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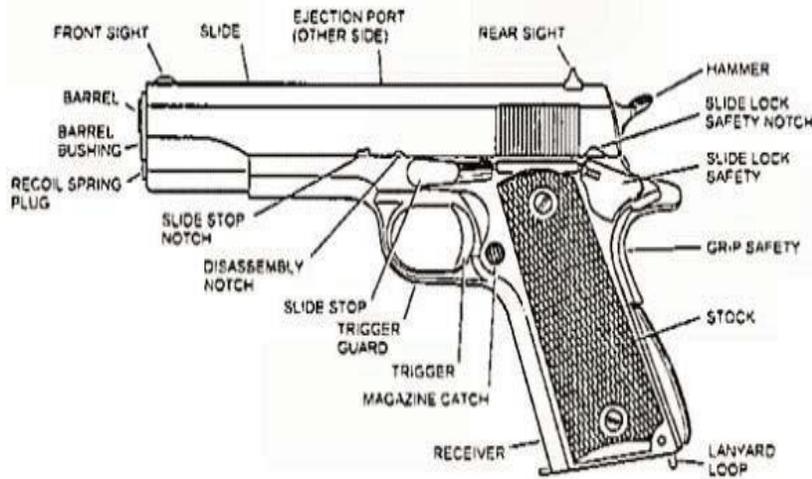
## 1911 Owner's Manual

**WARNING:**  
YOU MUST READ AND FOLLOW THE WARNINGS AND  
INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE USING  
THIS FIREARM.

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## INTRODUCTION

This manual contains important information on safety, handling, lubrication, recommended ammunition and maintenance of your Republic Forge firearm. Your safety, as well as the safety of others depends on your constant use of safe firearm handling practices.

**Seek further assistance if you are unfamiliar with firearms, or are unsure of your ability to handle this firearm safely in any way.** Safe handling courses are run by local gun clubs, approved NRA instructors and similar qualified organizations.

**THE CONTENTS OF THIS MANUAL ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DEEMED TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL ON THE SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES TO BE UTILIZED IN THE OPERATION OF YOUR FIREARM, PLEASE SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN APPROVED NRA INSTRUCTOR OR OTHER SIMILARLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY.**

### **WARNING:**

**This firearm is a dangerous weapon,  
and is potentially LETHAL.**

**Improper or careless handling could  
cause an accidental discharge,  
resulting in injury, death or property  
damage.**

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## SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURES

1. Always check to be certain the firearm is unloaded - never take anyone's word for it.
2. Always keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed in a safe direction, and away from all humans, including yourself.
3. Handle every firearm as if it were loaded.
4. Always keep and carry your firearm empty, with the hammer forward, except when you are ready to shoot.
5. Do not place the hammer or allow the hammer to remain in the half-cock notch. This is not a safe carrying position and any effort to engage the hammer in the half-cock notch may result in the hammer perching on the lip of the half-cock notch. This is extremely dangerous. If the hammer is in this position it could fall forward and discharge the pistol, thereby risking injury, death or property damage.
6. Do not drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before, or during, any shooting activity. Your vision and judgement may be seriously impaired, making your firearm handling unsafe. If you are taking medication, seek a doctor's advice to assure that you are fit to shoot and handle firearms safely.
7. Before beginning target practice, make sure your backstop is acceptable to stop and contain bullets. This is to ensure that you do not hit anything outside the shooting area. Always be sure of your target and the area behind it before you pull the trigger. A bullet can travel through or past your target up to 1 ½ miles before it stops!
8. To reduce the chances of an accident, place a knowledgeable and responsible person in charge to maintain safety control when a group is firing on a range. Always obey his or her commands.
9. Always wear and encourage others to wear ear protection when shooting, particularly on a range. Long-term, permanent hearing loss could be the result without hearing protection.
10. Always keep yourself and others clear of the ejection port. Injuries can occur because spent cartridges are ejected with significant force, and they are hot. The ejection port must be unobstructed to insure safe ejection of live rounds. Never place your fingers in the ejection port, they could be burned by hot metal and/or powder, or injured by the slide moving forward.
11. Never put your finger inside the trigger guard or squeeze the trigger until you are aiming at a target and ready to shoot. This will prevent you from firing the pistol accidentally.
12. Always wear and encourage others to wear protective shooting glasses for the eyes.
13. Always make sure your firearm is clean. The barrel bore, chamber and action should be clean and free from obstructions. Clean a fouled pistol immediately so that it will function correctly and safely.
14. Use only clean, dry, original, high grade commercially manufactured ammunition in good condition, appropriate to the caliber of your firearm.
15. Always make sure your firearm is clean. The barrel bore, chamber and action should be clean and free from obstructions. Clean a fouled pistol immediately so that it will function correctly and safely.
16. Always carry your firearm open and empty while on a range until preparing to fire. Keep it pointed toward the backstop when loading.
17. If your firearm fails to fire, keep it pointed towards the target or a safe open area and wait at least 30 seconds. If it is a hang fire (slow ignition) the round will fire within 30 seconds. Although it is very rare, you need to be aware of and prepared for this possibility. If the round does not fire, remove the magazine, eject the round and examine the primer. If the firing pin indent is light, off center, or nonexistent, have the firearm examined by a professional gunsmith. If the firing pin indent on the primer appears normal, assume faulty ammunition, separate the misfired round from other live ammunition and empty cases, reload and carry on firing. Dispose of misfired rounds in accordance with the ammunition manufacturer's instructions.
18. Never use your firearm if it fails to function properly. Never force a jammed action because a round may explode causing serious injury or death, and severe damage to your firearm. Before each shooting session, and before loading, give the firearm a quick safety check action because a round may explode causing serious injury or death, and severe damage to your firearm. Before each shooting session, and before loading, give the firearm a quick safety check and visual inspection. If you find something that seems incorrect, do not load or fire. Ask a professional gunsmith for help, or call Republic Forge, L.L.C. for specific questions.

20. Horseplay should be forbidden while holding a pistol. It could accidentally discharge, causing injury, death or property damage.
21. Never follow a companion with your firearm cocked ready to fire, out of its holster, or with the hammer in any position other than forward on an empty chamber. When hunting, hold your pistol so that you can always control the direction of the muzzle, in case of an accidental discharge.
22. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended. Someone may accidentally fire it, causing injury, death or property damage.
23. Always make sure the firearm is unloaded before cleaning, storing, or traveling. The magazine should be removed with the slide latched open before laying it down or handing it to another person, so that it cannot be fired accidentally.
24. Always store your firearm and ammunition in separate, locked containers, out of the reach and sight of children, or anyone else who should not handle the firearm.
25. Always instruct children to respect firearms. When teaching children to shoot, teach them to treat and use the pistol properly and responsibly first. Always supervise children closely and stress safety to prevent injury, death and property damage.
26. Never fire into the air. This is not harmless. A falling round can injure or kill a person or an animal. In some states it is illegal.
27. Never leave your firearm cocked. This position is extremely dangerous and the firearm could be easily accidentally discharged, causing injury, death or property damage.
28. Never shoot at a hard surface such as a rock or liquid surface such as water. The bullet could ricochet, hitting you, another person or unidentified object, causing injury, death or property damage.
29. Never fire your firearm near an animal that is not trained to accept the noise. It could startle the animal, causing injury or an accident.

## SAFETY FEATURES

This Republic Forge firearm is equipped with several safety features which can minimize the danger of accidental discharge, if used properly

### GRIP SAFETY

The grip safety is located on the upper rear part of the receiver. The grip safety is automatically applied by a spring action to prevent rearward travel of the trigger unless the pistol grip is firmly and properly grasped. The front of the grip safety (inside the pistol frame) contacts the rear of the trigger to prevent its rearward movement. When the pistol grip is positively grasped, the grip safety is rotated out of contact with the rear of the trigger to allow trigger movement.

### DISCONNECTOR

This safety device prevents a round being fired before it is in the chamber with the slide and barrel locked. When the slide is not fully forward the disconnector is depressed, its lower part disengages the sear, so that the hammer cannot be released if the trigger is squeezed. However, when the slide and barrel are locked, a spring pushes the disconnector up into a recess in the slide, this links trigger and sear so that the pistol can be fired by squeezing the trigger.

**CAUTION:** Never attempt to check or demonstrate the disconnector function with a loaded firearm. Pushing on the muzzle with your hand or any other portion of the body is extremely dangerous, and could result in accidental discharge causing injury, death or property damage.

### FIRING PIN

The firing pin, which is shorter than its housing, is held to the rear by a spring and cannot protrude through face of slide unless the force of a blow overcomes the spring pressure and the inertia of the pin. This will occur when the hammer falls normally or could occur by a blow on the muzzle on the front of the firearm.

### SLIDE LOCK SAFETY OR THUMB SAFETY

The slide lock safety is located on the left of the pistol just below the back of the slide. With the hammer fully cocked and the slide lock safety applied, the upper part of the slide lock safety engages the slide lock notch to prevent rearward movement of the slide, while an internal cam surface engages the sear to prevent the hammer from moving forward when the trigger is squeezed. This safety device can only be applied when the slide is fully forward and the hammer is in a fully cocked position. To apply the slide lock safety, point the pistol in a safe direction. Do not touch the trigger and pull the slide fully to the rear and allow it to return gently forward, leaving the hammer in the fully cocked position. Press up on the slide lock safety until it fully engages the slide lock notch.

### HALF COCK NOTCH ON HAMMER

The half cock notch is an automatically operating fail-safe device which will engage the sear in the unlikely event of a primary sear notch failure. This will prevent the hammer from falling fully forward unintentionally and will insure against uncontrolled automatic fire. It also prevents the hammer from striking the firing pin should your hand slip from the slide while cocking the pistol, provided the hammer is rotated past the half cock notch. The half cock notch is not meant to be engaged by hand.

**CAUTION:** Never place or allow the hammer to remain in the half cock notch position. This is not a safe carrying position. Any effort to engage the hammer in the half cock notch may result in the hammer perching on the lip of the half cock notch. This is extremely dangerous. If the hammer is in this condition it could fall forward and discharge the firearm, thereby risking injury, death or property damage.

## FUNCTION

Republic Forge firearms are ready to fire when a loaded magazine is inserted into the firearm, the slide is pulled back to cock the hammer, and released to travel forward and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber. Final forward slide movement locks the barrel and slide together and deactivates the disconnecter. When the pistol stock is grasped, the grip safety is released so that the trigger may now be squeezed. When the trigger is squeezed, the sear disengages from the hammer which pivots forward under the force of the mainspring to strike the rear of the firing pin. The firing pin is driven forward to strike primer in the base of the cartridge. The energy imparted to the primer ignites it, the primer ignites the main powder charge which, in burning, rapidly generates extremely high gas pressure to drive the bullet down the barrel. Rifling grooves in the barrel impart a stabilizing spin to the bullet so that it will follow a more accurate path to the target. Force rearward on the slide breech face starts the slide and barrel on their rearward travel, however, the slide unlocks from the barrel only after gas pressure is reduced to a safe level. Rearward slide travel depresses the disconnecter, carries the spent cartridge rearward on the extractor until the base of the cartridge is struck by the ejector to propel it through the ejection port. Slide movement continues under the momentum to fully cock the hammer. If the last round has been fired, the magazine follower will activate the slide stop to hold the slide to rear, but if a round remains in the magazine, the slide will move forward to feed and lock the next round in the chamber. To fire the next round, the trigger must be released and squeezed again.

## FUNDAMENTALS OF 1911 HANDLING

The fundamentals are simple and easy. Like all fundamentals they are the source of most problems people experience.

1. Never slam the slide shut without a round being fed from the magazine. Slamming the slide shut on an unloaded gun is hard on the frame, barrel fit, and especially the hammer/sear engagement surfaces. Also never drop a round into the chamber and drop the slide on it. This springs the extractor out of position. Always feed rounds from a magazine.
2. Use high quality ammunition. Use only clean, dry, original, high grade commercially manufactured ammunition in good condition, appropriate to the caliber of your firearm.
3. Use high quality lubrication and keep firearm well lubricated and clean.
4. Maintain a firm grip on the firearm and a locked wrist throughout the entire firing cycle. The 1911 is a recoil operated firearm. You should be gripping the firearm so tightly that a slight imprint of the checkering (if any) is left on your hand. In order to cycle properly, the slide inertia needs to be absorbed solidly and a good grip will ensure this.
5. Make sure your recoil spring is correctly matched to the ammunition you are shooting. When you have the proper weight recoil spring for a particular load, ejected brass should land 8-12 feet away. If brass is falling within a few feet of you, your spring is too heavy for that load. If brass lands more than about 12 feet away, your spring is too light for that load. Either case leads to reduced reliability. A common problem is a novice shooter trying to “shoot anything and everything” through his 1911 from 185 grains up to 230 grains without considering the proper recoil spring setup. Another common problem is the novice buying a carry gun with a shorter slide, then shooting the hottest personal protection ammo he can get, while ignoring the recoil spring and ejection pattern. For the ultimate in reliability, we recommend choosing a consistent high quality load and sticking with it once it’s proven to work well with your particular setup.
6. **Note: This is a semi-automatic firearm and is immediately loaded and ready to fire again after initial shot, until the magazine is empty or is unloaded manually.**

## PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR REPUBLIC FORGE 1911

### LUBRICATION

Keep the pistol well lubricated with any high quality gun oil. Lube all parts that move against each other, especially in the barrel fit area and slide to frame fit area. It is impossible to use too much lubrication, and we cannot recommend it enough. Clean and lube the gun after each firing session. We recommend lubricating the gun every few magazines during a firing session if possible. It only takes a few seconds helps to ensure flawless functioning.

### SPRING REPLACEMENT

Replace recoil springs every 3,000 rounds. Republic Forge 5” models are equipped with a 16.5# recoil spring while our 4.25” models are equipped with a 20# recoil spring. The firing pin and mainspring should be replaced every 3,000-5,000 rounds. Republic Forge, L.L.C. has these parts for sale at [www.republicforge.com](http://www.republicforge.com).

### SHOCK BUFFERS

Shock buffs are not necessary and not recommended in Republic Forge pistols, as our frames and slides are sufficiently hard to withstand the impact without damage.

## LOADING

To load the magazine:

1. Use only high grade ammunition commercially manufactured in good condition. Use only clean, dry, original, high grade commercially manufactured ammunition in good condition, appropriate to the caliber of your firearm.
2. With the open end uppermost, grasp the magazine, appropriate to caliber, in one hand. Place a round on the magazine follower with the base just forward of retaining lips. Press round down and back until base of round touches rear flat edge of magazine.
3. Place next round of top of previous round and press down and back. Repeat until magazine is fully loaded.

**CAUTION:** To minimize risk of unintentional discharge, load live ammunition into the pistol only when you are ready to shoot.

To load a pistol:

1. Remove the empty magazine from pistol by placing your hand under the magazine and push the magazine catch (located on left of pistol behind trigger guard) to release and eject the magazine from the magazine well.
2. Hold the firearm by the stock with one hand, keeping the other hand clear of the ejection port, and grasp the cocking serrations on both sides of the slide. Pull the slide back slightly and look in the chamber to ensure it is empty.
3. Allow the slide to return forward. If the slide was fully to the rear, release the cocked hammer by squeezing the trigger after ensuring the chamber is empty.
4. Insert the loaded magazine into the magazine well with bullets pointing forward. Push the magazine fully home until the magazine catch is heard to click, locking it in place. It is important not to strike the base of the magazine to drive it home, just push it firmly into the pistol. Otherwise, you could damage the magazine and injure your hand.
5. When you are ready to shoot, grip the slide and pull it fully to the rear to cock the hammer. Release the slide to feed a round from the magazine into the chamber. The firearm is now loaded and ready to fire. Apply the slide lock safety to hold the slide forward and prevent the hammer from falling forward if the trigger is moved.

## UNLOADING

**CAUTION:** Always unload your firearm immediately after use and prior to cleaning and storage to minimize the risk of accidental discharge.

To unload the firearm:

1. Keep the pistol pointing in a safe direction. Do not touch the trigger and keep hands away from the muzzle and ejection port.
2. Place your hand under the magazine to prevent it from falling and press the magazine catch to release and eject the magazine.

(If the slide is locked in the rearward position as a result of firing the last round from the magazine, the next steps do not apply.)

3. With the thumb of your right hand, press the slide lock safety down out of engagement with the slide.
4. Using the slide cocking serrations, pull slide sharply rearward to extract and eject a round from the chamber.
5. Visually inspect the chamber to ensure it is empty and the magazine has been removed.
6. Release the slide forward onto the empty chamber by pulling the slide fully rearward and releasing or manually rotating the slide stop downward past the slide stop notch. Allow the slide to gently return forward on an empty chamber.

**CAUTION:** Repeatedly allowing the slide to slam closed on a empty chamber will cause premature wear and could damage the finely stoned surfaces of the sear which may ruin the trigger pull or cause an unsafe condition.

7. Squeeze the trigger to allow the hammer to fall forward.
8. Remove the remaining live rounds from the magazine by pushing on the back of the round until it falls out of

the magazine.

9. Collect the live ammunition for safe storage and spent cartridge cases for disposal.

## FIRING

Before firing your Republic Forge handgun, practice your stance, aim, rhythm, and breathing for steady aim, with your firearm unloaded. Practice firing on a range before going hunting or using your pistol for any other type of shooting.

**CAUTION:** Always wear and encourage others to wear ear and eye protection when shooting.

1. Point muzzle in a safe direction
2. Load the firearm as previously described.
3. Grasp the firearm by the stock and with your index finger resting along the outside of the trigger guard and take aim. (Aim by aligning the target with the front and rear sights.)
4. Release the slide lock safety by pressing it down out of engagement with the slide lock notch.
5. Keeping steady aim, place your index finger on the trigger and squeeze gently until the hammer falls. Don't jerk the trigger as you will disturb your aim and spoil your accuracy. To fire the second and subsequent rounds, release the trigger and squeeze it again after every shot until you have completed firing.

**NOTE: This is a semi-automatic firearm and is immediately loaded and ready to fire again after each shot, until the magazine is empty.**

6. If all rounds have not been fired and you want to stop shooting, release the trigger, remove your index finger from the trigger, and engage the slide lock safety by pushing it up into the slide lock notch.
7. If the last round has been fired from the magazine, the slide will stay to the rear so the slide lock safety cannot be applied.

If your firearm fails to fire, keep it pointed toward the target or a safe open area and wait at least 30 seconds. If it is a hang fire (slow ignition) the round will fire within 30 seconds. Although it is very rare, you need to be aware of and prepared for this possibility.

## BASIC DISASSEMBLY

Please see the video we have created at [www.republicforge.com](http://www.republicforge.com) in the FAQ section which demonstrates the following instructions.

**NOTE:** Safety glasses are recommended, as there are several springs under tension. Remove magazine and unload gun as previously instructed in this manual. Visually confirm there are no live rounds in the chamber. It is preferable to have no live cartridges anywhere around you.

1. For pistols equipped with a two-piece guide rod, loosen the front end of the guide rod with a 5/32 hex head wrench, and remove from gun. If your gun is not equipped with a two-piece guide rod skip to step 2.
2. Pull back on the slide to align the slide stop catch with the takedown notch in the slide. Control the top of the gun while pushing the slide stop pin out as far as possible from right to left, then pull it out completely.
3. Wrap your hand around the top portion of the slide using your fingers to prevent the recoil spring from jumping out and carefully remove the slide from the frame. **CAUTION:** the recoil spring is under pressure!
4. Set the frame aside and prepare to release the recoil spring and plug.
5. Carefully remove the recoil spring and recoil spring guide. The recoil spring plug can then be removed from the slide.
6. Turn the bushing fully counter-clockwise then slide barrel and bushing out the front of the slide. If necessary, use a bushing wrench.

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1. Insert barrel and bushing into the slide from the front. Make sure the link is pushed forward.
2. Turn bushing so it is lined up to accept the recoil spring plug. Make sure barrel is pushed all the way back so it engages the locking lugs.
3. Slide the recoil spring plug into position from the back. Make sure it lines up in the bushing.
4. Insert the recoil spring with the recoil spring guide attached into the rear of the plug. With one hand controlling the spring use your other hand to press the recoil spring guide into position ahead of the barrel link. Make sure the rounded cut out in the recoil spring guide is against the barrel, and the link is in the upward position.
5. Hold the spring firmly in place while assembling the slide onto the frame. Be careful not to allow the spring to jump out.
6. Insert the slide stop pin through the frame, make sure it goes through the barrel link. It should rest just below the slide stop plunger.
7. Pull back on the slide to align the takedown notch in the slide. Control the top of the gun while pushing the slide stop up and into the frame. Be careful here to push up and in, it is easy to misapply the pressure and scratch an ugly radius into your frame or slide if you do not push directly in and slightly up to seat the slide stop in the slide stop window of the frame.

For guns equipped with a two piece guide rod, pull the slide back and lock it in the open position. Install the front end of the guide rod and tighten with the 5/32 hex wrench.

## ALTERNATE DISASSEMBLY METHOD

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1. For pistols equipped with a two-piece guide rod, loosen the front end of the guide rod with a 5/32 hex head wrench, and remove from gun. If your gun is not equipped with a two-piece guide rod skip to step 2.
2. Using a bushing wrench, press the recoil spring plug down and twist the bushing clockwise. **CAUTION:** the recoil spring is under pressure! Remove the recoil spring plug.
3. Pull back on the slide to align the slide stop catch with the takedown notch in the slide. Push the slide stop pin out as far as possible from right to left, then pull it out completely.
4. Pull the slide forward off the frame. Recoil spring and recoil spring guide can now be removed.
5. Turn the bushing fully counter-clockwise then slide barrel and bushing out the front of the slide. If necessary, use a bushing wrench.

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1. Insert barrel and bushing into the slide from the front. Make sure the link is pushed forward.
2. Twist the bushing fully clockwise.
3. Insert recoil spring with recoil spring guide through the back of the slide. Make sure the rounded cut in the recoil spring guide is against the barrel.
4. Install the slide on the frame.
5. Pull back on the slide to align the takedown notch in the slide.
6. Insert the slide stop pin through the frame, make sure it goes through the barrel link. It should rest just below the slide stop plunger.
7. Push the slide stop up and into the frame. Be careful here to push up and in, it is easy to misapply the pressure and scratch an ugly radius into your frame if you do not push directly in and slightly up to seat the slide stop in the slide stop window of the frame.
8. Using your bushing wrench press the recoil spring plug into position. Once it is in position turn the bushing with your wrench counter clockwise until the plug can snap back into place.

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## MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED WARRANTY

Subject to terms, conditions and exclusions set forth below, Republic Forge, L.L.C. hereby expressly warrants the original consumer purchaser of this firearm, that the firearm is free from defects in workmanship and in materials as long as the original owner has possession of the firearm.

Republic Forge, L.L.C. will, at its option, repair or replace without charge the defective parts when an authorized Republic Forge, L.L.C. service representative determines it is defective in workmanship or materials.

The provisions of this warranty shall not apply to any firearm which has been subject to misuse, alteration, use of unauthorized spare parts, use of ammo other than SAAMI or NATO specs, improper maintenance, or removal, or dismantling further than described in the Manual. Nor shall the warranty apply if the firearm is damaged by fire, flood, accidents, acts of God or any other similar causes beyond Republic Forge, L.L.C. control.

In no event shall Republic Forge, L.L.C. be liable for damages or loss of use, loss of business or profits or for any other incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply.

No dealer or other person has the authority orally to vary the terms, conditions or exclusions of this warranty, or make any other express warranties than those contained herein.

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