



Henry Handguard Installation

Tools Needed:

Hammer | Screwdriver | Wood Block | Nylon Block | Punch | Degreaser | Vice | Q-tips

Included Components:

Handguard | Receiver Mount | Barrel Mount | Screw Kit | Blue Threadlocker



Caution! This is a difficult installation, please review these instructions carefully and watch our [installation video](#) before attempting this installation. If you are not comfortable doing it yourself, find a local gunsmith. XS Sights is not responsible for any damage that could occur to your rifle or handguard during the installation process. This product is backed by XS Sights Limited Lifetime Warranty which states that this product will not be replaced if it has been damaged through misuse, modifications, neglect, or mishandling.

Before installing or adjusting your sights, unload and check to ensure the firearm is unloaded.

1. Remove the inner magazine tube.
2. Remove the forearm support screws on each side of the forearm.
3. Once the screws are removed the forearm should be able to slide forward on the rifle, it is usually tight and may need some persuasion to be removed.
 - a. If the forearm is tight, place the rifle upside down in a vice, pinching on the receiver flats, so that way you can have better access to the forearm.
 - b. Use a hammer and nylon/wooden block with opposing flat surfaces, resting the block on the flat of the forearm.
 - c. Strike the block with solid contact to allow the forearm to creep toward the muzzle slowly until it has released its grab on the receiver after about 1/8th of an inch of travel.
4. **Pistol Caliber Models vs Rifle Caliber Models**
 - a. If you have a **pistol caliber model**: Remove the bottom metal of the rifle to release the set screw that holds the magazine tube in place.
 - b. If you have a **rifle caliber model**: Skip this step.
5. Next remove the magazine tube support from under the muzzle.
 - a. **CAUTION!** This dovetail is directional — it has a wider opening on the loading gate side than the opposing side so items being removed will need to go out to that side and come in from the same side.
 - b. Lay the rifle with the ejection port/loading gate side down and prop up the muzzle end with a vice block to get access to remove the magazine support.
 - c. Using a hammer and punch drift the magazine tube support out toward the loading gate/ejection port side.

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- d. **CAUTION!** The female portion of the dovetail is extremely sharp.
6. Once the magazine tube support has been removed you should be able to move the forearm forward on the magazine tube by rotating it back and forth while keeping constant pressure towards the muzzle.
7. **Pistol Caliber Models vs Rifle Caliber Models**
 - a. If you have a **pistol caliber model:** Skip this step.
 - b. If you have a **rifle caliber model:** If the forearm is too tight to move, remove the magazine tube by taking tension off the retaining set screw on the bottom metal (this will allow you to remove the assembly to get a better grab on the parts to separate them).
8. Install the magazine tube support mounting block on the mag tube (the engraving of the caliber should be facing towards the muzzle).
9. Reinstall the magazine tube into the receiver first and then slightly pinch the forward end of the magazine tube to place the magazine tube support back on the end of the tube.
10. Reinstall the magazine tube support dovetail into the barrel from the loading gate side.
11. Center the magazine tube support within the dovetail by using the hammer, punch, and block.
12. Installing the Handguard
 - a. Slide the handguard over the barrel and magazine tube until you get to the forend support holes.
 - b. Install the receiver mounting hardware within the rear of the handguard loosely (add a dab of threadlocker to each screw).
 - c. Make certain that the teeth of the receiver mount are within the receiver and then place the forearm support screws back into the handguard and engage the screw holes (**DO NOT TORQUE**).
 - d. If the holes do not line up, your receiver mount is likely out of alignment and will need to be adjusted.
 - e. Once the forearm support screws are back in place, install the barrel mounting hardware over the magazine support from the front of the handguard.
13. Install the two lower screws for the barrel mounting hardware into the forearm.
 - a. Add a dab of threadlocker to the screws, tightening the two of them as evenly as you can, bringing the barrel mounting hardware flush to the handguard (tighten these to finger pressure, allowing the threadlocker to do its job and keep the parts in place).
14. Remove one of the forearm support screws and add a dab of blue threadlocker to the screw and reinstall setting the screw to 15-inch pounds of torque and then repeat the same process with the other forearm support screw.
15. Add the set screw for the receiver mounting hardware.
16. Verify that all the screws are now snug on the install.
17. Insert the inner magazine tube and you are ready to go shooting.
18. Once at the range, recheck your zero as POA/POI may have changed during installation.