

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE BLANK-FIRE TRIPWIRE

CAUTION. These devices use blank cartridges to produce a loud bang together with smoke and flame, they must therefore be handled with caution and only after reading and understanding these instructions.

Both units will fire 9mm/.380 starting revolver blank cartridges but in addition, the Blank-Fire Tripwire will fire 12 bore saluting blanks to make a much greater explosion. Both blanks are available from local gunsmiths without a licence being necessary.

Uses will be as wide as the imagination and will cover such things as the protection of a computer by taping a Scaremonger to the leg or underside of the table and running the trip-line to a fitting on the machine. The Blank-Fire Tripwire may be used in a similar way to prevent the movement of an A.T.V. caravan, bike or garden tractor or the trip-line may be run across the entrance to a barn or shed, across a garden or path to warn of intruders.

The devices may be triggered by the opening or closing of doors, by the movement of objects, by blundering into the trip-line, by items falling or being displaced. All that is necessary is to fit the device so that the ring-pin is drawn out in a straight line. Usually it is only necessary to hang the device from the ring on the cartridge chamber by a hook or nail or by a loop of cord and it will self-align when the trip-line is pulled. Alternatively, the body of the unit can be securely taped to a suitable fixture.

Always try to place the unit out of sight around a corner, well away from any inflammable material or any other item liable to be damaged by the blast. It must also be placed in a position where it will not injure anyone in any way as this is illegal in the case of rogues and undesirable in the case of yourself.

Always set up the device without a cartridge in the chamber and test the effect of the intended movement. If the ring-pin is withdrawn cleanly then it will be alright with a cartridge. The 12 bore saluting blank may be used outdoors (protected from the weather) or in a large barn but it is not recommended for use in a house. All use has to be at the discretion and judgement of the user and as the manufacturer has no control over the use, responsibility cannot be taken by him for any damage or injury however caused. The device is not to be used by people of a nervous disposition or with heart problems and law-abiding visitors should be warned of it's existence.

To load the device, unscrew the cartridge chamber and look into the body. You will see a firing pin protruding from the stainless steel plate. At the other end you will see a hole, which will accept the stainless steel ring-pin included with the kit. Turn the unit into a vertical position with the ring-pin at the top. Take the cocking tool in the other hand and place the small hollow end in the rod over the firing pin point and push the firing pin upwards into the body. At a certain point, the ring-pin will drop down into place with the ring touching the body. If it does not do so by itself just give it a gentle push with the finger. The cocking tool may now be removed.

Test the mechanism at this point by withdrawing the ring-pin and seeing the operation of the firing-pin without the cartridge chamber being in place. Re-cock the device, replace the empty cartridge chamber and set up the unit in the desired operating position. Operation of the system can now be tried in complete safety and security of knots etc. can be checked.

When you are completely satisfied with the operation, you may re-cock the device, place a blank cartridge into the cartridge chamber and with the ring-pin being firmly held in place by the palm of your hand, you may screw the cartridge chamber back into place, finger tight only. The fingers must not be allowed to cover the flash holes and these holes must not be allowed to line up with the face. It is recommended that you wear face protection and ear defenders for this operation. The trip-line should already have been attached securely to the ring-pin before cocking the device but the other end of the line should only be attached to it's anchorage after the unit has been hooked into position as you will then be away from any accidental discharge. Do not pull the line tight but only enough to take out the slack. It is useful to have a simple loop in the end of the line and it can then be easily unhooked for your own convenience. Trip-lines should be set well below eye level but just above dog level.

It would be wise now to check the operation with a cartridge in place so that you will know the effect. It would be wise to do this from a distance with a length of line as the close up effects, especially indoors, are somewhat surprising.

If it is necessary to unload the device, carefully cup the palm of the hand around the ring-pin so that it cannot be withdrawn inadvertently and then unscrew the cartridge chamber and remove the cartridge.

The adapter in the Blank-Fire Tripwire will give you the choice of using either the 9mm/.380 cartridge or the 12 bore saluting blank whereas the Scaremonger will only accept the 9mm/.380 blank.

After firing, the empty case may be removed by using the cocking tool through the flash holes. With a fired 12 bore case it will be necessary to push back all the split case in all four holes before the case can be removed. The cartridge chamber only should be thoroughly washed and dried as the residue from the black-powder in the cartridges may cause corrosion.

Children must never be allowed to play with these products.

If you would like further advice or help on any aspect of these devices, please feel free to ask. We want you to obtain the best from all of our products.