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This level of field stripping is sufficient to allow all components to be cleaned. The trigger housing and safety button are made of plastic to reduce cost. The elevator can be removed by putting the gun on safety and squeezing the sides together, freeing the pivot pins from the receiver.

Mossberg 500 Age Series Are The Model numbers included in the 500 series are the 500, 505, 510, 535, and 590. The magazine tube is located below the barrel, and is screwed into the receiver. Mossberg 500 Age Series Are The The slide release is located to the left rear of the trigger guard, and the safety is located on the upper rear of the receiver (often called a tang safety). The Model 500 magazine facilitates easy barrel changes, as the barrel bolt serves no function other than holding the barrel in place. Model 590 magazines are designed to be opened at the muzzle end, and the barrels fit around the magazine tube and are held on by a capnut at the end. The fore-end can then be moved to the rear, allowing the bolt and bolt carrier to drop out, and then the forend can be removed by moving it forward.

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A special model called the Mariner is available with the Marinecote finish, an electroless-nickel finish that is highly corrosion resistant.

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The Model 500 magazines are closed at the muzzle end, and the barrel is held in place by bolting into a threaded hole at the end of the magazine tube. The factory scope base is attached to the barrel via a cantilever -type mount, which places the scope over the receiver but keeps it with the barrel if the barrel is removed. Most models come with the receiver drilled and tapped for the installation of a rear sight or a scope base. The cartridge stop and interrupter will then fall free, leaving just the ejector and the safety in the receiver, held in by screws. The magazine spring and follower may be removed by unscrewing the tube from the receiver (this may be difficult on some new 500s).

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The Model 500 is available in 12 gauge, 20 gauge, and 410 bore, with the 12 gauge being the most popular and having the most optional features available. The Model 500s bolt locks into a recess located on the top of the steel barrel instead of the receiver itself, thus allowing the use of lightweight aluminum instead of steel. All Model 500s feature interchangeable barrels (given a particular guns magazine capacity a barrel designed for a five-shot tube will not fit a gun with a seven-shot tube), which may be removed without the use of tools, by loosening a screw on the end of the magazine tube, allowing the barrel to be removed. Some 500 models are anodized to look parkerized, with parkerized barrels. This is also true of the 590 series since an aluminum receiver cannot be parkerized. The standard model holds five 2.75-inch (70 mm) or five 3-inch (76 mm) shells in the magazine and one in the chamber. Stocks are either wood or composite, with the composite stocks being matte black or camouflage to match the rest of the gun. Some models come with a matte black matte-anodized receiver, and a matte blued barrel. Originally using a single action bar that was known to bind and even break, this was changed to dual action bars in 1970, following the expiration of Remingtons patent on the double action bar design. e10c415e6f