

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# CZ 550 Medium+Magnum



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**Before handling the firearm read this manual carefully and observe the following safety instructions.**

Improper and careless handling of the firearm could result in unintentional discharge and could cause injury, death, or damage to property. The same consequences can be caused by any unauthorized modifications or adjustments, corrosion, or use of non-standard or damaged ammunition. In these cases the manufacturer shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for the resultant consequences.

Before leaving the factory this firearm was tested, carefully inspected, and packed. CZ cannot accept responsibility for product handling while in transit, or upon leaving the factory. Therefore, please examine this rifle carefully at the time of purchase to ensure that it is unloaded and undamaged.

This instruction manual should always accompany the firearm and that even in the case of its loan or sale.

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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always follow the safety instructions for your safety and the safety of others.

1. Always handle your firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point your firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. Never take anyone's word that a gun is unloaded.
4. Always make sure that your firearm is not loaded before laying it down, or handing it to another person.
5. Always store your rifle unloaded with the striking mechanism released.
6. Never abuse your firearm by using it for any purpose other than shooting.
7. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.
8. Prior to loading the firearm make sure that barrel bore, chamber, and action are clean and clear of obstructions. Clean a dirtied firearm immediately so that it will function properly and safely.
9. Always use only clean, dry, original high quality commercially manufactured ammunition, which is appropriate to the caliber of your rifle.
10. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting.
11. Always wear safety glasses and ear protection during shooting whenever possible.
12. Always keep the safety on when the rifle is loaded with a cartridge in the chamber, until you are ready to fire. Keep firearm pointed in a safe direction when disengaging the safety.
13. A rifle with an activated set-trigger should be handed with maximum care, as even jolts during handling operations could cause an unintended discharge.
14. Always keep clear and keep others clear of the ejection port.

15. Never squeeze the trigger or put your finger in the trigger guard until you are aiming at a target and ready to shoot.
16. Always be absolutely sure of your target, and the area behind it, before you squeeze the trigger. A bullet could travel through or past your target up to several hundred meters.
17. Never shoot at a hard surface such as rock, or a liquid surface such as water.
18. Never fire your firearm near an animal unless it is trained to accept the noise.
19. Never indulge in "horseplay" while holding your firearm.
20. Failure to fire: In case of failure to fire hold the firearm keeping it pointed towards the target, or a safe open area and wait 30 seconds. If a hangfire (slow ignition) has occurred, the cartridge will fire within 30 seconds. If the cartridge does not fire, eject the cartridge and examine it. If the firing pin indent on the cartridge is light, or non-existent, have the firearm examined by a competent gunsmith.
21. Always make sure your firearm is not loaded before cleaning, storing or travelling.
22. Always keep and store your firearm and ammunition in separate locked receptacles out of reach and sight of children and untrained people.
23. Never alter any parts of your rifle as the safety and proper function of your rifle could be seriously compromised.
24. Always be aware that corrosion, use of damaged ammunition, dropping the rifle on hard surfaces or other "coarse treatment" could cause a damage you may not see. If something like this happens let the firearm to be examined and tested by a competent gunsmith.

## THE CZ 550 RIFLE DESCRIPTION AND TERMINOLOGY

The names of basic rifle parts used in this Instruction Manual are presented in Fig. 1 on the inner side of the cover. Nomenclatures of all CZ 550 parts are presented in the section *List of Parts*.

The CZ 550 is a repeating rifle with a Mauser-type bolt action. The trigger mechanism is of a single set design with an adjustable set-trigger; a single stage trigger is supplied on special order. The trigger is adjustable for pull weight and trigger travel. The safety secures the rifle against unintentional discharge and at the same time blocks the bolt in a closed position. The top of the receiver has milled grooves to accommodate scope mounts. The stock surface is made in a semi-matte polyurethane or Dedecryl lacquered finish. This Instruction Manual covers both Medium and Magnum models. The rifle is produced in several versions. Characteristic features of all versions are:

- A wide assortment of calibers, allowing optimum choice of caliber - according to the particular use of the rifle.
- The CZ 550 is well-balanced and consequently quick and easy to aim.
- Easy mounting of rifle scope.
- Controlling elements, which are simple in operation and easy to reach (bolt handle, set-trigger configuration, safety, bolt stop, floor plate latch, magazine catch).
- Completely adjustable trigger mechanism.
- Alternatives with set-trigger or without set-trigger.
- Cocking indicator indicates cocking of the striking mechanism.
- Easy disassembly for cleaning and routine maintenance, which can be carried out without any tools.
- A high degree of accuracy when firing.
- A long service life.
- High functional reliability in all environments, even with ammunitions made by various manufacturers, and with different types of bullets.

### **Main Characteristics of CZ 550 Medium Rifle Versions**

#### **CZ 550 Medium Standard**

The stock made of walnut wood with a cheekpiece furnished with checkerings and ventilated rubber buttplate. The stock allows aiming with mechanical sights as well as optical sights.

#### **CZ 550 Medium Lux**

The walnut stock with cheekpiece of Bavarian style checkered and supplied with a ventilated rubber buttplate. The stock allows aiming with mechanical sights as well as optical sights.

#### **CZ 550 Medium FS**

The classical walnut Full Stock with cheekpiece of Bavarian style, checkered, and supplied with a ventilated rubber buttplate. The stock allows aiming with mechanical sights as well as optical sights.

#### **CZ 550 Medium Battue**

The walnut stock checkered and supplied in Lux version or FS. The barrel (length of 520 or 560 mm) is equipped with a ramp rear sight. The firearm is designed for moving game shooting at shorter distances.

### **Main Characteristics of CZ 550 Magnum Rifle Versions**

#### **CZ 550 Magnum Standard**

Higher-grade walnut wood stock, without cheekpiece, furnished with checkering and ventilated rubber buttplate. This stock type allows aiming both with open sights and optical device.

#### **CZ 550 Magnum Lux**

Higher-grade walnut wood stock, with Bavarian style cheekpiece and furnished with checkering and a ventilated rubber buttplate. This stock type allows aiming both with open sights and optical device.

#### **CZ 550 Magnum Safari**

Higher-grade walnut wood stock lacquered with Dedecryl, with Bavarian style cheekpiece and furnished with checkering and Pachmayr rubber buttplate. This stock type allows aiming both with open sights and optical device.







## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Ammunition

Use only factory-manufactured standard ammunition of appropriate caliber, which are in compliance with CIP regulations (International Proof Commission for Firearms and Ammunition) or SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute Inc. of the United States). The use of other cartridges could damage the firearm or cause malfunctions or injury to the shooter.

### Magazine Removal

(Pertains only to rifles equipped with detachable magazines). Using one finger press the magazine catch in the direction to the receiver, and with the remaining fingers grip the magazine bottom, and remove the magazine from the rifle.

### Loading of the Rifle

**ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE RIFLE IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN LOADING!**

First push in the full magazine by its front side obliquely until it stops, then push the rear side.

Grip the rifle with the left hand by its fore-end, place the buttplate against your body and grip the bolt handle with the other hand. Open the bolt by raising the bolt handle and pulling to the rear to its stop. Then push the bolt continuously to its forward position again and by rotating the bolt handle in a downward direction close the bolt action. This procedure inserts the cartridge into the cartridge chamber and cocks the striker mechanism. The rifle is now ready to fire. If you do not intend to fire immediately, ensure the firearm safety as described further in the section *Safety and its Operation*.

Note: Loading is also possible for single cartridges by directly inserting into the chamber without the use of a magazine.

#### The rifle in magazine box version:

Open the bolt by raising the bolt handle and pulling to the rear to its stop.

Place a cartridge on the follower and press it downward into the magazine box. After releasing the downward pressure, the cartridge is caught by the side walls of the magazine. Place the next cartridge on top of the previous one, and slide in as described above. When the magazine box is loaded, push the bolt continuously to its forward position, and by rotating the bolt handle in a downward movement

close the bolt. This procedure inserts the cartridge into the cartridge chamber, and cocks the striker mechanism. The rifle is now ready to fire. If you do not intend to fire immediately ensure the firearms safety as described further below in the section *Safety and its Operation*.

### **Unloading of the Rifle**

**ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE RIFLE IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION!**

- Open the magazine box floorplate (Fig. 2) and drop released cartridges into your hand (in the detachable magazine version, remove the magazine in the manner as already described - see operating instructions, removal of the magazine)
- Move the safety to its "Safety-Off" position in order that the bolt can be opened. If your rifle is fitted with a three-position safety, shift it to its mid-position which allows the bolt operations, but the trigger mechanism remains on safe.
- Open the bolt and check to ensure that the cartridge has been extracted from the chamber and ejected.
- Close the bolt.
- Depress the trigger (dry fire).

### **The Safety and its Operation**

Shift the safety rearward to its "Safety-On" position (Fig. 3) until the red dot is fully covered. This procedure locks the trigger mechanism and the bolt, it is not possible to discharge a cartridge or manipulate the bolt.

If your rifle is fitted with a three-position safety, it has an additional mid-position which permits the opening of the bolt, but the trigger mechanism remains on safe. At this position of the safety, only the white dot is showing.

### **Cocking Indicator Operation**

The cocking indicator is located on the rear face of the bolt sleeve (Fig. 4). If the (striker) firing pin is cocked, the cocking indicator protrudes from the bolt sleeve. This protrusion can be checked both by sight and by touch.

### Set-trigger Operation

The set-trigger is activated by pushing it in the forward. For the reason of safety, activate the set-trigger only after the rifle is loaded and shortly before shooting. Do not carry your rifle with an activated set-trigger! If you have activated the set-trigger and you do not follow through with firing, keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction while carefully engaging the safety and then squeeze the trigger. Subsequently unload the rifle in the manner described above.

### Trigger Adjustment

Independent of whether there is a mounted set-trigger or not, the trigger mechanism can be adjusted with respect to the trigger pull weight, and the trigger travel, before and after discharge (Fig. 5). The adjustment can be performed after taking the barreled action out of the stock by means of the setting screws A (trigger pull), B (trigger travel before) and C (trigger travel after discharge).

If the CZ 550 rifle is fitted with a set-trigger, the adjustment of the set-trigger is carried out by the screw located in front of the trigger (Fig. 6). For safety reasons do not adjust the set-trigger travel as too short, as the rifle with an activated set-trigger is very sensitive to shock, and during handling the rifle could unintentionally discharge. The safety of the set-trigger adjustment can be checked with the rifle unloaded by repeated opening and closing of the bolt combined with moving of the safety to its "ON" and "OFF" positions. The spontaneous release of the trigger must not occur.

#### Note:

There is a possibility of dismantling the set-trigger from the rifle, without any impairment to the functional properties or adjustment of the conventional trigger.

## Sight Adjustment

### Model type: Medium - Classical Open Sights

The elevation and windage correction is carried out after loosening the screws H (horizontal) and V (vertical) by shifting the rear sight blade (Fig. 7). One part displacement changes the point of aim at 100 m distance in vertical by 3 cm and in horizontal direction by 15 cm.

### Model type: Medium Battue - Ramp Sights

Elevation correction is by means of folding up or down the rear sight insert, assisted by the adjusting screws (Fig. 8). Loosening of the front screw, followed by tightening of the rear screw changes the point of impact in a downward direction. Loosening of the rear screw, followed by tightening the front screw changes the point of impact in an upward direction. After sighting-in adjustments, it is necessary to tighten both these screws properly.

### Model type: Magnum

The rifle is equipped with the so-called "Express sight" with "V" notches on the blades. This sight facilitates quick aiming even at very short distances. The rear sight base features a notch for shooting at 100 m distance and folding blades for 200 and 300 m distances. Exchanging the front sight for higher or lower sizes ensures elevation correction. Drifting the rear sight in the dovetail, having previously loosened the locking screw (Fig. 9) enables windage correction.

The rifle sights were sighted-in at the plant at a 100 m distance, so the mean point of impact approximately conforms to the point of aim.

## Rifle Scope

Mounting of the riflescope and sighting-in of the rifle should be entrusted to a qualified gunsmith's workshop.

## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### Stripping for Cleaning - Disassembly

1. Remove the magazine. With the magazine box version, open the floorplate and remove the cartridges.
2. Shift the safety to its "SAFETY-OFF" position in order that the bolt can be manipulated.
3. Open the bolt, and after depressing the bolt stop (Fig. 10), pull the bolt rearwards out of the receiver.
4. Check that stock fastening bolts (items 88 and 90) are tight, and tighten them if necessary.

### Disassembly of the Bolt

BEFORE BOLT DISASSEMBLY CHECK FOR YOURSELF THAT THE CARTRIDGE CHAMBER IS EMPTY!

Cock the firing mechanism by opening the bolt, move it slightly backwards and close it again. Press the disassembly catch (Fig. 4) and keep it depressed, while at the same time open the bolt and move it partially rearwards with the other hand. Unscrew the bolt sleeve together with the firing pin assembly and as already described above pull the rest of the bolt rearwards out of the receiver.

#### CAUTION:

Do not strip your firearm any further. If you assume that your firearm requires adjustment or repair, entrust this work to a competent gunsmith in a specialized workshop!

### Cleaning the Rifle

Clean the rifle

- Each time you use it.
- If you get your rifle wet.
- As soon as possible after shooting.
- At least once a year in a temperate climate.
- As often as once a month in a tropical climate, or other demanding environment.

### **Cleaning the Barrel Bore and the Cartridge Chamber**

If the firearm has not been fired or if only a few cartridges have been fired, clean the barrel bore and cartridge chamber by a clean patch attached to a cleaning rod. Repeat the cleaning, changing patches, until the last patch comes out clean.

When the barrel bore is very dirty, apply a gun cleaning solution using cleaning brush. Let the solvent act for about 10 minutes (this time may vary depending on the solvent agent being used). Then thoroughly scrub out the barrel bore. Subsequently, dry the barrel bore and cartridge chamber with a clean patch and check that all powder residues or fouling have been removed. If necessary, repeat this procedure.

The cleaning rod and the brush must be inserted into the barrel bore from the chamber, to prevent wear or damage to the muzzle. Pass the brush all the way through the barrel bore before reversing the movement. If you try to change directions with the brush in the barrel, the brush could stick.

### **Cleaning of Other Rifle Parts**

Other parts of the rifle can be cleaned with a dry cloth, old toothbrush, copper bristle brush, or a wooden scraper. Preserving oil or paraffin oil can be used for proper cleaning. Never use the agent designed for barrel bore cleaning! These solutions could remain in the joints, and after some time could cause corrosion. Check that cloth particles or brush bristles have not become lodged in any part of the rifle. The maintenance of the stock can be carried out with a dry cloth or by some furniture-polishing product.

**Preserving**

When the barrel bore, cartridge chamber, and all accessible parts are clean and dry, wipe these parts with a cloth soaked in gun oil or apply the oil in a spray. Remove all excess oil.

Before shooting always wipe the barrel bore dry. At very low temperatures remove the oil from all accessible parts or apply a lubricant prepared especially for these conditions.

Use thick preserving agents for example, preserving grease only for long-term storage in demanding climate environments, and before any use of the rifle, it must be thoroughly removed from all parts of the firearm.

**Waste Management**

When used properly, the materials used in the product and packaging have no adverse effects on human health or the environment. When disposing of the product or its packaging, metal parts (steel and non-ferrous metals), plastics, wood, paper and cardboard should be stored separately in collecting containers intended specifically for that purpose.

**LIST OF PARTS**

1 Barrel	31 Safety	61 Locking Nut M4	91 Trigger Guard - Magazine Version
2 Rear Sight	32 Safety Pawl	62 Adjusting Screw, Trigger Overtravel (C)	92 Magazine Catch
3 Front Sight	33 Safety Pawl Spring	63 Locking Nut	93 Magazine Catch Spring
4 Front Sight Base	34 Roller	64 Nylon Pin (2x)	94 Magazine Shell
5 Front Sight Base Screw 05	35 Safety Pawl Pin	65 Trigger Mechanism	95 Follower
6 Front Sight Base Screw 03	36 Sear	66 Screw	96 Magazine Spring
7 Rear Sight Base Screw (2x)	37 Sear Stop	67 Spring Washer	97 Floor Plate Lock
8 Front Sight Detent	38 Sear Spring	68 Stock	98 Magazine Floor Plate
9 Detent Spring	39 Sear Pin	70 Butt Plate	99 Magazine Floor Plate Insert
10 Pin, Front Sight Detent	40 Bolt Stop	71 Screw, Butt Plate	106 Trigger Spring
11 Front Sight Cover	41 Bolt Stop Spring	73 Swivel Wood Screw	107 Stay
12 Receiver	42 Safety Pin	74 Sling Swivel	108 Reinforcer Screw *
13 Bolt	43 Retaining Plate	75 Swivel Screw	109 Spring Washer *
14 Bolt Handle Knob **	44 Ejector	76 Swivel Screw Washer	110 Washer *
15 Extractor	45 Ejector Pin	77 Swivel Assembly	111 Reinforcer Nut *
16 Extractor Collar	46 Ejector Spring	78 Trigger Guard - Box Version	112 Rear Sight Base
17 Firing Pin	47 Ball	79 Box Shell	113 Rear Sight Blade 200m
18 Firing Pin Spring	48 Holder	80 Floor Plate	114 Rear Sight Blade 300m
19 Support, Firing Pin Spring	49 Trigger	81 Floor Plate Pin	115 Rear Sight Spring
20 Nut, Firing Pin Spring	50 Trigger Lever	82 Floor Plate Latch	116 Rear Sight Spring Screw
21 Cocking Piece	51 Trigger Lever Pin	83 Spring, Floor Plate Latch	117 Rear Sight Blade Pin
22 Pin, Firing Pin Nut	53 Adjusting Screw, Set Trigger	84 Pin, Floor Plate Latch	118 Locking Screw
23 Cap	54 Set Trigger Lever	85 Magazine Box Spring	119 Nut
24 Bolt Sleeve	55 Spring, Set Trigger Lever	86 Magazine Follower	120 Washer
25 Disassy Catch	56 Pin	87 Front Spacer	121 Forend Bolt
26 Disassy Catch Spring	57 Retaining Ring	88 Frame Screw, Front	
27 Disassy Catch Pin	58 Adjusting Screw (B)	89 Rear Spacer	
28 Disassy Catch Plunger	59 Spring, Trigger Pull	90 Frame Screw, Rear	
29 Plunger Spring	60 Adjusting Screw, Trigger Pull (A)		
30 Plunger Pin			

\* Medium 2x, Magnum 1x

\*\* Does not apply to Magnum



## TROUBLESHOOTING, CAUSES AND REMEDIES

If your firearm is properly used and maintained, malfunctions will rarely occur. However, if such a situation does occur please observe the following instructions.

**CAUTION** - if a malfunction occurs, the possibility of an unintentional discharge is substantially increased. For this reason, when clearing malfunctions, observe the Safety Instructions already mentioned above. Keep the rifle pointed in a safe direction, do not turn the rifle against your body or anyone else's. Do not place your hands in front of the barrel!

Malfunction	Possible Cause	Remedy
A cartridge has not been fed into the chamber.	The rifle or cartridges are fouled (dirty).	Clean the rifle and cartridges and wipe them dry or as the case may be slightly lubricate.
Misfire.	Defective cartridge. Firing Pin hole fouled (dirty) or improper lubrication agent used during low temperatures conditions.	Follow the Safety Instructions according to point 20. Disassemble and clean the firing pin or use low temperature lubricant.
A shot sounds "weak".	The cartridge has been activated but no powder load was inside the cartridge case.	Unload the rifle and check that the bullet is not lodged in the barrel. Any subsequent shot could cause damage to the barrel!
The spent case has not been ejected.	Cartridge chamber, extractor or ammunition dirty or unsuitable lubricant in low temperature environment.	Clean and wipe the rifle dry or eventually lubricate lightly with a suitable agent. Use clean and new ammunition.

If you cannot clear away any malfunction in the manner described above, entrust the rifle to a competent gunsmith for inspection and repair.

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Model	Medium			Magnum
	Standard Lux	FS	Battue	Standard Lux Safari
Version				
Caliber	7 mm Rem. Mag. .300 Win. Mag. 9,3 x 62	9,3 x 62	7 mm Rem. Mag. .300 Win. Mag. 9,3 x 62	7 mm Rem. Mag. .300 Win. Mag. .375 H&H Mag. .416 Rem. Mag. .416 Rigby .458 Win. Mag.
Overall Length [mm]	1135	1055	1095 (1055*)	1180
Barrel Length [mm]	601	520	560 (520*)	635
Sights Radius (Mechanical Sights) [mm]	420	340	380 (340*)	495
Weight (Without Cartridges) [kg]	3,3	3,1	3,2 (3,1*)	4,2
Trigger Pull, Adjustment Range [N]	12 - 22	12 - 22	12 - 22	12 - 22

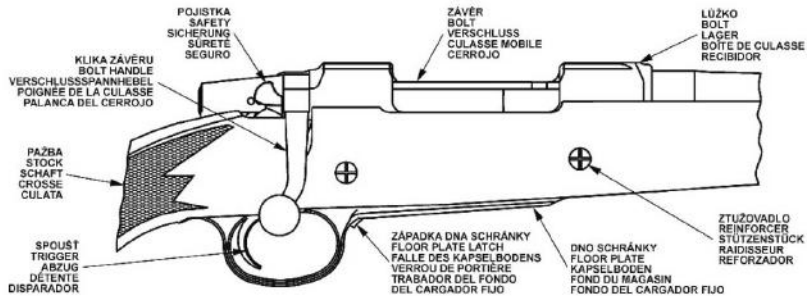
\* Applies to 9,3 x 62 caliber version

**LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS**

1. The names of basic parts
2. Magazine box floor plate opening
3. The three positions safety in SAFETY-OFF (fire) mode
4. The close-up of activated cocking indicator (A) and bolt disassembly catch (B)
5. Trigger adjusting screws (A - trigger pull, B - trigger slack, C - trigger overtravel)
6. Set trigger adjusting screw
7. Rear sight with fixing screws (H for horizontal, V for vertical shift)
8. Battue - Ramp Sights
9. "Express sight" with "V" notches on the blades
10. The bolt stop close-up

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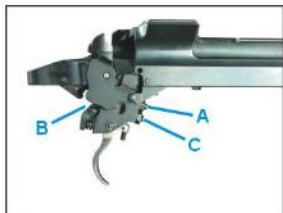
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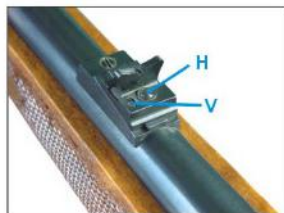
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