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How to: Disassemble and Reassemble the SKS Rifle

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Disassembly Instructions



1) Make sure the rifle is pointed in a safe direction and depress the **magazine latch** shown in **figure 1**.

2) Open the **magazine** and make sure it is empty of cartridges.

Leave it open as shown in **figure 2**.

RATING

Shooting - ★★★★★
Workmanship - ★★★★★
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3) Open the **bolt**.



4) Examine the **bore** and **receiver** and make sure the rifle is unloaded.



5) Once you are certain the weapon is safe, close the **bolt** as shown in **figure 5**.

Note: *Make sure weapon is cocked and safety lever is turned on before proceeding.*



6) Flip the lever on the **bolt rear slide cover**.



7) Place **bolt rear slide cover lever** in position pointing completely to the rear of the receiver.



8) Slowly pull **bolt rear slide cover lever** out to its maximum length as shown in **figure 8**.



9) Remove **bolt rear slide cover** and set it aside.



10) Remove **recoil spring** and set it aside.



11) Slide **bolt carrier** to the rear of the **receiver**.



12) Remove the **bolt carrier** and set it aside.



13) Remove the **bolt** and set it aside.



14) Rotate the **gas cylinder latch** until it points to the 10 o'clock position if looking at right side of rifle, as shown below.



15) Slowly lift out **gas cylinder**.



16) Remove **gas cylinder** and set aside.



Rotate **gas cylinder latch** as shown below to remove **gas piston extension rod**.



Note: Make sure you hold you hand to prevent **gas extension rod** from flying out of rifle as it is spring loaded.



17) Using a punch, depress button behind **trigger assembly**.

Note: *As stated in step 6 - the rifle should be cocked and the safety lever turned on before attempting this step.*



18) Remove **trigger assembly** and set it aside.

Note: *Leave trigger assembly cocked and safety lever turned on.*

Never turn off safety and pull trigger while disconnected from rifle.



19) Remove **magazine** and set it aside.



20) Pull **receiver** and **barrel** assembly apart from **stock** and set both aside.

Reassembly Instructions



21) Place **receiver** and **barrel** assembly back into stock as shown in **figures 21**.



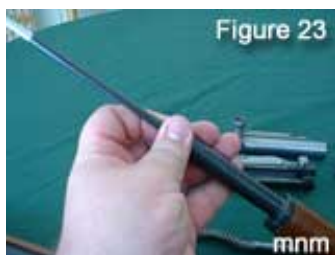
22) Rest **receiver** into stock as shown in **figure 22**.



Insert **gas extension rod** and **spring** back into rifle (**lever position 2** image shows how rod and spring should be reinserted).



Rotate the gas cylinder latch to 10 o'clock position to keep extension rod inside.



23) Place **piston rod** in **gas cylinder**.



24) Make sure end of **piston rod** is flush with end of **gas cylinder** as shown in **figure 24**.



25) Insert front of **gas cylinder** back into **gas port** on **barrel** as shown in **figure 25**.



Make sure **gas cylinder latch** is in 10 o'clock position as shown in **lever position 1**.



26) Slide **gas cylinder** back into place.



27) Carefully snap down **gas cylinder** as shown in **figure 27**.



28) Rotate **gas cylinder retainer lever** back into "locked" position as shown in **figure 28**.



29) Turn rifle over and prepare to insert **magazine** back into rifle. As show in **figure 29** by two arrows, the **magazine** needs to be placed under the **magazine catch** located in **receiver**.



30) Snap **magazine** into place.



31) Take **trigger assembly** and line up with **slotted guides** inside **receiver**.



32) Pivot trigger assembly back once engaged in guides inside **receiver**.



33) Snap down trigger assembly firmly with hand.



34) Figure 34 shows the **trigger assembly** locked into place.



35) Figure 35 shows how the **bolt carrier** mates with the **bolt**. This will help you install the **bolt** correctly into the **receiver**.



36) Install bolt, but keep it to rear of **receiver**.



37) Install bolt carrier on top of **bolt** and slide forward in **receiver**.



38) Reinstall bolt recoil spring as shown in **figure 38**.

Note: Make sure *spiraled* or *coiled* part of spring assembly goes into bolt carrier first, leaving straight part of spring exposed as shown in **figure 38**.



39) Reinstall **bolt rear slide cover** as shown in **figure 39**.



40) Lock **bolt slide cover latch** in place.



41) You have completed a disassembly and reassembly of a SKS Rifle!

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