



TACTICAL AR500  
TARGETS, INC.

## **\*\*\*ATTENTION: READ BEFORE USING TARGETS OR TARGET SYSTEMS\*\*\***

This pamphlet is included as a **supplement** to our safe shooting instructions and our instruction manuals included with all of our targets. This is not a **replacement** to our other instructions for assembly, use, or safe shooting practices. Here we cover wear and tear and basic maintenance of our steel targets. Please read this pamphlet FULLY before using your steel target. If you have any questions please contact us BEFORE engaging in any shooting activities with your new steel targets.

### **Lifespan of Our High Quality Steel Targets:**

Nothing is indestructible. Anything man made can and will be destroyed with the right amount of abusive use. That being said, we design our targets with high volume shooters in mind and they are designed to last you for thousands of rounds of proper use. It is normal over time for steel targets to begin to warp, even under normal use. This typically takes tens of thousands of rounds, however we recommend, where applicable, regularly rotating the side of the target you shoot to mitigate this warping of the plate. Many of our systems (A-DAP, Goliath, Gong Targets, Rifle Hostage Target, Dueling and Falling Tree Paddles) can be unbolted and shot on both sides of the target plates. Please note that you should rotate the plates BEFORE they warp, not after. After they are bent we recommend replacing them with new plates. Please contact us for replacements.

### **Break In Periods for Our Steel Targets:**

At TAT we apply a nice finish paint job to every target (except our gong targets) before they leave our shop and end up in your hands. We do this for rust prevention and protection from damage during storage and transportation. Plus they just look great! That being said, some of our targets may have a slight break in period due to this paint. This is primarily noticed with our Hostage Targets, Dueling Trees, and our Falling Tree targets. As you use these targets you will wear down the paint along the friction surfaces and the action will become smoother and smoother. Don't worry if there are a couple hang ups initially. Follow our included directions for each target and if you have any questions about your target contact us immediately. You will also notice that target models, like our A-DAP system, will begin to ring better and better as you break them in and shoot them more and more.

### **Target Damage: What You Can Do To Minimize Risk:**

We include instructions with every target we ship. If you did not receive instructions with your shipment we have them available online on our main web page, or you can contact us for hard copies. These instructions include VITAL information to ensure you get the most life out of your new targets. Keep in mind that even when used properly, steel targets have a lifespan. For most people our targets are lifetime targets. The higher the volume of shooting and the closer the range, the more potential damage there will be to the steel targets. .223/5.56 NATO is extremely tough on steel and the closer you shoot the more prone the plate is to pocking or chipping/cracking. If the instructions are followed, you can minimize this kind of damage to steel targets. Please keep in mind that chips

along the edge of the target are normal and are typically cosmetic only. When an edge is impacted, whether the target is laser cut, water jet, or high definition plasma cut, the full force of the bullet and heat input is focused on that edge. Eventually you will see chips, there is really no way to eliminate this. These should not result in premature cracking, and again when a target is used properly these will be minimal and simply cosmetic.

## **Some Other Points to Consider:**

Please remember that when handling our steel targets (or any other steel targets for that matter) that there may be sharp edges. When changing the wooden posts there may be embedded shrapnel from bullet impacts. Please always wear gloves and use extreme caution. Uncovered skin could be cut from sharp edges so be cautious and inspect every target or component for sharp edges before handling. Please also remember that there will be lead residue on the target face from bullet impacts. Lead is potentially dangerous to your health and wellness, so it is important to wear gloves while handling used targets and to make sure your hands are washed and clean before handling food or anything else you use on a day to day basis.

Please also remember to **NEVER** shoot **ANY** steel targets with steel core ammunition or armor piercing ammunition. Lead core bullets or frangible ammunition is acceptable. We want you to get the most out of your steel targets, and shooting them with steel core, penetrators, or armor piercing not only shortens the lifespan of your targets, but it presents safety hazards.



We want to take a moment again to thank you for your purchase of our steel targets. We hope you enjoy your targets for many years to come! If you can, please take a moment to go to our website and write a review of your experiences with us and our products. If you have recommendations or suggestions please email us at [info@tatargets.com](mailto:info@tatargets.com). We love feedback, and we want to hear what your thoughts are. Thank you again, shoot safely.

