# **BROWNING** PROSTEEL VAULTS

# PISTOL VAULT OWNER'S MANUAL





**Important Operating Instructions for:** 

#### BROWNING PROSTEEL PISTOL VAULT

Please use the space below to record information about your new pistol vault.

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number\_\_\_\_\_

Combination\_\_\_\_\_

Purchased From \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

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#### THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A BROWNING PROSTEEL PISTOL VAULT

Browning offers the finest home security products available. With proper care and installation, your Browning ProSteel Pistol Vault will provide you with many years of peace of mind and security.

#### SERIAL NUMBER

Your pistol vault's serial number is located on a label on the back of the vault. Do not remove this label. You will need the serial number should warranty concerns arise. Since this portion of the pistol vault might not be easy to access once it is mounted, record the serial number on the first page of this owner's manual, or in another secure location, prior to installation. Do not lock the recorded serial number inside the pistol vault.

#### OPENING THE PISTOL VAULT

The pistol vault can be opened using the included keys, keypad or biometric lock (if equipped). For initial opening, use the keys, or the keypad and external power supply access (page 3). With the pistol vault open, install the eight (8) AA batteries (not included) as instructed on page 4.

The keypad and biometric scanner are powered by eight AA batteries (not included) that are located inside the pistol vault. Should the batteries lose power, the pistol vault can still be opened using the keypad or biometric scanner and the external power supply access or the included keys.

#### USING THE KEYPAD

The keypad is made up of four buttons and an LED light (Figure 1, page 3). The buttons on the keypad are labeled as indicated below. To simplify this explanation, a corresponding number is also shown.

= 1	= 3
= 2	= 4





The keypad is made up of four buttons and an LED light (indicated). The biometric model shown includes a fingerprint scanner that makes accessing the pistol vault fast and easy.

See page 7 for instructions on programming the keypad.

#### THE USING THE BIOMETRIC SCANNER

Some pistol vaults feature a biometric scanner that requires only your fingerprint for you to gain access. See page 8 for instructions on programming the biometric scanner.

#### EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY ACCESS

Should the batteries lose power, the pistol vault can still be opened with the keypad using the external power supply access.

1 Locate the external power supply access contacts near the keypad.

FIGURE 2



The external power supply access is located near the keypad. (Top opening model shown.)



Orient the key so that the dimple on the head (circled) of the key is close to the power supply contacts. Turn the key clockwise  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn to unlock.

2 Place and hold a new 9V battery (not included) on the external power supply access contacts (Figure 2, page 3).

On top open models the + (positive) contact is the left and the – (negative) is the right.

On front open models the + (positive) contact is the top and the - (negative) is the bottom.

3 Enter the access code using the keypad.

#### USING THE KEY

The pistol vault can also be opened using the included key. The key is unique, and must be oriented correctly to ensure it slips into the keyhole.

- 1 Locate and remove the rubber keyhole cover.
- 2 To correctly insert the key into the keyhole, first locate the round dimple on the key.
- 3 Insert the key so that the dimple is closest to the external power supply contacts (Figure 3).
- 4 Insert the key fully and rotate it clockwise <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> turn.

IMPORTANT: The key is retained in the lock until the safe is locked.

#### INSTALLING THE BATTERIES

The pistol vault requires eight AA batteries (not included). The battery tray is located inside the

#### FIGURE 4



Remove the indicated screws to access the battery tray.

locking bolt housing and is secured in place with two screws (Figure 4).

To install or replace the batteries, perform the following operation.

- 1 Open the pistol vault. If you are installing batteries for the first time, use the included key. If you are replacing batteries, open the pistol vault using either the external power supply access and the factory access code or your custom access code.
- 2 Carefully remove the two screws that secure the battery tray cover (Figure 4).
- 3 Remove the cover and attached battery tray.
- 4 Unplug the power wire from the battery tray. Detach the battery tray from the cover. Install fresh batteries in the battery tray, oriented as shown on the battery tray.
- 5 Replace the battery tray onto the cover with the power wires up. Plug the connector into the battery tray. .
- 6 Insert the tabs on top of the cover into the locking bolt housing and replace the battery tray in the housing. Take care not to pinch the power wires.
- 7 Replace the two screws that retain the battery tray cover. Do not overtighten the screws.

#### INTERIOR LIGHTING

Interior lighting is provided by long lasting LEDs. They are automatically activated when the vault is opened and shut off when the lid is closed.

#### OPENING THE PISTOL VAULT USING THE KEYPAD

#### ACTIVATING THE KEYPAD

When not in use, the keypad goes into sleep mode to conserve battery life. Prior to entering an access code, the keypad must be activated. Press the IIII (4) button to activate, then enter the access code.

#### USING THE KEYPAD

With batteries installed in the pistol vault, it is a good idea to practice opening it using the factory access code.

The access code is the series of button entries used to access the pistol vault. For example, the pistol vault is shipped from the factory with the access code:  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2$ . To open the pistol vault using the factory access code, perform the following operation.

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing button 4. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 Enter the factory access code:  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2$ . A chirp will sound and the green LED will flash with each entry.
- 3 If the access code is entered correctly, the lid will spring open. If the access code is entered incorrectly a long chirp will sound and the LED will flash red.

If the code is entered incorrectly, it is not necessary to reactivate the keypad by pressing button 4. If the LED flashes red due to an incorrect code entry, re-enter the correct code.

IMPORTANT: If the access code is entered incorrectly three times in succession, the lock will shut down for ten minutes and then enter sleep mode. The key can still be used to access the pistol vault.

#### LOCKING THE PISTOL VAULT

The pistol vault automatically locks when the lid is fully closed. Simply close the lid, hold it in place briefly and the bolts secure the lid. The lid can also be secured using the key.

IMPORTANT: The key can only be used to secure the lid if it was used to open the pistol vault. If the pistol vault was opened using the external power supply access feature, the key will not secure the lid.

#### PROGRAMMING AN ACCESS CODE

#### SELECTING AN ACCESS CODE

Your access code is the series of button entries you choose to open the pistol vault. When programming an access code, it is important to select a combination that is both difficult for others to guess, but is easy for you to operate and quickly gain entry.

Your access code must be made up of six individual button entries. For example, the factory access code is:  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2$ .

#### PROGRAMMING A NEW ACCESS CODE

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 Press and hold the 1 button for three seconds and release it. Three chirps will sound.
- 3 Enter the current access code: 1 2 3 4 1 2. Three chirps will sound, indicating a new access code can be entered.
- 4 Enter a new six-button access code such as: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 3 • 4. Three chirps will sound.
- 5 Reenter the new six-button access code to confirm it. Three chirps will sound if the new access code is accepted.

If a long chirp sounds and the LED flashes red, then the access codes do not match and you must start over at step 2. After three unsuccessful attempts at changing the access code, the lock will shut down for ten minutes and then enter sleep mode.

6 The access code is now changed and the lock will enter sleep mode.

#### LOST ACCESS CODE

We strongly encourage you to write down your access code and keep a backup copy in a hidden and secure location outside the pistol vault. To protect the safety of your access code, we will not release an access code without a security check. We do not maintain any ownership information on gun vaults and access codes are tracked only by serial number. If you lose your access code, we will only release it upon completion of a security check process that requires your pistol vault's serial number and several other steps. Your pistol vault's serial number is located on the back of the safe. There is a place to record this serial number and the access code on the first page of this owner's manual.

## PROGRAMMING AND USING THE BIOMETRIC SCANNER

Some pistol vault models feature a biometric scanner that uses your unique fingerprint to open the door. Always use the same finger to open the Pistol Vault. To program your fingerprint into the finger pad, perform the following operation.

#### PROGRAMMING THE FINGER PAD

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 Press and hold the 3 button for three seconds and release it. Three chirps will sound.
- 3 Enter your current access code or, if you have not entered an access code, enter the factory access code: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 1 • 2. The finger pad will illuminate when ready.
- 4 Place your finger on the finger pad.
- 5 A chirp will sound when the fingerprint has been accepted. Remember, you must use the same finger to open the Pistol Vault.

#### OPENING THE PISTOL VAULT USING THE FINGER PAD

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 The finger pad will illuminate when ready.
- 3 Place your finger on the finger pad.
- 4 The door will open.

#### CHANGING THE ACCESS FINGERPRINT

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 Press and hold the 4 button for three seconds.
- 3 Enter your current access code or, if you have not entered an access code, enter the factory access code: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 1 • 2.
- 4 A chirp will sound when all fingerprints have been deleted from the system. You can now program a new fingerprint.

#### SILENT MODE

Silent mode disables the chirping sounds made when buttons are pushed, allowing you to access the pistol vault quietly.

#### ACTIVATING SILENT MODE

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button. A chirp will indicate that the keypad is activated.
- 2 Press the 1 and 2 buttons simultaneously. The LED will flash three times to indicate that the pistol vault is in silent mode. There will no longer be a confirmation chirp when a button is pressed.

#### DEACTIVATING SILENT MODE

- 1 Activate the keypad by pressing the 4 button.
- 2 Press the 1 and 2 buttons simultaneously. The LED will flash three times and you will hear three chirps to indicate that silent mode has been deactivated. There will now be a confirmation chirp when a button is pressed.

#### ANCHORING THE PISTOL VAULT

Anchoring your pistol vault to a floor, sturdy shelf or wall provides excellent protection for your valuables. This prevents the pistol vault from simply being picked up and carried away. The pistol vault has two pre-drilled holes in the bottom that can be used to secure the vault to a shelf, the floor or a wall.

#### ANCHORING YOUR PISTOL VAULT

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#### ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN USING A DRILL OR OTHER POWER TOOLS TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF DUST OR DEBRIS FROM CONTACTING YOUR EYES, RESULTING IN INJURY. ALWAYS USE A DUST MASK TO PREVENT INHALATION OF POTENTIALLY HARMFUL DUST.

- 1 Locate the two holes on the bottom of the pistol vault.
- 2 Using a sharp object, carefully trim the interior padding from the holes.
- 3 Determine the location of the pistol vault. Open the pistol vault and, using a pencil, mark the locations of the mounting holes on the mounting surface. The mounting holes will accept up to <sup>3</sup>/s" diameter bolts. For additional security, use fender washers inside the pistol vault, underneath the bolt heads.
- 4 Drill holes in the mounting surface with a drill bit suitable for the anchor bolts you selected.
- 5 Secure the pistol vault to the mounting surface.

#### C A R E

Use a damp cloth to wipe the surface of the pistol vault. A mild soap solution may also be used. Use of harsh cleaners or adhesives could cause permanent damage. The Pistol Vault is designed for indoor use only.

### LIMITED MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP WARRANTY

ProSteel warrants your pistol vault to be free from defective materials and workmanship for 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage or loss resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, unauthorized entry or improper installation, damage resulting from exposure to moisture and/or condensation, nor does it cover wear or scratching of paint or plating.

If the product should become defective within the warranty period, ProSteel will repair or replace it (at ProSteel's discretion) free of charge. A replacement pistol vault or part will be shipped curbside delivery. (For destinations in the continental United States.) Should any defect be noted, the purchaser agrees to inform ProSteel in writing before any work is performed. For consumers in Canada, please contact Browning Canada. For consumers in Europe or the United Kingdom, please contact Browning International S.A. (page 11).

IMPORTANT: All repair work claimed under this warranty must be approved by the manufacturer prior to repair. Any unauthorized repair, dismantling, or tampering with the locking mechanism shall nullify this warranty.

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