

**OPERATING  
INSTRUCTIONS**  
FOR  
**CARTRIDGE FIRED  
PROJECTORS**

Model 196  
Model 389  
[Savage]



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Please read this owner's manual carefully before operating your projector. This manual contains valuable information to ensure that your equipment operates at its optimum level.

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# CLEANING CARTRIDGE FIRED PROJECTORS

Regardless if you have fired your projector 1 or 101 times, your cartridge fired projector should be cleaned after each session. Here's how:

**1. OPEN THE BOLT AND ACTION;** make sure there is no casing or dart in the chamber or clip. Did the projector eject the casing? A dirty action can cause the casing to stick in the chamber. In the event you have a stuck casing, it can be removed with a small flat-headed tool (screwdriver, knife, etc.). Before you do make sure the charge has been fired! When removing the casing, use extreme care; any damage done to the edge of the chamber will exaggerate your problems.

## **2. VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST:**

- A.** Check the stock for cracks or stress points.
- B.** Check barrel. Is the barrel empty? Any dents or depressions in the barrel? Is the muzzle (end) of the barrel symmetrical (round)? Dents or depressions in the barrel may cause premature dart detonation.
- C.** Are the Sites/Scopes still there? Scopes with dents could be damaged.

**3. CLEANING** - Now that you know that your projector is unloaded and in good repair, you may begin cleaning your projector.

**A. EXTERIOR:** Spray the exterior of the projector with a light coat of oil (WD-40, CRC-336, or Remington gun oil). Wipe off excess oil with a clean cloth or paper towel.

**B. DART BARREL:** Spray down (inside) the barrel with a light coat of gun oil and swab out until perfectly clean. Pneu-Dart sells a cleaning kit of this application. When faced with rusty or neglected barrel, use a wire brush along with penetrating oil similar to Hoppes powder solvent or PB Blaster.

## **C. POWER CONTROL:**

1. **MODELS 196 & 389-** Tilt or "break" the barrel by pushing the barrel latch toward the rear of the projector (see Figure A, page 6) and spray a light coat of gun oil into the control. Turn the power dial to different settings to insure free movement. Wipe off excess oil.
2. **MODEL 194-** Power control is mounted on the top of the gas block. To insure desired power output, confirm the power control dial turns and "clicks" into position. Spray with a light coat of gun oil and wipe off with a clean cloth or paper towel.
3. **MODEL 193** - Located at the end of the slide lever action is the power control and power control plunger (see Figure H1, page 13). Clean the power control with a light coat of gun oil. Inspect the "O-Ring"; is the "O-Ring" still intact? Is it in good condition? If the "O-Ring" has fallen off or appears worn; loss of pressure can occur. If the "O-Ring" appears worn, this is typical example of excessive

use or insufficient lubrication. We recommend Hoppes Lubricating Oil for this application.

4. **MODEL 191**- The power control is located on the dart action. Spray action with a light coat of gun oil to insure power control can be rotated freely.
5. **MODEL 182**- Please follow instructions as listed for model 171C.
- 6 **MODELS 171 & 171C** On several of our older models (171C) the power controls are found on the end of the gas chamber directly below the dart barrel. These power controls should be removed completely and sprayed with a light coat of gun oil and wiped clean.
7. **MODEL 170** - Please see 194 instructions.

#### 4. CLEANING YOUR GAS CHAMBER

**A. ALL MODELS - EXCEPT 389** Located directly below the dart barrel is the "Gas Chamber". The gas chamber is designed with two independent compartments; referred to as the "Rear" and "Front" compartments. It is important to clean the "Rear Compartment" after each shooting session. Confirming the projector is unloaded; remove the bolt and clip assembly. To remove the bolt assembly, open the bolt and pull the trigger, slide the bolt out. Using a .22 cal. cleaning rod, brush and swab,

apply a liberal coat of Hoppes power solvent, brush and swab out the rear compartment. Cleaning the full length of the gas chamber from the bolt assembly forward is not possible. Cleaning the front chamber for model 193 can be accomplished by removing the gas chamber plug from the end of the gas chamber. **Warning; excessive oil left in the gas chamber will create a noticeable reduction in pressure.** In extreme cases of neglect, we recommend using compressed air to drive out any impurities or excess oil. A certified Pneu-Dart technician can only clean the forward portion of the gas chamber for our models 196, 2000 and 389 projectors.

**B. MODEL 389:** As with model 196, the power control is located within the gas block. The power control should be thoroughly cleaned at the conclusion of each darting session. To remove the power control you must first rotate the power control knob to position number 4 (see *Figure C, page 9*). Locate the setscrew access just behind the gas block (see *Figure D, page 10*) and remove the small setscrew using the Pneu-Dart provided 3/32" allen wrench. With a flathead screwdriver remove the power control retention screw (see *Figure E,*

page 10). Extract the power control rod and coupler from within the receiver tube and affix the Pneu Dart provided knockout disk to the end of coupler (see Figure F, page 11). Using the rod as an extraction tool, push the rod through the receiver tube until you feel it against the shaft of the power control. Apply a slight amount of pressure and the power control will push out of the gas block allowing a thorough cleaning (see Figure G, page 11). **CAUTION, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE POWER CONTROL WITH PLIERS. ANY SURFACE ABRASIONS MAY RETARD THE POWER CONTROL FROM TURNING FREELY WITHIN THE GAS BLOCK.** After cleaning both the power control and the inside of the gas block, apply a light film of gun oil

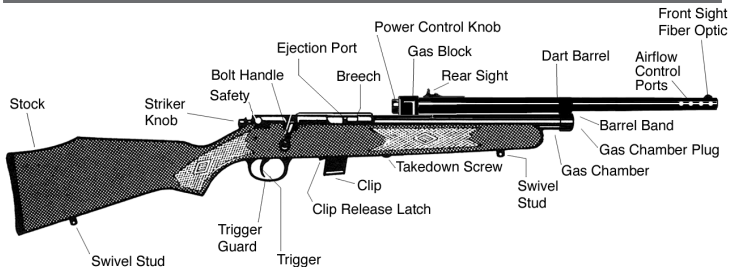
to both areas and place the power control back into the gas block. Remove the knockout disk from the end of the coupler, apply a light coat of gun oil to the rod and reposition the rod into the receiver. Slide the coupler over the end of the power control shaft and firmly attached the two with the setscrew previously removed. **Note, before replacing the set screw, be sure of alignment.** Lastly, screw in the power control retention screw previously removed.

#### C. FINAL CLEANING STAGE:

Apply a thin coat of Hoppes gun oil or 3 & 1 gun oil to all moving parts and exterior surfaces. Wipe off any excess oil with a clean cloth or paper towel.

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**CAUTION:** Wear eye protection as appropriate. Guns can emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses should be worn by shooters and spectators.



## PNEU-DART MODEL 196 CARTRIDGE FIRED RIFLE

### SPECIFICATIONS

**196, 196BLK, 196CM, 196EN STOCK AND ACTION** – SAVAGE MARK II FV .22

CALIBER 5 SHOT CLIP

**196SS STOCK AND ACTION** – Marlin Model 880ss .22 cal. 5 Shot Clip

**DART BARREL** – .50 cal. Rifled Barrel 17"

**DART ACTION** – Break Open, Shotgun Type

**CARTRIDGES** – .22 cal. Power Charges

**SIGHTS** – Open Rear – Fiber optic front

**WEIGHT** – 6-1/2 lbs.

**POWER CONTROL** – 5 Position

**RANGE** – 0 to 100 yards with 1cc  
Type "C" disposable darts

1. To load the dart barrel, push barrel latch (See Figure A, this page) toward the rear of the projector to break/open the barrel.
2. Place dart in barrel and snap closed. To remove dart, open action and point muzzle up. Dart should drop out. A slight jar may be necessary to dislodge it.

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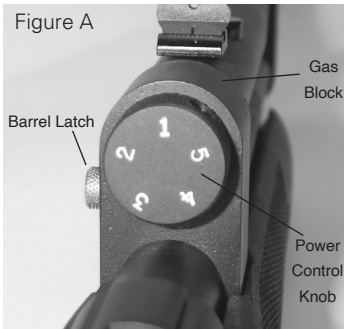


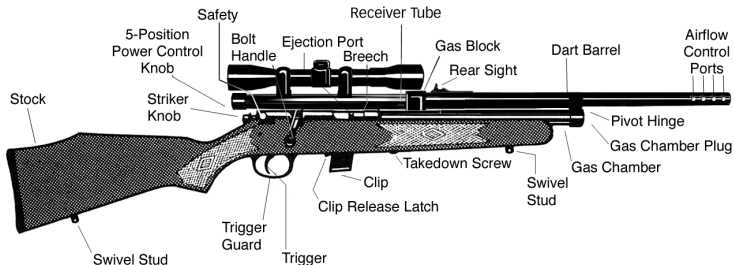
Figure A

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3. Load clip with proper .22 power loads in rifle. Be sure rifle is on SAFE before loading cartridge into chamber. **Do not use charges with wads.**
  4. The power control knob (see Figure A page 6) located at the back of the gas block controls velocity of the dart. Each number on the power control knob signifies the amount of pressure released into the dart barrel. For example, number one represents the least amount of pressure for close range shooting conditions. Desired setting should be positioned at the top of the gas block.
  5. **Caution - Caution: Do not use charges with wads. Our projectors are designed to use Pneu-Dart CCI charges. Recommended CCI charges are Brown (level 2), Green (level 3) and Yellow (level 4). Failure to comply and use non-approved Pneu-Dart power charges voids warranty coverage for the projector.**

**The use of any RDD projector without the means of an adjustable power control can prove to be a detriment to the welfare of the animals being treated. Please refer to the Power Control Chart for charge and power control setting recommendations.**

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**NOTE:** Calibrating power charges with your power control will result in ideal flight and impact conditions. To insure impact is as light as possible, experience with practice is recommended. Pneu-Dart sells weight equivalent practice darts and targets.



## PNEU-DART MODEL 389 CARTRIDGE FIRED RIFLE

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### 389EN, 389BK, 389CM, STOCK AND ACTION

– Savage Mark II FV .22 caliber 5 shot clip. (Model 389 ships with 3 x 9 x 32mm scope)

**DART BARREL** – .50 cal. Rifled Barrel 18' with Airflow Control Ports (see pg. 6)

**DART ACTION** – Break Open Breech Loading

**CARTRIDGES** – .22 cal. Power Loads

**SIGHTS** – 3 x 9 Power Scope

**WEIGHT** – 9-1/2 lbs.

**POWER CONTROL** – 5 Position

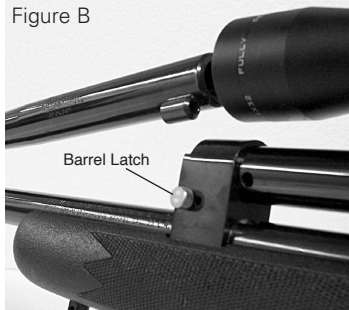
**RANGE** – 0 to 100 yards with 1cc Type “C” disposable darts

1. To load the dart barrel, push barrel latch (see Figure B, page 9) toward the rear of the projector to break/open the barrel.
2. Place dart in barrel and snap closed. To remove dart, open action and point muzzle up. Dart should drop out. A slight jar may be necessary to dislodge it.
3. Load clip with proper .22 power loads in rifle. Be sure rifle is on **SAFE** before loading cartridge into chamber. **Do not use charges with wads.**
4. The power control knob (see Figure C page 9) located at the back of the receiver controls velocity of the dart. Each number on the power control knob signifies the amount of pressure released into the dart barrel. For example; number one represents the least amount of pressure for

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Figure B



close range shooting conditions. Desired setting should be positioned at the top of the gas block

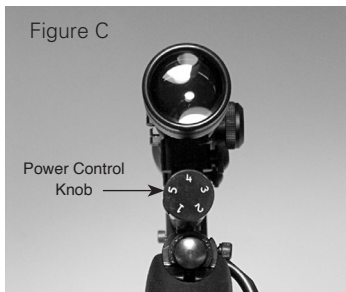
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Figure C



*E, page 10).* **DO NOT REMOVE THE SET SCREW LOCATED ON THE KNURLED POWER CONTROL KNOB.** Extract the power control

rod and coupler from within the receiver tube and affix the Pneu Dart provided knockout disk to the end of coupler (see *Figure F, page 11*). Using the rod as an extraction tool, push the rod through the receiver tube until you feel it against the shaft of the power control.

Apply a slight amount of pressure and the power control will push out of the gas block allowing a thorough cleaning (see *Figure G, page 11*).

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the power control and the inside of the gas block, apply a light film of gun oil to both areas and place the power control back into the gas block. Be sure that you verify the alignment. (see *Figure G1, page 11*) Remove the knockout disk from the end of the coupler, apply a light coat of gun oil to the rod and reposition the rod into the receiver. Slide the coupler over the end of the power control shaft and firmly attached the



Figure D

**DO NOT REMOVE**



Figure E

two with the setscrew previously removed. Note: You may have to use a non-abrasive tool (such as your finger) to rotate the power control so you can be sure of alignment of #4 hole in the gas control valve + hole in the gas block. Lastly, screw in the power control retention screw previously removed.

Figure F coupler

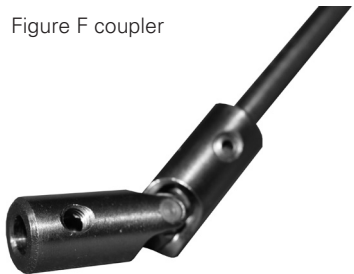


Figure G



Figure G1



Above: A close-up view of the 389's air control ports.

Above: Be sure of alignment of Number "4" hole in the gas control valve and gas block, as referred to on page 9.

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# HOW TO ADJUST TRIGGER PULL

**CAUTION:** The XT based bolt action rimfire projector should not be disassembled beyond what is described in this manual, except by Pneu-Dart, Inc. or an authorized Pneu-Dart repair center.

**Warning!** Unload the projector before disassembly. Look into the ejection port and visually check the chamber and magazine to make sure there are no cartridges or darts in the projector. Always wear eye protection when handling, disassembling and reassembling the projector.

## DISSASSEMBLE THE PROJECTOR

1. Always keep the projector pointed in a safe direction.
2. Engage the safety mechanism by moving the safety arm fully rearward to the "SAFE" position. Simulate loading a cartridge, this will allow you to put projector into "safe"
3. Remove the detachable magazine from the projector by pressing the magazine latch then pulling the magazine box from the magazine well.
4. Open the action by raising the bolt handle. With projector completely unloaded, place the Safety Mechanism in the "FIRE" position by moving the safety forward.
5. Remove the bolt assembly from the receiver by pulling and holding the trigger fully rearward while pulling the bolt rearward, sliding the bolt assembly from the receiver.
6. Look into the ejection port, visually check the chamber and magazine well to make sure projector is completely unloaded.
7. Remove the barreled/action from the stock by removing the takedown screws, using an Allen Wrench. (see *Figure 1, this page*)
8. Lift the barreled/action and Trigger from the stock.

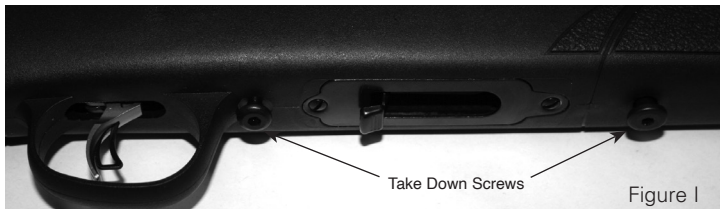


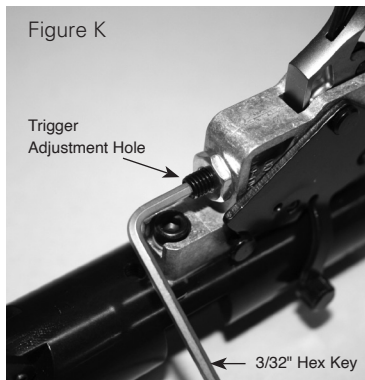
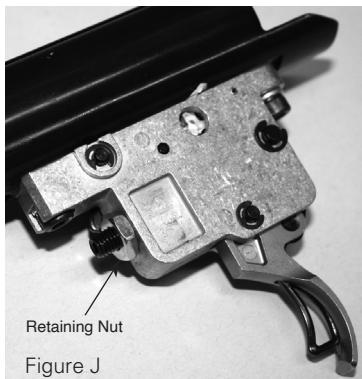
Figure 1

## TO ADJUST TRIGGER PULL:

1. Loosen the 3/8" retaining nut by turning it counterclockwise. Do not remove. (see *Figure J, this page*)
2. Insert a 3/32" hex key wrench into the trigger adjustment hole. (see *Figure K, this page*)
3. To increase trigger pull weight, turn the hex key clockwise.  
**Note:** The trigger weight can be increased until the trigger will not move or release the sear.
4. To decrease the trigger pull weight, turn the hex key counterclockwise.
5. Once adjusted, secure the retaining nut by turning clockwise until tight.

## REASSEMBLE THE PROJECTOR

1. Reassemble the action in the stock. With the bolt assembly and magazine removed, place the barreled/action into the stock.
2. Replace and tighten (clockwise) the takedown screws until snug. Do not overtighten.
3. Install the bolt assembly (reverse process of removal) (See *Step 5 from Disassemble the Projector*).
4. Push the magazine into the receiver's magazine well until the latch fully engages.
5. Ensure the safety is engage by placing the safety mechanism in the "Safe" position.



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## PNEU-DART'S GUIDE TO GENERAL SAFETY

1. Handle every projector as if it was loaded.
2. Keep the safety on SAFE until you are ready to shoot.
3. Be sure of your target before you shoot.
4. Control the muzzle, and never point a projector at anything you don't want to shoot.
5. Always wear protective glasses when shooting, disassembling or cleaning projectors.
6. Be sure no one is in path of ejecting shells.
7. Never climb or jump over a fence or other obstacle with a loaded projector.
8. Never climb into or out of a tree, or tree stand with a loaded projector.
9. Never pull a projector toward you by the muzzle.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting.
11. Never use a projector that fails to function properly. Do not try to force a jammed action.
12. Be sure to keep the barrel and mechanism free of obstructions.
13. Before cleaning, be sure the chamber, action and magazine are completely unloaded.
14. Always unload a projector before storing, transporting, or leaving unattended.
15. Never enter a motor vehicle with a loaded projector.
16. Store projectors and ammunition separately, locked and beyond the reach of children.
17. Always carry your projector empty with the action open, except when you intend to shoot.
18. Avoid bumping, dropping or jarring any projector. Bumping, dropping or jarring has resulted in certain projectors discharging accidentally under some circumstances.
19. Consult owner's manual before using any projector.
20. Never interchange parts between projectors, except where indicated as a safe practice.

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***Recent field studies have concluded cartridge based projectors perform best when given adequate time to cycle.***

***By definition: Cycling implies the ability for the gas chamber, within a cartridge fired projector, to replenish itself with oxygen. When achieved the projector yields consistent ignition with each .22 caliber power load fired. Refreshing the chamber of the projector can be best achieved by keeping the bolt open for several seconds (30 seconds is recommended) prior to chambering a live power load. Failure to do so will result in less oxygen, yielding lower combustion levels (e.g. reduced muzzle velocities) for subsequent darts fired.***

***Failure to follow these rules, or other instructions in this manual, can result in personal injury.***

***Children are attracted to and can operate projectors that can cause severe injuries or death.***

***Prevent child access by always keeping projectors locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded projector where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.***

***Safety Warning:*** Pneu-Dart strongly recommends that you take a safety course, taught by a certified instructor, before you use this projector. Contact Pneu-Dart for further details.

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## PERFORMANCE

Many factors affect velocity, including brand of projectile, type of projectile, and amount of gas in cylinders, lubrication, barrel condition and temperature.

## REPAIR SERVICE

If your projector needs repair, we recommend that you take or send it to an Authorized Service Station. For an authorized service station near you, visit our web site at [www.pneudart.com](http://www.pneudart.com) or call customer service at 1-866-299-3278. International customers should contact their respective distributor. Your projector requires special tools and fixtures to repair it. If you take it apart, you probably will not be able to reassemble it correctly. Pneu-Dart assumes no warranty responsibility under such circumstances.

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