

NOTE: In some areas, the use of the weather shroud is illegal during the muzzleloading season for big game. Some areas require that the ignition source be exposed to the elements (open breech) prior to firing. Before installing the weather shroud, check the regulations in the area you will be hunting.

The weather shroud is intended only for use while hunting or shooting in inclement weather. It should not be used when target shooting or sighting in the rifle. Extended use of the weather shroud while shooting could cause accumulation of fouling in the bolt assembly. This fouling can result in an interference between the firing pin and bolt body. Always disassemble and clean the bolt assembly after shooting with the weather shroud. See page 28 for bolt cleaning instructions.

INSTALLING THE WEATHER SHROUD:

The weather shroud has a gas escape hole to vent blowback gasses to the environment. To work properly, it must be aligned with the ejection port opening when the bolt is in the closed position. See Picture 15.

To install the weather shroud:

1. Close the bolt and make a pencil mark on the bolt approximately 1/8 inch from the bottom on the ejection port opening. See Picture 16.
2. Remove the bolt assembly. Align the vent hole with the pencil mark and push the shroud on to the end of the bolt until the shroud is seated against the step on the bolt. See Picture 17.
3. Reinstall the bolt assembly and verify that the vent hole is properly positioned. See Picture 18.

REMOVING A CHARGE AND PROJECTILE

UNLOADING

Under normal conditions a muzzleloading firearm is unloaded by simply firing it into a safe and suitable backstop. There are however, three conditions which may occur that will require the rifle to be unloaded manually. These are:

1. A misfire or failure to fire.

WARNING: FOR A MISFIRE OR FAILURE TO FIRE, WAIT AT LEAST ONE MINUTE WITH THE RIFLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. A LINGERING SPARK SMOLDERING IN THE POWDER COULD FIRE THE RIFLE AT ANY MOMENT.