





CAUTION: NOT A TOY. ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED. MISUSE OR CARELESS USE MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. MAY BE DANGEROUS UP TO 400 YARDS (360 METRES).

Serial No	Model	

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1.) CHARGING AND COCKING:

Hold your Sterling at the pistol grip with your right hand, with the butt of the stock resting against your right hip, slide the cocking lever handle (#59) ½ inch to the rear. This will release the cocking lever from the front sight assembly. Pull the cocking lever down and towards you until the trigger and sear engage with a click. Now return the cocking lever so that it is held by the cocking lever handle in its original position, in the front sight assembly. Be sure to put safety on immediately thereafter.

2.) SAFETY ENGAGEMENT:

The safety button (#54) is located on the left side of the trigger. A red dot is visible when the safety is not in the safe position. To put the rifle on safe push it down and to the rear. When the safety is in the safe position the red dot will not be visible. To release safety, move it forward and up.

WARNING: SHOULD THE COCKING LEVER NOT BE RETURNED AND THE TRIGGER IS PULLED, SERIOUS DAMAGE WILL BE CAUSED TO THE RIFLE. THIS COULD ALSO RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY BECAUSE THE COCKING LEVER WILL MOVE WITH FORCE UP TO THE BARREL.

3.) LOADING:

With bolt open, place pellet, nose forward in the breech. Push the bolt forward and down into the locking slot.

4.) FIRING:

After releasing the Safety Button (#54) by moving it forward and up, the rifle will be ready to fire.

NEVER DRY FIRE THIS RIFLE.

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The Sterling's cylinder has been oiled with a general lubricating oil, and the piston, sear, trigger, and mainspring have been greased with a lithium grease. They should not need further lubrication for thousands of shots. Lightly oil the bolt and all hinge pins once or twice a year. After use, wipe the Sterling down with an oiled cloth. This will keep the blued finish in good condition and prevent marking by fingerprints and moisture.

We recommend that you not attempt to remove the mainspring and piston because the mainspring is under 40 lbs. tension when not cocked. This pressure is against the cylinder plug and would have to be counter balanced if it was removed. Any attempt to remove the mainspring, piston, and cylinder plug could be dangerous.

WARNING: ANY ATTEMPTED MODIFICATION OR SERVICE BY THE OWNER OR ANY OTHER PERSON MAY CAUSE THE RIFLE TO MALFUNCTION AND MAY RENDER IT UNSAFE. THIS MAY VOID THE WARRANTY.

Any repairs should be performed only by qualified factory personnel. If your Sterling rifle is in need of service, package it carefully and insure for full value. Enclose a note describing desired service and send to our Service Department. An estimate of repair costs will be furnished on request.

NOTE: Sterling Air Rifles do not come under the provisions of the 1968 Gun Control Act and can be shipped via UPS.



You now own the radically new Sterling HR 81 (HR 83), a rifle manufactured to exacting specifications using the finest steel, and fitted with a hardwood stock. We have manufactured this rifle up to a standard, not down to a price! Your rifle is built to last. Treat this rifle in accordance with safety, operating, and maintenance instructions, and it will give a lifetime of service.

The Sterling was originally designed, produced, and sold by Sterling Armament Co. Ltd. of Great Britain. Benjamin Air Rifle Co. purchased and re-engineered it adding a safety and a fine barrel made by the German firm of Lothar Walther.

The method of loading the Sterling is unique in a spring powered air rifle, and has been adopted to give a fixed alignment of barrel and sight system, yet in a form which allows the pellet to be loaded in a straight line into the breech. This gives the Sterling an advantage over break-barrel rifles.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

This rifle is delivered by us with the express understanding that we assume no liability for its resale or safe-handling. It can be considered as a dangerous weapon if mishandled, abused, instructions ignored, or factory adjustments tampered with. Benjamin Air Rifle Co. assumes no responsibility for physical injury or property damage resulting from its use. We will honor no claims for damage to the rifle resulting from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments, ignoring of instructions, improper ammunition, neglect, or resulting from any part or parts being altered or tampered with.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

The Sterling is a powerful sporting air rifle, and as with any air gun it should only be used in accordance with the basic gun handling safety procedures.

- Never point a rifle, charged or uncharged, loaded or unloaded, with safety on or off, at or near anything you do not intend to shoot. Always treat your rifle as if it is loaded.
- Never shoot at anything without a safe background; a miss could let your pellet carry past the intended target and hurt someone or damage something far beyond it.
- 3.) When you are shooting, keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot. The correct way to hold a loaded rifle is with the trigger finger laying alongside the trigger guard where it can quickly be placed on the trigger when the chance of a shot presents itself.
- Always make completely sure the rifle is unloaded and uncocked after use, and kept out of reach of younger members of the family.

