



BREAK IN PROCEDURE

For the first ten shots, we recommend using copper-jacketed factory ammo. Clean the oil and powder residue out of the barrel before each shot using a commercial bore cleaner with an ammonia content. After firing each cartridge, use a good bore cleaner (one with ammonia) to remove fouling from the barrel using only a soaked patch. We do not recommend anything with an abrasive in it since you are trying to seal the barrel, not keep it agitated.

For the first ten rounds, clean and let the barrel cool between each round fired using a patch and rod only.

Howa recommend a 20 shot break in procedure. For the first 10 shots, shoot one and then clean. For the second round of 10 shots, you will shoot two, and then clean.

PLEASE ALLOW A MINUTE OR TWO BETWEEN SHOTS TO ALLOW THE BARREL TO COOL DOWN.

This is simply insuring that the burnishing process has been completed. In theory, you are closing the pores of the barrel metal that have been opened and exposed due to the manufacturing process.

The barrel must remain cool during the break-in procedure. If the barrel is allowed to heat up during the break-in, it will impede the steel's ability to develop a home registration point, or memory. It will have a tendency to make the barrel "walk" or "climb" when it heats up in the future. If you take a little time in the beginning and do it right, you will be much more pleased with the performance of your barrel in the future.