick
2. Apply spray cleaner
  - a. Inside of Frame = Start with trigger assembly, then spray other moving parts
  - b. Inside of Slide = Start with extractor, breech face, and slide grooves, then spray other areas
  - c. Barrel = Start with feed ramp and chamber, then run a wet patch down barrel
3. Scrub with brass brush

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- a. Slide = Scrub breech face and under extractor hook
  - b. Barrel = Scrub feed ramp and face of chamber
4. Use cleaning pick
  - a. Slide = Pick under extractor hook
5. Scrub with nylon brush
  - a. Recoil spring = use dry brush if any dirt is present, no cleaner necessary
  - b. Inside of Slide = Scrub extractor and slide grooves, then other areas
  - c. Inside of Frame = Scrub trigger assembly and slide rails, then other areas
6. Scrub with bore brush
  - a. Clean barrel through breech not muzzle
  - b. Run wet patch through barrel
7. Scrub with wet patch
  - a. Outside of barrel
  - b. Outside of slide, focus on muzzle opening
  - c. Outside of magazines, focus on top pressure plate

### **STEP 4. BLOW & WIPE**

1. Tools & Supplies
  - a. Air can
  - b. Washcloth
  - c. Cleaning patches
  - d. Brass brush
2. Finish cleaning recoil spring
  - a. Wipe with washcloth
  - b. Set aside
3. Finish cleaning magazine
  - a. Wipe with washcloth
  - b. Set aside
4. Finish cleaning barrel
  - a. Run dry patch down barrel
  - b. Wipe with washcloth
  - c. Set aside
5. Finish cleaning slide
  - a. Blow out excess cleaner
  - b. Brush/patch under extractor
  - c. Brush/patch down slide grooves
  - d. Wipe with washcloth
  - e. Set aside
6. Finish cleaning frame
  - a. Blow out excess cleaner
  - b. Brush/patch down magazine well

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- c. Wipe with washcloth
- d. Set aside

### STEP 5. OIL & PROTECT

1. Tools & Supplies
  - a. User's manual
  - b. Gun oil
  - c. Finish protection
  - d. Cleaning patch
  - e. Washcloth
2. Apply gun oil
  - a. Use only very small amounts of oil
  - b. Barrel = oil on patch, wipe outside of barrel, run through barrel
  - c. Slide = inside slide grooves, then other points as specified by users guide
  - d. Frame = slide rails, then other points as specified by users guide
3. Reassemble
  - a. Follow user's manual
  - b. Test that trigger works
4. Apply finish protection
  - a. Apply with patch
  - b. Outside of slide & frame
  - c. Outside of magazine
  - d. Wipe with washcloth
5. Admire your work
  - a. Not only will it shoot better...
  - b. It looks great!