

**TEMPLETON**  
ARMS

**BUTTON/LEVER RELEASE  
SHOTGUNS**

**(GAS VERSION)**

**USER'S MANUAL**



**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS  
MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS SHOTGUN!**

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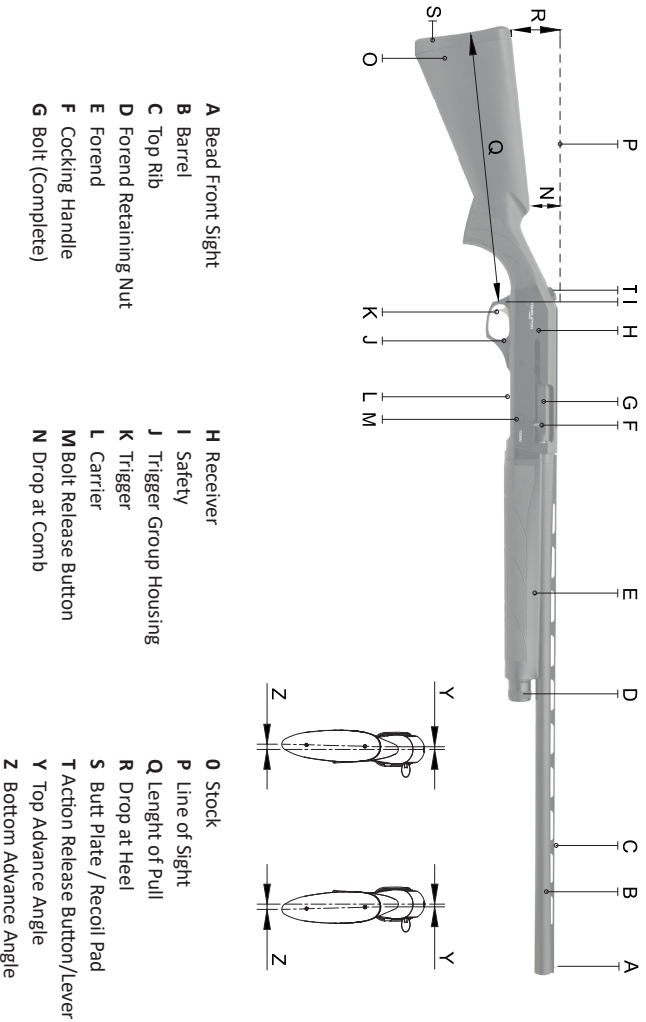
BECAUSE OF THE TRAPPED MOISTURE THAT MAY CAUSE RUSTING IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO STORE YOUR SHOTGUN IN A CARRY CASE.

## 1-SAFETY RULES

**WARNING: THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SHOTGUN SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.**

- ALWAYS TREAT A FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED. NEVER ASSUME THAT IT IS UNLOADED.
- NEVER POINT THE FIREARM AT SOMETHING THAT IS NOT SAFE TO SHOOT.
- ALWAYS STORE FIREARMS TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM HAVING ACCESS TO THEM. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THAT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS DO NOT GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR FIREARM. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN, UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM, LOCK IT AND STORE THE AMMUNITION IN A SEPARATE LOCKED LOCATION.
- ALWAYS WEAR ADEQUATE AND PROPER EAR PROTECTION.
- ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY PROTECTIVE GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE.
- ALWAYS BE ALERT AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE RANGE OFFICER. NEVER SHOOT IF YOU ARE TIRED, COLD OR IMPAIRED IN ANY WAY.
- ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS, AND BE ALERT THAT PEOPLE CAN WALK INTO YOUR LINE OF FIRE.
- THE SHOOTER (AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SHOOTING AREA) MUST ALWAYS BE IN A POSITION THAT IS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE.
- NEVER SHOOT AT HARD SURFACES, WATER OR RANDOMLY INTO THE SKY. ALWAYS SELECT A PLACE TO SHOOT THAT HAS A SAFE BACKSTOP AND IS FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS AND WATER SURFACES WHICH CAUSE RICOCHETS.
- NEVER CLIMB A TREE, FENCE OR OBSTRUCTION WITH A LOADED FIREARM. OPEN AND EMPTY THE CHAMBER OF YOUR FIREARM AND ENGAGE THE MANUAL SAFETY BEFORE CLIMBING OR DESCENDING A TREE OR BEFORE CLIMBING A FENCE OR JUMPING OVER A DITCH OR OBSTRUCTION.
- NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.
- NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING OR HANDLING ANY FIREARM.

## 2-NOMENCLATURE

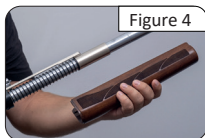


### 3-INITIAL ASSEMBLY AND INSPECTING

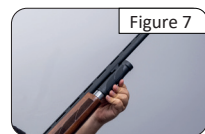
- Your shotgun is shipped from the factory with the barrel not assembled to the receiver (Figure 1).



- Unscrew the forend retaining nut (Figure 2) and remove the forend extension\* (Figure 3) and forend by pulling it forward (Figure 4).



- Next, assemble the barrel to the receiver (Figure 5). When doing this you might need to gently pull/release the cocking handle for easier fitting. Assemble the forend (Figure 6), forend extension\* (Figure 7) and then screw the forend retaining nut (Figure 8).



\* Not available on all models.

## 4-SAFETY BUTTON

The safety is designed to stop the trigger mechanism.

The safety on any gun is a mechanical device, and it is not intended as a substitute for common sense or safe gun handling. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

The safety is located behind the trigger, and provides protection against accidental or unintentional discharge under normal usage when properly engaged.

- To engage the safety, push the button from the left side so that it protrudes from the right side of the gun and the RED RING CAN NOT BE SEEN (Figure 9). The safe should always be in the “on” or “safe” position until you intend to fire the gun.

- When you are ready to fire the gun, press the safety button to the “off” or “fire” position, so that the safety protrudes from the left side of the shotgun and the RED RING APPEARS (Figure 10).

**WARNING: The gun will fire when the trigger is pulled intentionally or accidentally when the RED RING APPEARS.**



## 5-LOADING AND USAGE

To load your Button/Lever Release shotgun, pull the cocking handle backwards until it is locked in position (Figure 11). Press action release button/lever (Figure 12). If the shotgun was decocked press the action release button/lever (Figure 12) then the bolt release button (Figure 13) or vice versa. Looking at the bottom of the gun, you will see that it is possible to move the carrier into the receiver. You can now inset shells in the magazine tube using your thumb (Figure 14). To chamber a shell when you are done with loading, push the shell drop lever located at the side of the trigger group housing (Figure 15). This will drop a shell onto the carrier. After that pull the cocking handle backwards (Figure 16) until it is locked in position (Figure 11). Depress the action release button/lever (Figure 12) this will load that round into the chamber. You can add one (1) more shell to the magazine tube as one of them is chambered. You are now ready to fire.

Please note: When you fire the shotgun it will eject the spent round and release another shell onto the carrier. To reload simply depress the action release button/lever. The bolt will stay in locked position after the last round has been fired.



Figure 11

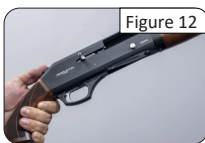


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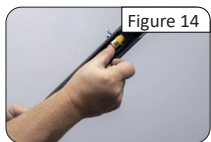


Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

## 6-UNLOADING

**WARNING: WHILE UNLOADING, KEEP THE SAFETY "ON" AT ALL TIMES AND KEEP THE MUZZLE AIMING AT A SAFE DIRECTION.**

Push the bolt release button and the carrier simultaneously. You will see that the shells will be ejected from the magazine tube (Figure 19). When all the shells are ejected, check the chamber by pulling the cocking handle backwards so that any shell in the chamber will be ejected (Figure 20).

Always keep your fingers away from the trigger while loading and unloading your gun.

**Always keep your fingers away from the trigger while loading your gun.**



Figure 19

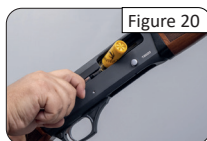


Figure 20

## 8-DISASSEMBLY



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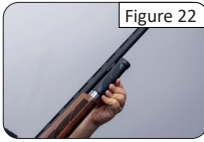


Figure 22



Figure 23

- Unscrew the forend retaining nut (Figure 21), and remove the forend extension\* (Figure 22) and forend (Figure 23). Take the barrel off by pulling it forward (Figure 24).



Figure 24



Figure 25

To remove the charging handle, you must remove the barrel first (Figure 24) and make sure the charging handle reaches the machined slot at the bottom right hand side of the ejection port (Figure 25). Simply rotate it clockwise (Figure 26) and remove it from the bolt assembly (Figure 27).



Figure 26



Figure 27

After that, you can take the bolt assembly, action bar and the recoil spring out (Figure 28-29-30).

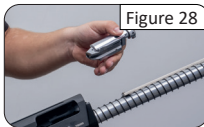


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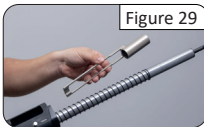


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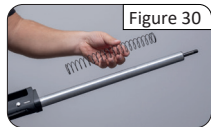


Figure 30

- Take the gas piston located in the gas chamber out that is under the barrel by pulling it with your fingernails (Figure 31). Using a tool (if necessary, a soft head hammer) remove the pin (Figure 32) and take the trigger group housing out (Figure 33).



Figure 31



Figure 32



Figure 33

\* Not available on all models.

## 9-REASSEMBLY

- To reassemble your shotgun, do each step explained in disassembly section in reverse order. Before putting the trigger group housing into its place, make sure that the hammer is cocked. Figure 34 shows the cocked state, and Figure 35 shows the decocked state of the hammer.



Figure 34



Figure 35

## 10. ADJUSTABLE STOCK

- Each shotgun is provided with a set of stock shims to assist the shooter in obtaining a personalized fit to the sighting plane. The stock is user adjustable for either cast or stock drop. This adjustment is made by replacing the plastic shim located between the receiver and the stock (Figure 36). Note that only one shim can be inserted between stock & receiver.



Figure 36



Figure 37

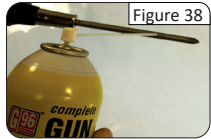


Figure 38

- The factory installed shim is marked CIP which provides a neutral cast and standard drop dimensions of the comb. The shim kit includes two replacement shims that change the cast of the stock, either Left 5 or Right 5. These spacers do not affect the stock drop. Some tactical models may have -10 shims pre-installed.
- The kit includes three replacement shims that change the drop of the stock. The slope of the drop in the stock can be changed from standard to -10, or -5 or a positive 5 direction.
- Replacing the stock shim requires the removal of the butt pad. The butt pad is attached by two Philips head screws. To detach the pad;
- Locate the screws on the pad (Figure 36).
- Lubricate the shaft of the screw driver to prevent damaging the rubber pad (Figure 37).
- Once the pad is removed, loosen and remove the stock bolt and its washer using a wrench (Figure 38), and pull the stock free from the receiver (Figure 39).

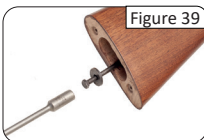


Figure 39



Figure 40

- Remove and replace the shim for a personalized stock fit (Figure 41), and re-attach the stock and tighten the stock bolt (Figure 42).
- Re-attach the butt pad with lubricated screw driver (Figure 43).



Figure 41



Figure 42

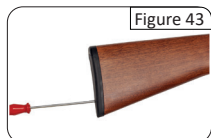


Figure 43

- **Note that some tactical models do not have adjustable stock option.**

## 11- ADJUSTING LENGTH OF PULL (LOP SPACERS)

You can extend the length of pull by placing LOP spacers between the buttpad and the stock. Your shotgun is provided with 3 pieces of 5 mm (0.2") LOP spacers.

- To adjust the length of pull of your shotgun, first remove the two screws located on the top and bottom of the buttpad using a screwdriver (Figure 44).



- The length of pull is the distance from the center of the trigger to the butt of the recoil pad.
- To achieve the desired length of pull, arrange the LOP spacers as shown in Figure 45.








- After placing the LOP spacers, attach the recoil pad to the stock (Figure 46) and tighten the screws using a screwdriver in the opposite direction of how they were removed (Figure 47). To prevent wear on the buttpad and make the process smoother, it is recommended that the screwdriver tip be slightly greasy.



## 12-USE OF CHOKE TUBES

With the choke tubes you can control the openness or tightness of the pattern of your shotgun. The chart below lists the chokes available (from open to tight), and the corresponding marks that indicate the choke of your shotgun.

AMERICAN DESIGNATION	CL (Cylinder)	IC (Improved Cylinder)	M (Modified)	IM (Improved Modified)	F (Full)
CHOKE TUBE					
NOTCHES	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★	★
COMPATIBILITY WITH SLUGS	Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
COMPATIBILITY WITH STEEL SHOT	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
BEST IN THE AREA OF	Sporting, clay and skeet shooting. Short distance, more open shooting.	Quail, dove and target shooting. For shorter distance more open shooting.	Hunting woodcock, pheasant & quail with 30-35 yard shots. Long range hunting with steel shot and tight groups.	For hunting pheasant, ducks with 30-40 yard shots.	For duck and goose hunting with 40-45 yard shots. For long range hunting with lead shot and tight groups.

All the choke tubes are included in the package in a specially designed box.

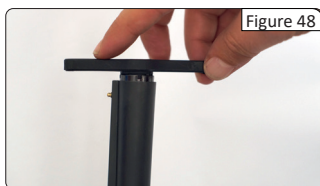


**WARNING:** When installing a choke tube in your barrel, make sure that the tube is completely screwed down tight in the barrel, never shoot your shotgun without the choke tubes installed as this may damage the barrel and injure the shooter. Choke tubes may become loose after extended firing and should be checked frequently for tightness.

### INSTALLATION OF CHOKE TUBES

**WARNING:** Check that the firearm is unloaded. If not, unload the firearm by operating as described in the chapter “Unloading”. Never look into the muzzle or change tube on a loaded gun; even with safety is set to “ON”.

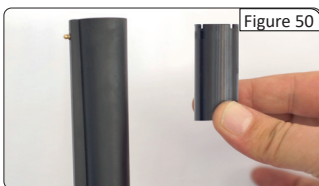
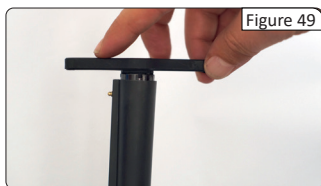
- Apply a thin coat of gun oil to the threads of the barrel and of the choke tube.
- Insert the desired chokes into the choke housing. Take care the notched end will be upside.
- Carefully hand screw the chokes into the barrels clockwise (Figure 48). Using the choke tube Wrench; tighten the choke until it is fully bottomed into its recess in the barrel.
- Remove the choke tube wrench after tightening.



### REMOVAL OF CHOKE TUBES

**WARNING:** Check that the firearm is unloaded. If not, unload the firearm by operating as described in the chapter “Unloading”. Never look into the muzzle or change tube on a loaded gun, even with safety engaged.

- Unscrew (counterclockwise) the choke tube using the choke tube wrench supplied (Figure 49). Remove the choke tube from the muzzle (Figure 50).



### CLEANING OF CHOKE TUBES

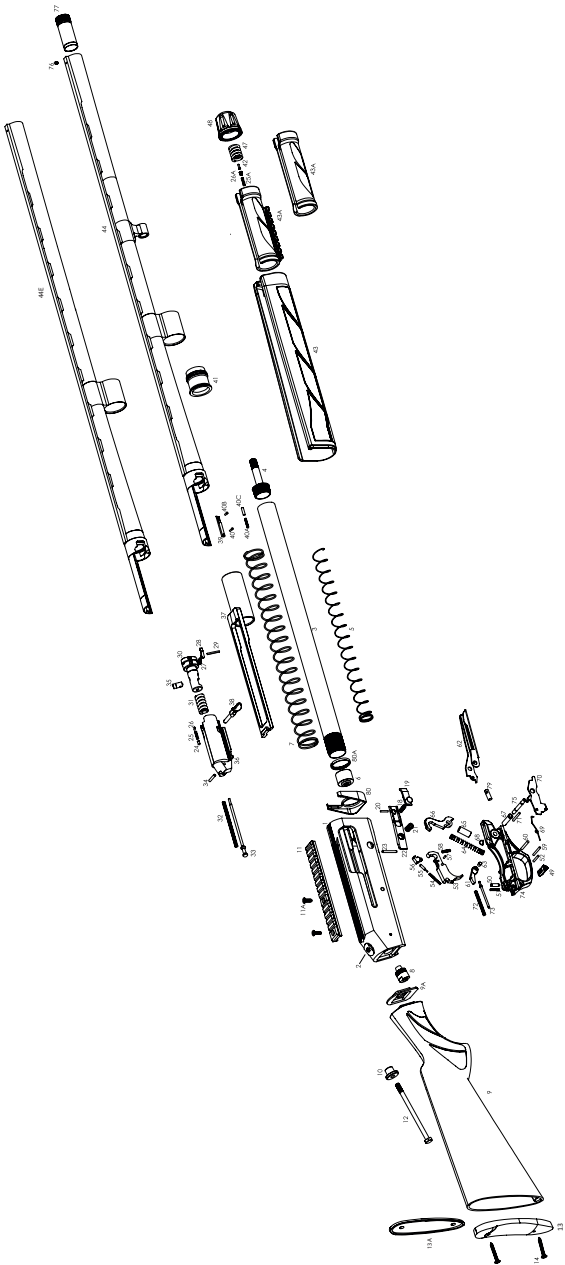
**WARNING:** Check that the firearm is unloaded. If not, unload the firearm by operating as described in the chapter “Unloading”. Never look into the muzzle or change tube on a loaded gun, even with safety is set to “ON”.

- Carefully clean the choke housing. If necessary, use a cotton patch coated with gun oil.
- Check the choke to make sure it is perfectly clean inside and outside.
- Apply a thin coat of gun oil to the threads of the barrel and of the choke tube.

## 13-PARTS LIST

NO	PART NAME	NO	PART NAME
1	Receiver	40-A	Shell Ejector Spring
2	Action Release Button/Lever	40-B	Ejector Rivet (Short)
3	Magazine Tube	40-C	Shell Ejector Retaining Pin
4	Rear Magazine Plug	41	Piston
5	Magazine Spring	42	Barrel Ratchet Pin
6	Front Magazine Plug	43	Forend
7	Recoil Spring	43-A	Forend Extension
8	Stock Retaining Nut	44	Barrel (Extension Version)
9	Stock	44E	Barrel
9-A	Shim	47	Kinetic Spring
10	Stock Washer	48	Forend Retaining Nut
11	Picatinny Rail	49	Safety
11-A	Picatinny Rail Retaining Screws(2 Pieces)	50	Safety Spring Guide
12	Through Bolt	51	Safety Spring
13	Recoil Pad	52	Safety Spring Pin
13A	LOP Spacer	53	Trigger
14	Butt Screw (2 Pieces)	54	Disconnecter Spring
18	Bolt Release Button Spring	55	Disconnecter Spring Pin
19	Bolt Release Button	56	Disconnecter
20	Bolt Release Button Pin	57	Disconnecter Pin
21	Carrier Lock Spring	58	Trigger Spring
22	Carrier Lock	59	Trigger Stop Pin
23	Carrier Lock Pin	60	Trigger Pin
24	Cocking Handle Bearing Pin	61	Carrier Lever
25	Cocking Handle Bearing Spring	62	Carrier
25-A	Barrel Ring Ratchet Spring	63	Carrier Lever Rivet
26	Cocking Handle Bearing Pin Retainer Pin	64	Hammer Spring
26-A	Ring Ratchet Screw	65	Hammer Spring Guide
27	Extractor Spring	66	Hammer
28	Extractor	67	Hammer Retaining Pin
29	Extractor Retaining Pin	68	Retaining Circlip
30	Locking Block	69	Shell Drop Lever Spring
31	Locking Block Spring	70	Shell Drop Lever
32	Firing Pin Spring	71	Shell Drop Lever Retaining Pin
33	Firing Pin	72	Carrier Lever Spring
34	Firing Pin Screw	73	Carrier Lever Spring Pin
35	Follower Pin	74	Trigger Group Housing
36	Bolt	75	Trigger Group Retaining Pin
37	Action Bar	76	Sight Beads
38	Cocking Handle	77	Choke Tube
39	Ejector	79	Hammer Stopper
40	Ejector Rivet (Long)	80	Forend Retainer
		80-A	Forend Retainer Ring Nut

# 14-EXPLODED VIEW



## 15-CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

**WARNING: ENSURE THAT YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE BEGINNING TO CLEAN IT.**

At the end of the day of shooting/hunting, clean and lubricate the shotgun.

**Cleaning procedure:**

**Check and regularly clean the gas piston, gas chamber and 2 gas ports inside the gas chamber; otherwise your gun may fail to cycle.**

- Disassemble the shotgun (see paragraph "Disassembly").
- Clean the bores with care by passing a cleaning rod with a cotton patch coated with a high-quality gun oil to remove combustion residues. Also include the chambers in your cleaning operation.
- Do not forget to clean choke tubes and choke seats in the muzzle. Failure to clean these areas will result in the inability to remove the choke from the barrel and severe damage to the muzzle. If a choke tube becomes tight in the muzzle, this is an indication that the thread requires cleaning.
- Run a clean dry patch through the bores to remove oil residues.
- Lightly oil the inside of the barrels with a clean cotton patch coated in high-quality gun oil.
- Clean with care the external surfaces of the shotgun to remove any trace of dirt, sweat and fingerprints.
- Make sure you do not touch the metal parts while you are putting your shotgun back into its place of storage.

Always follow the instructions provided with your gun cleaner and gun lubricant. Whenever your firearm has been exposed to sand, dust, extreme humidity water or other adverse conditions, it must be cleaned and lubricated.

After an intensive period of use, check the operation of the bolt assembly and if necessary, clean and lubricate it using suitable gun oil.

If your firearm seats used in a cold climate, be sure to use an oil of an appropriate weight so that it will not congeal in cold temperatures.

**NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM.**

**ANY MAINTENANCE, ADJUSTMENT OR SERVICE NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS MANUAL MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MUST BE PERFORMED BY AN AUTHORIZED GUN-SMITH USING GENUINE FACTORY PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING OF YOUR FIREARM MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT.**

When storing, do not encase the shotgun in anything that will attract or hold moisture, for example; leather or heavy cloth. Also, do not store shotguns with a plug inserted in the barrel for this can be a contributing factor to moisture accumulation. If the shotgun is to be stored for an extended period, the bore, chamber and internal surfaces should be oiled with a high-quality lubricating oil preservative intended for firearms.

The external parts; receiver, bolt and barrel should be coated with an anti-rust oil.

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