**SPECIAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Uberti lever action rifles should never be carried with a cartridge in the chamber.
2. Carrying this style of rifle with a cartridge in the chamber can result in an accidental discharge if the firearm is accidentally dropped or if the hammer is struck.
3. The lever locking mechanism is designed to prevent an accidental discharge. However, no mechanical device is foolproof and, accordingly, these procedures must be followed.
4. Due to the fact that in a tubular magazine rifle the cartridges are stacked one behind the other, only factory ammunition should be used.
5. We recommend against using old ammunition in these rifles as primers, powder and brass cartridge cases can detonate and cause damage to the rifle or injury to the shooter or others.
6. Uberti assumes no liability for incidents occurring through the use of reloaded ammunition.

Use ONLY COMMERCIALLY loaded cartridges that have been loaded in accordance with SAAMI-C.I.P. standards.

**TO LOAD THE FIREARM**

(1) Turn the lever locking latch to the release position. Releasing the latch should allow the lever to go down approximately 1/2". Do not push the lever forward. (Photos 1-2)

(2) First, make sure the lever is fully forward. (Photo 3). Then load the tubular magazine by pushing the brass magazine follower fully forward (Photo 4) until the engagement indicator just below the muzzle rises approximately 1/16th of an inch. (See photo 5).

With the follower fully forward, the forward section of the barrel will rotate clockwise. (Photo 6).

If the barrel sleeve does not rotate, then the follower is not fully forward. Once the barrel sleeve has been rotated, insert the cartridges, rim first. Hold the rifle pointed away from your face and at an angle so that the cartridges slide slowly down the magazine. Trapper, 6 on the 18" Trapper, 8 on the 22" Carbine and 10 on the 24" 1/4 Rifle.

(3) Place your hand on the sleeve with thumb grasping the brass follower. Rotate the barrel sleeve back into the closed position and with thumb slowly allow follower to return downwards GENTLY LET THE FOLLOWER DOWN ONTO THE LOADED CARTRIDGE, ABSOLUTELY DO NOT LET IT SLAM. DO NOT place any part of your hand over the muzzle while loading.

(4) When you are ready to actually fire the firearm, the lever is pushed forward as far as it will go and is then pulled straight back. Your finger should NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER while manipulating the loading lever. (Photo 8).

The rifle will now be fully cocked and will fire when the trigger is pulled. If the lever does not go forward, release the lever latch by turning the small knob perpendicular to the rifle.

(5) After you have fired the first shot, the next cartridge is loaded by repeating step 4.

**UNLOADING THE FIREARM**

(6) With the firearm pointed in a safe direction, place your fingers through the rear portion of the loading lever. Be sure your first and second fingers are inside the lever loop. DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER, depressing or touching the trigger, EVEN WHEN THE LEVER IS FULLY OPEN OR PARTIALLY CLOSED, may cause the gun to accidentally discharge and cause serious injury or death to you or anyone in the line of fire. Push the lever straight backward and then pull forward again. The cartridge that was in the chamber should now be automatically ejected. (Photo 9).

(7) Repeat step 6 until all cartridges have been ejected from the firearm. After all cartridges have been ejected, cycle the action four or five more times as described in step 6 as an added precaution to assure that all rounds were ejected.

(8) After step 7, move the lever to the forward position while visually inspecting both the chamber and the carrier block, to confirm that no cartridges are still in the firearm.

(9) Pull the lever to the rear and, with your thumb on the hammer, pull the trigger and gently lower the hammer.