INTRODUCTION
Welcome to the growing family of hunters who have chosen the Weatherby Vanguard rifle. You will discover, as they have, that this Weatherby is not a purchase but an investment. An investment in value, pride of ownership, reliability and an investment in success of all your future hunts—for a lifetime.

To ensure that this Vanguard will remain one of your most cherished possessions, we ask that you read this manual thoroughly including all safety precautions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
Almost all firearms accidents happen because someone didn’t observe basic safety precautions. The following safety rules are to protect you and your fellow shooter.

WARNING: Use only the cartridge inscribed on the barrel. The use of any cartridge not as inscribed on the barrel could result in serious personal injury to you or others or damage to your firearm.
CAUTION

NEVER attempt to repair, alter, or modify your firearm. Repairs should be performed by an expert gunsmith or, preferably, the Weatherby factory or authorized warranty service center. Alterations or modifications could affect factory-built safety features and could possibly cause injury to you or damage to your gun.

NEVER turn the safety to “off” until you are ready to fire. Check your safety frequently during field travels. The chance for accidental discharge increases when the safety is “off.”

NEVER load or chamber a round until you are sure the barrel is free of obstruction.

NEVER transport a loaded gun. Movement increases danger of accidental discharge.

NEVER leave a loaded gun unattended. Someone else could pick it up thinking it was unloaded.

NEVER climb a fence or obstruction while carrying your firearm. Open bolt and either hand it to a friend or set it down flat on the other side of the obstruction before climbing. Your climbing movements could accidentally cause a discharge.

NEVER fire in the direction of a sound. It could be livestock or, even worse, another hunter. Be sure of your target before firing.

ALWAYS follow hand-loading data to the letter. Experimentation can be dangerous. Although Weatherby sells empty cartridge cases for reloading purposes it assumes no liability in the use of hand-loaded ammunition in its firearms. Handloading is subject to human error over which Weatherby has no control.

SPECIFICATIONS

Receiver

We believe the Vanguard features one of the safest, strongest bolt action receivers ever designed. There are two massive locking lugs plus a completely enclosed bolt face, gas ejection ports and fully enclosed bolt sleeve. Each receiver is specially heat-treated to insure maximum strength, then tested at pressures far in excess of normal. The bolt, receiver and all moving parts have passed rigorous inspection to assure you of continuing quality. Finally after inspection, the receiver is polished to a high luster and immersed in a special bluing solution, producing the most durable blue-black finish found on any piece of highly polished steel in the world ever (photo #1).

Barrel

The barrel of your rifle is 24” in length (20” on VGL models) with four sets of lands and grooves, except for six in the 25-06 and 223 Rem. Vanguard rifles in calibers .243 Win., 25-06 Rem., .270 Win., 7mm Rem. Mag., .30-06, .300 Win. Mag. and .308 Win. have barrels with a one in 10” twist. The twist on the .22/250 cal. is one in 14” and one in 12” on the .223 Rem. The rifling is produced by the new revolutionary hammer-forged method, another Weatherby first. This swaging process gives the special high-chrome content steel barrel the smoothest, most durable bore ever developed, thus assuring longer bore life with greatest accuracy.

Photo #1: Opened receiver showing recessed bolt face and locking lugs.
To Field Strip Bolt

1. Side a receiver and remove bolt (photo 2).

To Disassemble Bolt

1. Unload the firearm.
2. Remove the bolt carrier from the receiver.
3. Unload the magazine.
4. Remove the bolt assembly from the receiver.
5. Remove the firing pin assembly from the bolt.
6. Remove the bolt spring from the bolt.

To Assemble Bolt

1. Place the bolt assembly back into the receiver.
2. Load the magazine.
3. Load the firearm.

Safety

Always ensure the firearm is unloaded and cleared of ammunition before disassembly or assembly.

Operating Directions

To chamber the firearm, first ensure the firearm is unloaded. Then, with the bolt open, insert the firing pin assembly into the receiver. Close the bolt and secure it with the bolt catch. Then, load the magazine and chamber the firearm. Finally, ensure the firearm is unloaded before disassembly.
Never plug muzzle with any obstruction during storage. 

Lube should always be removed from the rifle after the hunt when stock is slippery. 

To protect bore while hunting, put in thin or dust cover to muzzle. 

Silicone cloth should be removed and replaced with a special grade clay powder

When lube is renewed, it's recommended to use a new stick of lube. 

In general, lube will be effective if it's in a dry and cool place. 

If you're not going to use the rifle for a long time, 

then you should put the lube in a cool, dry place. 

Lube should be removed before cleaning, but make sure it is removed. 

Breath, before cleaning, but make sure it is removed. 

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