## FRANKLIN ARMORY™ RELEASE FIRING SYSTEM™ WAIVER AND RELEASE

#### 1. STATEMENT OF OPEN AND OBVIOUS DANGER REGARDING THE RELEASE FIRNING SYSTEM<sup>TM</sup>:

- Firearms, by their very nature, can be lethal.
- The Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> Release Firing System<sup>TM</sup> (RFS<sup>TM</sup>) may inadvertently cause INJURY or even DEATH if improperly installed or misused.
- The RFS™ is a unique multi-mode trigger system that requires proper installation and user training for safe operation.
- Improper use, misuse, or untrained use of the RFSTM may lead to the unintentional discharge of the firearm which may cause the following:
  - PROPERTY DAMAGE
  - o PERSONAL INJURY TO SELF OR OTHERS, OR
  - o DEATH!
- It is imperative that the RFS™ only be installed, adjusted, and/or repaired by a certified Franklin Armory™ armorer. Failure to use a Franklin Armory™ certified armorer to install your trigger may expose you to serious liability including PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY TO YOUR SELF OR OTHERS, AND/OR DEATH!
- Improper installation, use, or tampering with the RFS<sup>TM</sup> will void the warranty and MAY LEAD TO UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE FIREARM THAT MAY LEAD TO INJURY OR EVEN DEATH. NEVER ALTER ANY COMPONENT OF THE RFS<sup>TM</sup>.
- AFTER THE RFSTM HAS BEEN PROPERLY INSTALLED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL USERS SEEK QUALIFIED TRAINING ON HOW TO USE THESE PRODUCTS. Please see the coupon on the back side of this waiver for an offer for high quality subsidized training with LMS Defense.

## WARNING!

THE FRANKLIN ARMORY<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup> HAS THE ABILITY TO FIRE UPON THE PULL OF THE TRIGGER IN SEMIAUTOMATIC MODE AND THE <u>RELEASE</u> OF THE TRIGGER IN RELEASE MODE. Please refer to the RFS<sup>TM</sup> manual for further operational instructions.

#### WARNING!

FRANKLIN ARMORY<sup>IM</sup> RECOMMENDS THAT ALL USERS ATTEND A TRAINING CLASS OFFERED BY LMS DEFENSE <u>PRIOR</u> TO OPERATING AN RFS<sup>IM</sup> EQUIPPED FIREARM. IMPROPER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE TRIGGER OPERATES MAY LEAD TO UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE FIREARM AND MAY LEAD TO INJURY OR EVEN DEATH.

#### **WARNING:**

NEVER USE THE RFS<sup>IM</sup> WITH ANY ACCESSORY THAT MIGHT CREATE A SAFETY HAZZARD. SOME SLINGS, BUMP FIRE STOCKS, OR OTHER ACCESSORIES MAY NOT BE SAFE FOR USE WITH THIS PRODUCT.

#### **WARNING:**

NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE SAFE HANDLING OF ANY FIREARM INCLUDING THIS RFS™ EQUIPPED FIREARM.

#### WARNING:

IT IS THE BUYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AT ALL TIMES WHILE USING THIS PRODUCT.

#### 2. COMPREHENSION OF RISK:

The RFST<sup>M</sup> trigger has the ability to fire on the pull of the trigger while in Semiautomatic Mode, and on the Release of the trigger while in Release Mode. By purchasing and/or using the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFST<sup>M</sup>, YOU COMPREHEND THE INHERENT RISK, including without limitation, of LIABILITY, INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE or DEATH as a result of improper installation, use, misuse, tampering, and/or abuse of the RFST<sup>M</sup>.

## 3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

By purchasing and/or using the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, YOU ASSUME ALL INHERENT RISK AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, including without limitation, of LIABILITY, INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE or DEATH as a result of improper installation, use, misuse, and/or abuse of the RFS<sup>TM</sup>.

#### 4. WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

By purchasing and/or using the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, you waive and release any claim for damages, indemnity, or reimbursement against Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> for any claims, fines, or damages imposed upon you for use of the RFS<sup>TM</sup>. In addition, you agree to release Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> (including its independent contractors, affiliated entities, parent companies, subsidiaries, present and former employees, owners, officers, members, partners, contractors, insurers, shareholders, and directors) from any and all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney fees) for death, injury, loss, or damage of property in any way arising out of the purchase and use of the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>. By purchasing and/or using the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, you agree to limit liability to actual damages arising from gross negligence or willful misconduct of Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup>. In no event shall Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> be liable for any special, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages or other indirect damages.

## 5. INDEMNIFICATION:

By purchasing or using the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, you agree to accept responsibility for your use of the product and any consequence or fine imposed upon you by any government entity or third party and to indemnify and hold harmless Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> for any claims made resulting from your use of the RFS<sup>TM</sup>.

#### 6. TRANSFER OF PRODUCT:

If you should sell, lease, let someone borrow or use, or in any way transfer the RFS<sup>TM</sup> to any other individual, you agree, as a condition of acquiring these products, to accept the responsibility of ensuring that the transferee is fully aware and agrees to the conditions set forth herein. Failure to transfer this product to a third party without first providing acknowledgement and acceptance by the transferee of the conditions set herein will be grounds for liability on the part of the transferor.

# 7. BINDING EFFECT:

By purchasing the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, you agree that this waiver shall be binding upon you as well as your next of kin, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> and successors and assigns of Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup>.

## 8. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Waiver and Release is for any reason declared to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be affected. The invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed modified to the extent necessary to render it valid and enforceable, and if no modification may render it valid and enforceable, this Waiver and Release will be construed as if not containing such provision and the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced accordingly.

## 9. GOVERNING LAW:

This Waiver and Release shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the state of Nevada without regard to conflict and law principles. Any action or claim shall be brought in Douglas County, Nevada.

#### 10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ARBITRATION

To the extent permitted by applicable law, any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the product, its design, functionality, or materials, and this contract, or breach thereof, will be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Under this arbitration provision, you give up the right to resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the product, including its design, functionality, materials, or this contract by a judge and/or a jury. You also agree not to participate as a class representative or class member in any class action litigation, any class arbitration or any consolidation of individual arbitrations. The parties specifically agree to the binding nature of the arbitration.

## 11. VOLUNTARY ACTION:

While we sincerely value every Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> customer, there is no necessity for anyone to own a Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>. There are many other high quality firearms and triggers that the consumer may purchase instead of our products. Please take your time in deciding whether to purchase the RFS<sup>TM</sup> products. We intend to maintain supply, so please do not rush this important decision. Please contact the Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> factory if you have any questions. However, if for any reason the conditions set forth in this agreement are unacceptable to you, THEN DO NOT PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT.

If you have already purchased a Franklin Armory<sup>TM</sup> RFS<sup>TM</sup>, and you do not agree to the terms set herein, then we encourage you to **IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE PRODUCT TO YOUR RETAILER** in an unused, new, condition. Refund terms will be set by each independent retailer.

THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. YOU AGREE TO THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. YOU AGREE TO ALL OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY AGREEING TO ALL OF THE PROVISIONS. BY PURCHASING, AND CONTINUING TO RETAIN THESE PRODUCTS, YOU ARE INDICATING YOUR VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELASE OF LIABILITY.





# Thank you for purchasing your new firearm equipped with the Release Firing System™

We want to do everything we can to help you be safe with your new firearm. Franklin Armory™ has partnered with LMS Defense to provide high quality training specifically addressing operational skills with the RFS™.

Both LMS Defense and Franklin Armory™ believe in *safety first*. As such, LMS Defense is offering incentivized RFS™ training to all buyers of the RFS™. Take as much as \$100 off on a two day class!

To sweeten the deal, Franklin Armory™ will further incentivize RFS™ buyers to take the training by offering a 25% discount code to all RFS™ owners that pass an LMS Defense class covering RFS™ curricula.

To register, go to www.lmsdefense.com/schedule and use "Franklin RFS" as the discount code to get \$50 off a one day class or \$100 off a two day class.

#### FRANKLIN ARMORY™ RFS™ MANUAL

#### **WARNING!**

#### READ AND COMPREHEND THIS DOCUMENT ENTIRELY BEFORE USING THE RFS™

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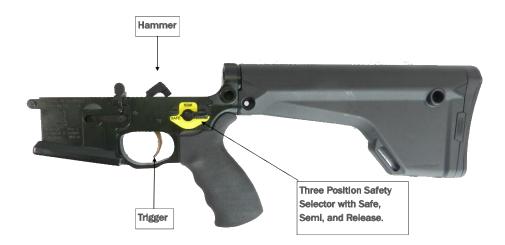
## **WARNING!**

THIS PRODUCT IS DESIGNED FOR USE BY PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

#### **WARNING!**

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## RFS™ COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION AND NOMENCLATURE:



## **RFS™ Three Position Safety Selector:**



## **"SAFE" MODE:**

As viewed from the left side of the firearm, "Safe" Mode is indicated by the Safety Selector pointing to the 9 o'clock position. (See Figure 1.) In order for Safety Selector to be placed into this position, the Hammer must be cocked. While in Safe Mode, the Trigger will be prevented from moving due to contact with the Safety Selector.

## **"SEMI" MODE:**

When the Safety Selector is pointing straight up at 12 o'clock, the firearm is in Semiautomatic Mode. (See Figure 2.) For ease of reading, "Semi" is used to equate to Semiautomatic Mode. In this position, the firearm will fire one round with every pull of the Trigger. It is not designed to fire upon release of the Trigger while in this mode.





## "RELEASE" MODE:

As viewed from the left side of the firearm, "Release" Mode is indicated by the Safety Selector pointing to the 3 o'clock position. (See Figure 3.) As an added safety feature, the Safety Selector can only be rotated in to Release Mode when the carrier is locked back. In this position, the firearm is designed to only fire one round with every *release* of the Trigger. It is *not* designed to discharge the weapon with the *pull* of the trigger while in this mode.

If the operator, after pulling the Trigger while in Release Mode, should decide to negate the option of firing a round with the release function of the Trigger, he or she may keep the Trigger held back while using the offhand to modulate the Safety Selector back to Semi Mode. (See Figures 4 and 5.) After fully modulating the Safety Selector back to Semi Mode, the operator can then release the Trigger and allow it to reset on the sear.





WARNING:
This task does require fine motor skills.
Consequently, always point the muzzle in a safe direction while performing this task!

It is important to note that he RFS™ Safety Selector is designed to lockout the option of rotating from Semi Mode to Release Mode while the Trigger is held back. Do not attempt to force the Safety Selector further during this instance.

## **BACKUP DISCONNECTOR FUNCTION:**

As required by Federal Law, the RFS™ has been engineered to prevent hammer follow. The Backup Disconnector is designed to catch the Hammer every time the carrier cycles.

In order to release the Hammer from the Backup Disconnector, the operator has two options:

- 1. The operator can pull the Trigger slightly rearward until the Hammer falls off of the Backup Disconnector. An audible click will be heard as the Hammer is released by the Backup Disconnector, and the Hammer will be held back by the Release Disconnector. When the operator releases the Trigger, the Hammer will travel forward and impact the Firing Pin causing the weapon to fire.
- 2. The second option is that the operator may remove their finger from the trigger guard area and simply rotate the Safety Selector back to "Semi." In doing so, an audible click will be heard as the Hammer is released by the Backup Disconnector. At this point, the Hammer will be held back by the sear. (The sear is the fine edge contact point between the Hammer and Trigger that holds the Hammer back until the Trigger is pulled.)

WARNING: Always point the muzzle in a safe direction whether pulling, holding back, or releasing the Trigger.

WARNING: Always point the muzzle in a safe direction when modulating the Safety Selector.

Before using your RFS™ equipped firearm for the first time, and each time you use your firearm again thereafter, we recommend that each operator run through the following litany of dry fire function checks. By doing so, you will not only ensure that your RFS™ is operating correctly, you will also train your thought process on what to expect from your trigger system.

<u>WARNING:</u> Always insure that your firearm is completely unloaded before performing a dry fire test. Remove the ammunition magazine, and insure that there is not a loaded round in the chamber. Best yet, perform this task with the upper receiver and magazine removed.

<u>WARNING:</u> Even though you believe your firearm is unloaded, it is always important to point your muzzle in a safe direction while performing the following tasks.

<u>RFS™ Dry Fire Function Checks</u>

#### 1. Function check the Safety, Scenario I.

- a. Ensure that the Safety Selector is on "Semi" Mode
- b. Ensure that the Hammer is un-cocked.
- c. Attempt to move the Safety Selector to "Safe" Mode.
- d. While it may rotate a little, the Safety Selector should not be able to go into "Safe" Mode.

## 2. Function check the Safety, Scenario II.

- a. Ensure that the Hammer is cocked on the sear
- b. Move the Safety Selector to "Safe" Mode.
- c. Pull the Trigger.
- d. The Trigger should not move.
- e. Move the Safety Selector back to "Semi" Mode.
- f. The Hammer should not fall forward.

## 3. Function check the transition from "Semi" to "Safe."

- a. Ensure that the Hammer is cocked on the sear.
- b. Move the Safety Selector to "Semi" Mode.
- c. Pull the Trigger and keep it held back.
- d. The Hammer should fall forward and impact the Firing Pin.
- e. With the Trigger still held back, re-cock the Hammer on the Semiautomatic Disconnector.
- f. While turning the selector back to "Safe" Mode, the Hammer should fall to the sear.
- g. Release the Trigger.
- h. The Hammer should not move.

#### 4. Function check Semi Mode.

- a. Ensure that the Hammer is cocked on the sear.
- b. Pull the Trigger and keep it held back.
- c. The Hammer should fall forward and impact the Firing Pin.
- d. With the Trigger still held back, re-cock the Hammer.
- e. It should now be held back by the Semiautomatic Disconnector.
- f. Release the Trigger
- g. The Hammer should now fall to the sear and not to the Firing Pin.

## 5. Function check the transition from "Semi" to "Release," Scenario I

- a. Move the Selector to "Semi" Mode.
- b. Ensure that the Hammer is cocked.
- c. Pull the trigger and keep it held back.
- d. The Hammer should fall forward and impact the Firing Pin.
- e. With the Trigger still held back, re-cock the Hammer on the Semiautomatic Disconnector.
- f. Hold the Trigger back while turning the Safety Selector to "Release" Mode.
- g. The Selector should not turn all the way to Release Mode.
  - i. Note: The Safety Selector should only rotate half way between Semi Mode and Release Mode.
- h. Move the Safety Selector back to "Semi" Mode.
- i. The Hammer should not have fallen while manipulating the selector.
- j. Now release the Trigger.
- k. The Hammer should fall off of the Semiautomatic Disconnector and be caught by the sear.

## 6. Function check the transition from "Semi" to "Release," Scenario II

- a. Move the Selector to "Semi" Mode.
- b. Ensure that the Hammer is cocked.

- c. Pull the trigger and keep it held back.
- d. The Hammer should fall forward and impact the Firing Pin.
- e. With the Trigger still held back, re-cock the Hammer on the Semiautomatic Disconnector.
- f. Hold the trigger back while turning the Safety Selector to "Release" Mode.
- g. The Selector should not turn all the way to Release Mode.
  - i. Note: The Safety Selector should only rotate half way between Semi Mode and Release Mode.
- h. Release the Trigger.
- i. The Hammer should not have fallen.
- j. Move the Safety Selector back to "Semi" Mode
- k. At some point in the travel, the Hammer should fall off of the Semiautomatic Disconnector and on to the sear.

## 7. Function check the Release Mode and Backup Disconnector engagement.

- a. Ensure that the bolt carrier is held in the rear most position.
- b. Modulate the Safety Selector to "Release" Mode.
- c. Next allow the carrier to travel to the forward most position.
- d. Pull the Trigger.
  - i. The Backup Disconnector should release the Hammer.
  - ii. The Release Disconnector should catch the Hammer.
  - iii. An audible click should be heard
- e. Slowly release the Trigger until the Hammer is allowed to fall forward to the Firing Pin.
- f. Without moving the Trigger position, re-cock the Hammer.
- g. Release the Trigger.
- h. The Hammer should now be captured by the Backup Disconnector.

## 8. Function check intermodal release of the Backup Disconnector.

- a. Ensure that the bolt carrier is held in the rear most position.
- b. Modulate the Safety Selector to "Release" Mode.
- c. Next allow the carrier to travel to the forward most position.
- d. Move the Safety Selector back to "Semi."
- e. The Hammer should fall off the Backup Disconnector and rest on the sear.

## 9. Function check intermodal travel from Release Mode to Semi Mode.

- a. Ensure that the bolt carrier is held in the rear most position.
- b. Modulate the Safety Selector to "Release" Mode.
- c. Next allow the carrier to travel to the forward most position.
- d. Pull the Trigger and keep it held back.
- e. While continuing to hold the Trigger back, rotate the Safety Selector from "Release" Mode to "Semi" Mode.
- f. Release the Trigger.
- g. The Hammer should fall off the Semiautomatic Disconnector and rest on the sear.

This concludes the function test of the Release Firing System™.

If you have a suggestion on how to improve this testing procedure or if you have any questions, contact us at the following:

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