



TURNBULL RESTORATION

CLASSIC FIREARM PRESERVATION GUIDE



American classic firearms deserve to be cared for by the next generation so we never forget the future our ancestors built for us.

That's why we're helping as many owners as possible to preserve and maintain these American treasures. Not everyone has the experience required, so we hope to bridge that gap and empower individuals to become responsible custodians of these valuable pieces of history.

Now it's your turn.

CLEANING

- Use quality over-the-counter gun oil for wood and metal cleaning.
- Do not use solvents, aggressive de-greasers or abrasives on the outside of the firearm.
- Apply a thin layer of oil after cleaning to protect the finish from moisture and oxidation.
- Long-term conservation and storage requires a different approach.

STORAGE

- Temperature should stay around 70°F to prevent wood expansion and contraction.
- A 50% relative humidity value is suitable for both wood and metal parts on heirloom firearms.
- Installing an in-safe humidifier and monitor is necessary to prevent rust, corrosion, mildew, and mold.
- Consistency is key when it comes to humidity in gun storage space.

HANDLING

- When in storage/off season, avoid touching classic firearms with bare hands.
- Wearing white cotton gloves provides protection as well as a way to detect rust.
- Use wider and padded supports to support firearms while on display.
- Choose high-quality display cases and stands that are padded with closed-cell polyethylene foam.



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