

STOPPAGE DRILLS

For these drills the terms 'stoppage' and 'malfunction' are often used interchangeably.

STOPPAGES-

- **Type 1**

- Failure to fire – A trigger press results in a "click" instead of "bang".

A Type 1 stoppage may be caused by:

- ✓ forgetting to chamber a round
- ✓ magazine not fully seated
- ✓ bad magazine
- ✓ bad ammunition

- **Solution- Tap/Rack/Re-Engage**

- *Keep the pistol pointed at the target, finger off the trigger*
- *Quick visual check of the ejection port- port will be closed*
- **TAP** (a forceful 'smack') on the magazine with the heel of your support hand
- *Invert (rotate) the pistol 90 degrees to the right and **RACK** the slide*
- **RE-ENGAGE**; you have drawn your firearm, you have determined that deadly force is necessary, complete the action.

- **Type 2**

- 'Brass High' Failure to eject/stovepipe- The pistol fired, but the empty casing did not eject, **or** failed to clear the ejection port before the slide comes forward, which leaves the empty casing sticking out of the ejection port looking like a **stove pipe (brass high)**.

Typical causes of a Type 2 stoppage may include:

- ✓ 'Limp Wristing' the firearm; this condition occurs when the shooter's grip is not firm enough **and** the wrist is not 'locked'/straight enough to keep the frame of the firearm from traveling rearward while the bolt or slide of the pistol cycles.
- ✓ Impeding the slide during recoil (e.g. improper position when shooting from retention)
- ✓ Underpowered ammunition



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- **Type 2- Continued**
 - **Solution- Tap/Rack/Re-Engage**
 - *Keep the pistol pointed at the target, finger off the trigger*
 - *Quick visual check of the ejection port- brass is stuck in the ejection port (brass high)*
 - **TAP** (a forceful 'smack') on the magazine with the heel of your support hand
 - *Invert (rotate) the pistol 90 degrees to the right and **RACK** the slide*
 - **RE-ENGAGE**; you have drawn your firearm, you have determined that deadly force is necessary, complete the action.
- **Type 3**
 - 'Brass Low' or Double feed- The round in the chamber is not extracted **and** the nose of the next round in the magazine is pressed against the rear of this chambered casing (**brass low**).

Typical causes of Type 3 stoppage include:

 - ✓ A bad magazine
 - ✓ A broken or worn extractor (in which case this would require a gunsmith)
 - ✓ 'Limp Wristing' the pistol and/or incorrect grip when shooting from retention



- **Solution**
 - *Keep the pistol pointed at the target*
 - *Quick visual check of the ejection port- a round from the magazine is wedged against the round in the chamber (brass low)*
 - *Confirm you have a spare magazine*
 - **LOCK THE SLIDE/ACTION TO THE REAR**
 - **EJECT** and **STRIP/PULL** the magazine out of the firearm
 - *Invert the firearm 90 degrees to the right, and rack the slide several times to ensure the spent cartridge is extracted (**RACK-RACK-RACK**)*
 - *Insert a new magazine*
 - *Rack the slide to chamber a fresh cartridge*
 - **RE-ENGAGE**