



# SAS 12

Ask the man  
who owns one...

4541 N.W. 133rd STREET  
OPA LOCKA, FL 33054

## FRANCHI 12 GAUGE PUMP SHOTGUN

THREAD  
PROTECTOR

FRONT  
SIGHT

MAGAZINE  
EXTENSION

FOREND

BOLT

RECEIVER

CARRY SAFETY

TRIGGER

PISTOL  
GRIP

BUTT  
STOCK



# HONESTLY NOW...

have you read this Owner's Manual?

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# 1

## HOW TO USE THE SAFETIES

There are 2 safeties on your **SAS 12**.

1. **Carry safety** (for general use)
2. **Quick employment safety** (for competition use, and for tactical situations)

Use one or both of them at all times. Do not take off both safeties until the moment of firing, to help protect against accidental firing and possible injury or death of yourself or others.

### THE CARRY SAFETY

This large lever on the right side of the trigger guard points **FORWARD TO FIRE** and **BACK FOR "ON SAFE"**. It is your main safety, blocking the hammer. Use it until ready to fire or until switching over to the quick employment safety.



The carry safety should only be engaged when the **SAS 12** is cocked. With bolt closed and hammer **UNCOCKED**, engaging the carry safety prevents opening the bolt and cocking the gun.

### THE QUICK EMPLOYMENT SAFETY

This flat blade on the left side of the trigger guard is also **FORWARD TO FIRE** and **BACK FOR "ON SAFE"**.



It disconnects the trigger. It can be moved "off safe" very quickly with the trigger finger. It provides safety even when instant readiness is needed. You can have it "on safe" while the carry safety is "on safe" so it will already be "on" when you disengage the carry safety.

### IT UNLOCKS

**THE BOLT** When the action is cocked and the bolt is closed the bolt is **LOCKED SHUT** for maximum safety. Firing (or dry firing) unlocks the bolt so the action may cycle. To unlock the bolt without firing, move the quick employment safety back to "ON SAFE" and the bolt may be opened.

# 2 HOW TO LOAD AND UNLOAD

## TO LOAD

Activate one or both safeties.

With the carry safety "on safe" hold the **SAS 12** upside down and push 8 12 ga.  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " shells into the magazine to load it fully.

CARRY SAFETY "ON SAFE"



SHELL CARRIER (Part No 93)

The chamber of the **SAS 12** can be loaded in **two** different ways:

- The chamber may be loaded before loading the magazine by opening the bolt, placing a shell in the receiver and closing the bolt.
- The chamber may also be loaded by loading the magazine, then operating the bolt to feed a shell from the magazine into the chamber, then loading another shell into the magazine.

With magazine and chamber loaded you are ready to select a safe target, move the safeties to "off safe" and fire. Be sure you have a safe backstop.

**THINK!** What will you **HIT** if you **MISS** the target?

Use a quick, vigorous pumping stroke to cycle the action.

## TO UNLOAD

There are two methods for unloading the **SAS 12**.

Holding the shotgun bottom up, reach in and press the magazine shell latch (part no. 27) with the tip of your finger, and let the shells slip out one by one.



MAGAZINE SHELL LATCH (INSIDE OF RECEIVER) Part No 27)

Or simply eject the shells manually, using the pump mechanism to cycle them through the chamber. Use caution when doing this. To unlock the bolt after it closes each time, engage the quick employment safety. Keep the carry safety "on safe" all during this procedure.

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## AMMUNITION

Because of the dangers of poor or nonexistent quality control standards among some companies and people who make reloaded ammunition, and the well known fact that dangerous overloads and underloads (squib loads) sometimes occur, we recommend that only good quality factory ammunition be fired in the **SAS 12**. If you prepare your own handloads do not exceed recommended pressures in line with those generated by factory loads as manufactured by Remington, Winchester, Sovereign, Federal or other reputable companies.

When firing you can use any kind of **2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"** shell from the lightest target load to the heaviest buckshot, rifled slug, and magnum loads.

## READ THIS AND BE A SAFE SHOOTER

Always treat every gun AS IF IT IS LOADED... all the time!

Never point a gun at any person or any object that you don't intend to shoot.

Get instructions from a competent firearms instructor before using any gun.

Store guns and ammunition separately and BEYOND THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

Never rely on a gun's "safety" to compensate for unsafe gun handling. A safety is only a mechanical device, it's not a substitute for common sense.

Always load your gun only when on the range or in the field and ready to shoot. When you stop shooting, unload before leaving the field or range.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

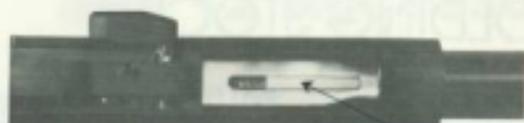
Never leave a loaded shotgun propped against a rock, wall, tree or car or any object. If a shotgun falls, it can discharge even with the safety engaged.

Never put your hand over the muzzle of a gun.

Never take a gun out of a car, boat or R.V. by pulling it toward you by the muzzle.

Always empty guns before carrying into house, car, truck, R.V., boat, etc. Spectators should always be at least 10 feet in back of and not in line with the breech of any gun when you are shooting.

## DOUBLE FEEDING IS NOT A JAM



**NO PROBLEM: SHELL IS  
ON CARRIER AND BOLT  
IS CLOSED**

If you see that a shell has slipped out of the magazine, under the closed bolt resting on the shell carrier, THIS IS NOT A JAM. Simply cycle the action and the **SAS 12** will feed that shell into the chamber without allowing another shell to come out of the magazine. The next shell will feed normally.

### MAGAZINE PLUG

The **SAS 12** comes with a nylon rod which limits the magazine to a capacity of 2 shells. To install it, unscrew the magazine extension and insert the narrow end toward the receiver, inside the large magazine spring. Place the magazine extension over the wide end of the rod and screw it back onto the magazine tube. **Be sure to tighten the magazine extension very firmly.**

# 4 INTERCHANGEABLE CHOKES



**THREAD PROTECTOR  
(CYLINDER BORE)**



**EXPOSED MUZZLE**

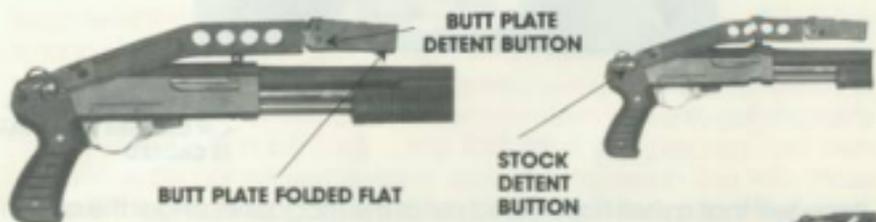


**OPTIONAL FULL OR  
MODIFIED CHOKE**

Franchi Variomix chokes fit all **SAS 12** shotguns. They are available in full and modified chokes, both of which are 4" long and add 2 1/2" of effective barrel length. To change chokes, unscrew the thread protector or choke, and screw on the desired replacement.

POLICE AGENCY NOTE: FOR COMPATIBLE  
LAUNCHER CAPABILITY CONTACT A.A.I.  
CORPORATION, COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND

# 5 HOW TO USE THE OPTIONAL FOLDING STOCK



To extend the stock, press the stock detent button on the upper right side of the pistol grip. Swing the stock up and back, and lower the stock to its locked position. Press the butt plate detent button and rotate the butt plate down until it locks.

To fold the stock you may straighten the butt plate before or after relatching the stock.



## THE BUTT HOOK

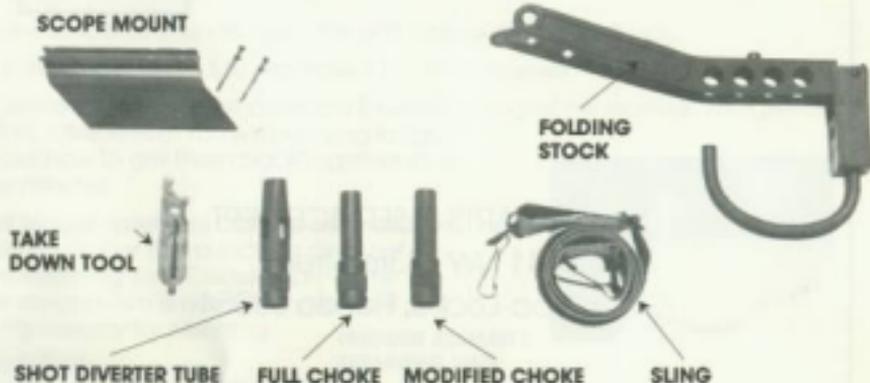
The butt hook can be inserted in the hole in the end of the butt plate. **PUSH HARD** to compress the spring inside the butt plate and rotate the hook once its retaining pin is inside the butt plate.



For one-hand firing either right- or left-handed rotate the hook to the right or left position. This allows you to fire around a corner or barricade without exposing yourself to view.

1. Fold bottom part
2. Seal side seams with tape
3. Insert folded certified check or money order (if ordering no.)
4. Fold this flap over and seal with tape
5. Fill in RETURN ADDRESS on back. THIS IS WHERE ORDER WILL BE SHIPPED.

# SAS 12 Accessories



(FOLD BOTTOM PART UP ON THIS LINE)

Accessory prices vary from time to time. Fill out the accessory quantities you want and mail the form to F.I.E. You will promptly receive a current price list along with easy instructions on how to order your accessories.

Or call the F.I.E. Parts & Service Dept. at 305-685-5966 for prices, and use the Order Form on this page.

## Order Blank

ITEM	QTY	SHIP	PRICE/EA	EXTENDED TOTAL
SLING				
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SCOPE MOUNT				
TAKE DOWN TOOL				
SHOT DIVERTER				
FULL CHOKE				
MODIFIED CHOKE				
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			TOTAL	



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# 6 FIELD STRIPPING AND MAINTENANCE

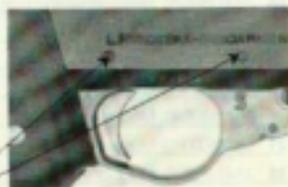
With the magazine and chamber empty, unscrew the magazine extension and remove the magazine spring. The spring is under tension, so hold the magazine extension firmly and use caution.

Slide the forend back to open the bolt approximately half way.

Pull the barrel forward to separate it from the receiver.

Slide the forend and bolt assembly forward and out of the receiver. WATCH HOW THEY COME APART! You will be trying to figure out how to get them back together in a few minutes.

The trigger assembly can be removed by using a proper size punch to drive out the two retaining pins. Disassembly of the trigger mechanism is not recommended and not necessary for cleaning.



**TRIGGER ASSEMBLY  
RETAINING PINS**

## **CLEANING**

Use nitro solvent and a light gun oil to clean and lubricate the bore. Clean the bolt assembly and upper receiver with solvent, then apply a light coat of oil. Put a small amount of oil on the magazine tube and the steel sleeve inside the front part of the forend.

A small brush will work better than a cleaning patch in some areas, such as the receiver and the trigger group.

Too much oil can eventually become gummy and cause sticking of parts and malfunctions. You must oil the steel surfaces to guard against rust, but do so sparingly.

## **REASSEMBLY**

Slide the reassembled bolt assembly part way into the receiver and hold it there with one hand. Then slide the forend onto the magazine tube. Fit the bolt assembly and forend assembly together.

Flip the quick employment safety back to its "on safe" position.

Slide the bolt all the way back into the receiver by pulling back on the forend.

Fit the barrel assembly over the magazine tube and into the receiver.

Replace the magazine spring and screw on the magazine extension.

## **WARNING**

**SCREW THE MAGAZINE EXTENSION ON TIGHT! THIS IS WHAT HOLDS THE GUN TOGETHER! Check the magazine extension from time to time to be sure it is tight. DO NOT USE TOOLS TO TIGHTEN MAGAZINE EXTENSION.**

## **CHECK FOR PROPER REASSEMBLY**

Be sure the magazine extension is screwed on all the way.

Close the bolt.

If properly assembled the bolt will lock and it will not be possible to open it until you move the quick employment safety to "on".

N	COD.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	3P41070100	SAS stock group	R1
2	2141450020	Buff plate	B3
3	3A41850010	Stock plug	B5
6	3141890020	Buff plate screw	A1
9	3P41070030	Forend plastic assembly	E1
10	3P41720010	Breech block	N1
11	3A41760840	Extractor plunger	A1
12	3A41570810	Extractor	D1
13	3A41690890	Extractor spring	A1
14	3A41740830	Extractor pin	A1
15	3P41510010	Breech block slide	I5
16	3A41740070	Firing pin elastic stop	A1
17	3A41690830	Firing pin spring	A1
18	3A41730810	Firing pin	B5
19	3A41860840	Locking block	G7
20	3A41880040	Magazine tube	H6
21	3A41500010	Magazine follower	A5
22	3A41690060	Magazine spring	A5
23	2A42660810	Ejector	B5
24	3P42030810	Barrel extension with ejector	I1
25	3141680010	Brass front sight	A1
26	3A41690050	Magazine shell latch spring	A1
27	3A41640840	Magazine shell latch	E6
28	3A41740010	Latch pins	A1
29	3141690050	Latch pin retaining spring	A1
30	3P41210010	Carrier latch assembly	D1
32	3K41140010	Trigger guard assembly	R1
33	3A41740020	Trigger guard pin	A1
34	3A41360860	Choke tube rubber ring	A1
35	3K41830010	Barrel cap	G6
36	3P41180020	Magazine extension to 8 rounds	I7
37	3K41360100	Swivel retaining ring	A5
38	3K41590010	Swivel	A5
39	3P41360070	Barrel band	A1
40	3P41890020	Barrel band screw	A1
41	3P41430030	Barrel band screw bushing	A1
42	3P41890030	Stop nut	A1
69	3K41740224	Stock hinge pin	B1
70	3K41780030	Stock hinge pin washer	A1
71	3K41840080	Stock ring pin	A1
72	3K41740220	Stock hinge through pin	B1
73	3K41740200	Stock hinge through pin	B1
74	3A41350200	Stock damper	B5
75	3K41840030	Stock frame	G9
76	3K41450020	Buff plate	A5
77	3K41740160	Buff plate hinge pin	A5
78	3K41360070	Buff plate hinge cir clip	A5
79	3K41760070	Buff plate stop pin	A5

N	COD.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
80	3A41690090	Sear spring	A5
81	3K41430030	Buff plate stop pin bush	C1
82	3K41740150	Buff plate stop pin retainer	A1
83	3K41350010	Buff plate damper	A5
84	3K41500030	Hand carry safety spring follower	A1
85	3K41690110	Hand carry safety spring	A1
86	3K41100010	Arm rest	E6
87	3K41850020	Arm rest plunger	A1
88	3K41690090	Arm rest spring	A5
89	3K41430040	Arm rest spring bush	B5
90	3K41540010	Arm rest spring stop	B1
91	3K410800E0	SAS model folding stock group with hook	R1
92	3K41820010	Trigger guard	I1
93	3P41550010	Carrier	F1
94	3A41530820	Breech block latch	D1
95	3A41740030	Breech block latch main pin	A1
96	3241740120	Breech block latch internal pin	A1
97	3A41690870	Breech block latch main spring	A1
98	3A41690880	Breech block latch auxiliary spring	A1
99	3A41500810	Breech block latch spring follower	A1
100	3K41810010	Hand carry safety	D1
101	3K41740050	Hand carry safety spring retaining pin	A1
102	3K41600010	Trigger	D1
103	3546740060	Trigger pin	A1
104	3K41430010	Spacer	A1
105	3K41640040	Trigger lever	B5
106	3K41740080	Trigger lever pin	A1
107	3K41460010	Hammer	B5
108	3141740080	Hammer pin	A1
109	3141690130	Hammer spring	A1
110	3141500040	Hammer spring follower	A1
111	3K41530010	Sear	D1
112	3K41740090	Sear pin	A1
113	3K41690120	Sear spring	A5
114	3K41640030	Auto quick employment safety lever	D1
115	3K41740100	Rear trunnion	A5
116	3K41740070	Front trunnion	A5
117	3K41690070	Auto quick employment safety spring	A1
118	3K41760050	Auto quick employment safety spring guide	A1
119	3A41430020	Trigger guard pin bushing	A5
120	3A41690070	Trigger guard pin locking spring	A1



## SPECIFICATIONS:

barrel length	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
total length	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
weight empty	7 lbs., 4 oz. approx.
gauge	12
ammunition	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
capacity	8 rounds in magazine + 1 in the chamber

double safety system: quick employment safety on left side  
of trigger guard carry safety on right side of trigger guard

### ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

All FIE guns are warranted to the original retail customer for one year from date of purchase against defects in material and workmanship. All parts and labor or replacement (at our option) are covered.

Transportation to and from our repair facilities, damage caused by failure to perform normal maintenance, sales outside the United States, damage due to use of high velocity, high pressure, reloaded or other nonstandard ammunition, or any unauthorized repair, modification, misuse, abuse, or alteration of the product is not covered by this Limited Warranty. Any implied warranties, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to one year from date of original retail purchase. Consequential or incidental damages or expenses, or any other expenses are not covered by this warranty.

To obtain warranty performance send your product with proof of retail purchase, freight prepaid, to: FIE Corporation, 4541 N.W. 133rd Street, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054.

### HOME GUN SAFETY IS PROBABLY YOUR BIGGEST CONCERN

Hoppe's Gun Guardian is a good inexpensive gun lock kit. It works on any firearm (rifle, pistol or shotgun) or airgun, yet is instantly removable by an adult.

Hoppe's Gun Guardian kits are available in gun shops and sporting goods departments, or from Hoppe's, Airport Industrial Mall, Coatesville, PA. 19320. F.I.E. has tested them and we recommend them. After all, you have invested this much in your new gun. Now invest a little more in your children's safety.

### YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL

This manual contains important warnings which must be understood BEFORE using this firearm. Always keep it with the firearm.

When you lend, give or sell the firearm, be sure the manual goes with it. You can get a copy of this manual from FIE on request.

# ***NOTICE AND SAFETY WARNING***

## **To All Owners of Franchi Model SPAS 12, SAS 12 and LAW 12 Shotguns Your Shotgun May Fire When You Take It "Off Safe" !!!**

A limited number of SPAS-12, SAS-12 and LAW-12 shotguns, formerly imported by the bankrupt F.I.E. Corporation, may accidentally fire when the "CARRY SAFETY" (*the large rotating safety lever located on the right front side of the trigger guard*) is rotated from the "ON SAFE" to the "OFF SAFE" position.

Franchi urges all owners to immediately cease all use of these shotguns. Carefully unload the chamber and magazine, with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and return the shotgun to American Arms, Inc.

American Arms, Inc., the Franchi factory authorized service center, will replace the potentially *defective rotating lever safety system* with a new push button cross bolt safety system. The service work, replacement safety system, and shipping are **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Send your shotgun carefully packed and insured via the United Parcel Service Company to:

**AMERICAN ARMS, INC.  
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If you require additional information or have any questions on this recall, call  
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