

Blackhawk® Knox® SpecOps Gen III™ Instruction Guide

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WARNING : READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE USE. This manual contains important information about the proper assembly, fit, care and use of the Knoxx® SpecOps Gen III. Failing to read or follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- Do not attempt to fire the firearm without first testing the fit of the stock as outlined in this manual
- Use the stock only with the specific firearm for which it is designed
- Do not attempt to repair or modify the stock in any way. Unauthorized repairs or modifications can affect the safe performance of the stock and will void your warranty
- Store this manual in a safe place and review it periodically. If you misplace this manual, contact Blackhawk® or visit us online at www.BLACKHAWK.com for a replacement.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:



WARNING: Read and follow all instructions and warnings before assembling or firing a firearm with your SpecOps Gen III. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death. If you are at all unsure of your ability to install your SpecOps Gen III safely, please seek the services of a competent gunsmith. Take extra time to review the shooting tips and techniques section of this manual.



WARNING: Before installing the stock, forend, or accessory rail make sure that the shotgun is UNLOADED. Carefully check the chamber and magazine tube making both visual and touch verification.



WARNING: Use only with the specific shotgun and shells for which this stock was designed. Use with incompatible shotguns or shells could result in personal injury or product failure. Use of aftermarket accessories are not guaranteed and may result in personal injury or product failure. Your SpecOps Gen III is not compatible with the following:

- Mossberg 590 DA (Double Action). **NOTE:** 590 DA shotguns are extremely rare and are no longer in production.
- Remington 870 shotguns with oversized or extended safeties.
- Remington 870 Left handed models
- Certain shotguns with unique slide tube lengths. Confirm proper fit before use.

Contact Blackhawk Technical Support at 406-284-3840 for any questions on compatibility with firearms, components and ammunition.



WARNING: When shooting, position your cheek at least one inch away from the front moving portion of the stock and at least three inches away from any scope. Failure to do so may cause interference with the cheek or serious eye/facial injury from the shotgun/scope. Keep the support hand at least one inch from the accessory rail and any mounted accessory on the forend. Failure to do so may cause interference with thumb and hand resulting in potential injury.

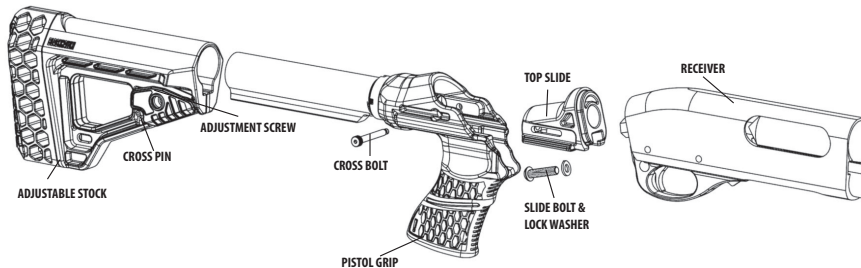
All firearms are potentially dangerous. Their improper use may cause great harm, personal injury or death. It is your responsibility to know the safe use, procedures and operation of your firearm and to store, handle and transport your firearm safely. Proper training is available through accredited firearms safety training programs.

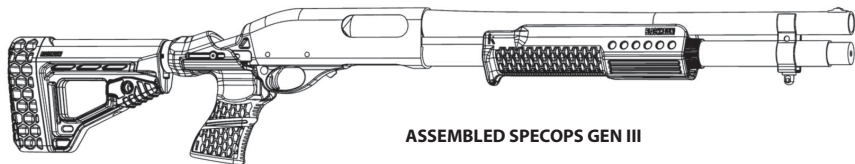
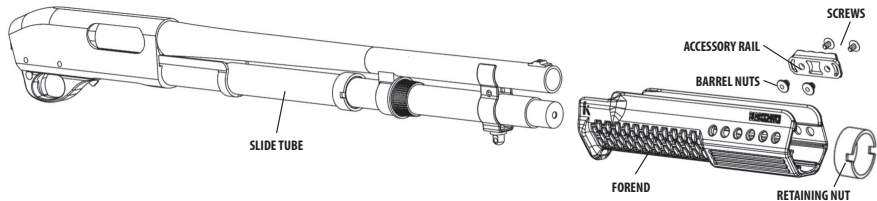
TOOLS REQUIRED:

- Small Flat Blade Screwdriver
- Medium Phillips Screwdriver
- Large Flat Blade Screwdriver

PARTS AND NOMENCLATURE:

Before using your Knoxx SpecOps Gen III Stock, it is important to know and understand the nomenclature and how it functions.





INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (cont.):



WARNING: Before beginning stock installation, make sure that the shotgun is UNLOADED. Carefully check the chamber and magazine tube making both visual and touch verification.

1. Verify that the firearm is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction before removing the stock. Remove the original stock. Refer to manufacturer's instructions for the best method to remove the stock. Typically the pad is held in place by two Phillips screws, and the stock is held on by one bolt. Remove the pad by unscrewing the Phillips screws, and remove the stock bolt to free the stock from the receiver (*Fig. 1*).

NOTE (for Remington models): Remove any metal spacers from the back of the receiver.

2. Installation of the SpecOps Gen III requires the separation of the top slide from the main stock assembly. Utilizing the provided 3/32" hex wrench, completely remove the cross bolt located just above and to the left of the pistol grip (*Fig. 2a-next page*). With cross bolt removed, separate the top slide from the stock assembly by sliding the two apart. Ensure that the spring remains in the spring tube within the grip (*Fig. 2b-next page*).

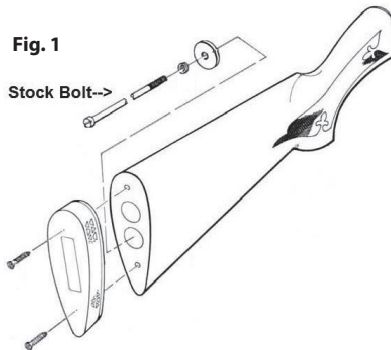


Fig. 1

Stock Bolt-->

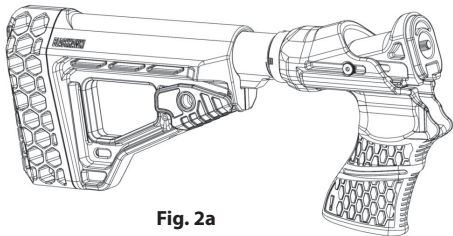


Fig. 2a

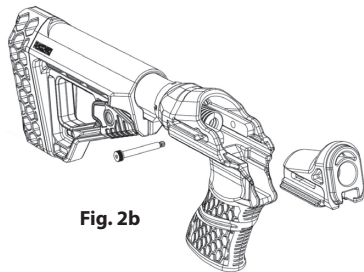


Fig. 2b

3. Insert the provided slide bolt with lock washer (*Fig. 3a*) into the top slide (*Fig 3b*).

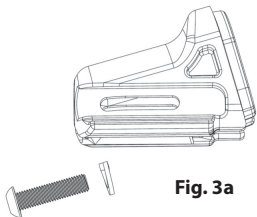


Fig. 3a

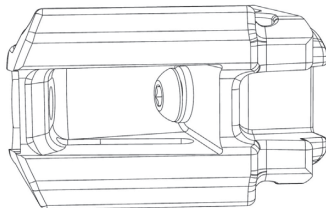
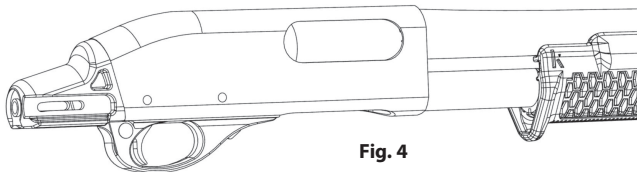


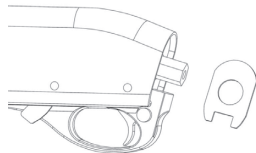
Fig. 3b

4. Attach top slide to shotgun receiver. Carefully align front of top slide with rear of receiver (**Fig. 4**). Utilize provided 5/32" hex wrench to attach top slide to rear of shotgun receiver. **NOTE:** Take extra precaution not to cross thread the bolt. If the bolt feels tight or rough while tightening, stop, unthread the bolt and start over. Tighten the bolt to 30 in. lbs. of torque.



NOTE: If the stock is loose or if there is a significant gap between the stock and receiver after completely tightening the bolt, then two issues may exist. Issue 1: the bolt has been cross threaded into the receiver nut. Issue 2: there is debris (powder residue or old thread locking compound) in the receiver nut that is not allowing the stock bolt to fully engage with all the receiver nut threads. To clean receiver nut threads, take a small diameter barrel brush (approximately 1/4-inch diameter) and insert repeatedly into receiver nut until excess material has been removed. Reinstall top slide.

NOTE (for Remington models): After installation, there should be no gap between the stock and receiver. If there is a consistent 1/8-inch gap between the stock and receiver, verify that the metal spacer has been removed. The spacer is not needed for installation of the SpecOps Gen III.



5. Insert the top slide with shotgun attached into the corresponding slot rails located in the stock assembly. Insert completely until top slide stops flush against the rear recoil spring (*Fig. 5*).

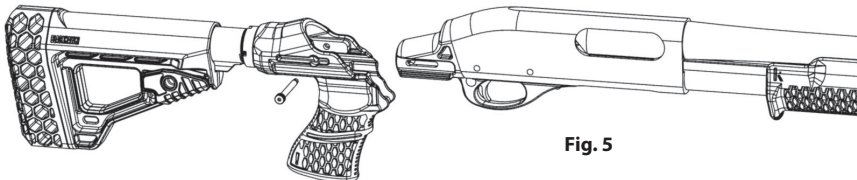


Fig. 5

6. Utilizing the provided 3/32" hex wrench, reinstall the cross bolt that was removed in Step 2a (*Fig. 6*). **NOTE:** Reinstalling the cross bolt may require rearward pressure on the top slide to attain proper alignment. Press the top slide into the stock with the forend of the weapon to make this easier. Take extra precaution not to cross thread the bolt. If the bolt feels tight or rough while tightening, stop, unthread the bolt and start over. Tighten the cross bolt firmly until it stops turning, but do not overtighten. Tighten to 18 in. lbs. of torque.

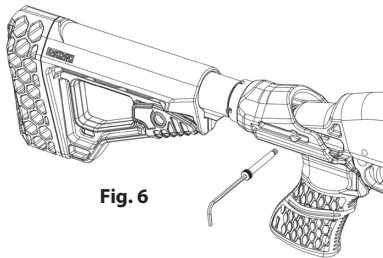
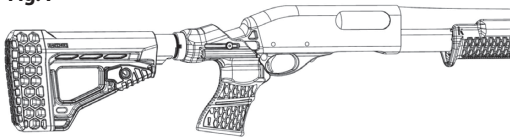


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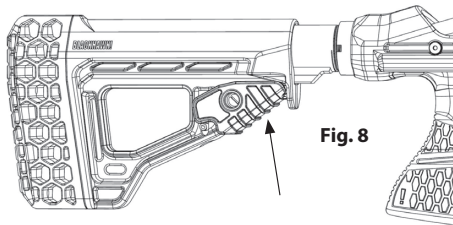
7. Installation of the stock is complete. Prior to using the shotgun, verify correct installation by checking function of action, safety, and forend (*Fig. 7*). If you do not feel competent to perform these checks yourself, seek assistance of a qualified gunsmith. Test fire the gun after installation (before using it in the field) to be certain it functions properly and you can handle the gun safely.

Fig. 7

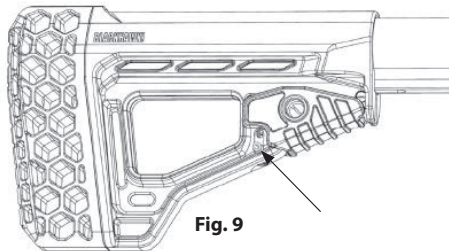


STOCK REMOVAL & ADJUSTMENT

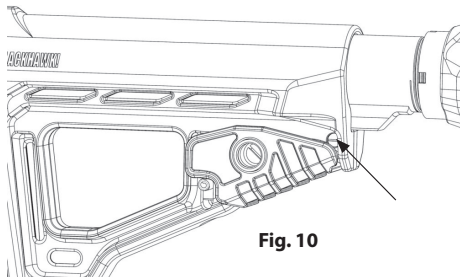
1. To extend the adjustable stock, grasp the release lever located on the bottom side of the stock. Squeezing the lever releases the lock and allows the stock to slide freely to the desired position. The lock will automatically engage at each position (*Fig. 8*).



2. To remove the adjustable stock, pull down firmly on the cross pin and slide the buttstock off (*Fig 9*).



3. To adjust the fit of the Knoxx adjustable stock, use a small flat blade screwdriver to tighten the adjustment screw until the stock slides freely without wobble. It is best to adjust the screw in small increments until the stock slides with slight force and is rattle free. Avoid overtightening the screw. It is intended to provide tension and not to lock the stock in place (*Fig 10*).



FOREND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING: Before beginning the stock installation, make sure that the shotgun is **UNLOADED**. Carefully check the chamber and magazine tube, making both visual and touch verification.

Refer to the manufacturer's instructions that came with your firearm for the best method to remove your forend. Shotguns generally have some type of retaining nut that must be removed to free the barrel and another to free the forend. Use the provided forend wrench to remove and reinstall the retaining nut (*Fig 11*).

NOTE: For Mossberg shotguns with the longer 7 5/8" slide tube install the forend with the supplied adapter before installing the retaining nut (*Fig 12*).

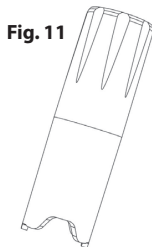


Fig. 11

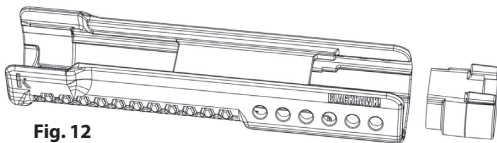


Fig. 12

NOTE: Due to the design changes to the slide tube on some Mossberg shotguns, this forend may not be compatible with all shotguns. If your shotgun had a pinned forend, replacement will not be possible.

NOTE: Slight differences in manufacturing tolerances or dimensions may require that the new forend be tapped into proper position utilizing a non-marring or rubber mallet.

FOREND RAIL ATTACHMENT INSTALLATION

1. Rail sections must be installed before the forend is installed on the weapon. Insert the two provided barrel nuts through the holes for desired placement and tighten the provided two screws with a Phillips screwdriver. Take extra precaution not to cross thread the screws. If the screws feel tight or rough while tightening, stop, unthread, and start over. Tighten firmly until it stops turning, but do not overtighten (*Fig 13*).

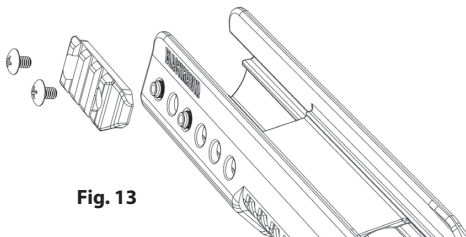


Fig. 13



WARNING: Attachment rail section not for use with 3.5" Shells.



WARNING: During recoil the weapon moves rearward at a rapid rate. When using Blackhawk Knoxx® Stocks in conjunction with attached rails and lights, it is advisable to keep the support hand back at least one inch from the accessory rail. This will help prevent the possibility of recoil impact on the fore part of the support hand when the shotgun is fired (*Fig 14-next page*).

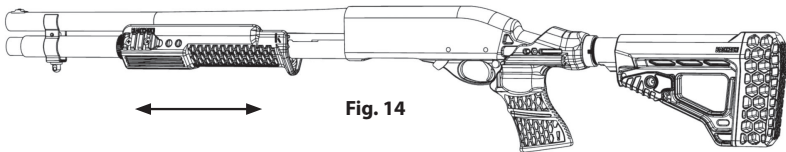


Fig. 14

SHOOTING TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

CAUTION: During recoil, the shotgun moves rearward in the pistol grip slightly less than one inch. To avoid discomfort or “cheek slap” maintain a minimum space of one inch between cheek and front of stock (*Fig 15 and 16*)

Take a firm hold of the pistol grip and set the butt solidly into the pocket of your shoulder. Keep rearward pressure on the forend to prevent the support hand sliding into attached accessories. This will allow the recoil reduction mechanisms to function most effectively. Do not compress the stock into the body.

CORRECT (*Fig. 15*): Maintain at least one-inch space between cheek and front of stock. Maintain a comfortable cheek weld, avoid mashing or pushing face down into stock. Keep head more upright and relaxed.



Fig. 15

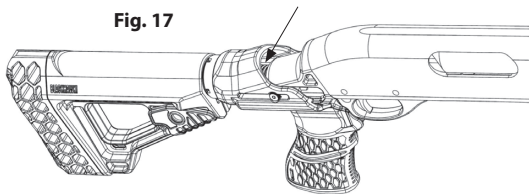
INCORRECT (Fig. 16): No space between cheek and front of stock will result in shooter discomfort or “cheek slap.”



WARNING: When using a scope, additional precautions must be taken. Due to the rearward movement of the recoil mechanism, a minimum eye relief of three inches and proper head position (*Fig. 15*) must be maintained. Failure to do so may result in serious facial/eye injury.



WARNING: Ensure the stock is assembled with the spring installed (*Fig. 17*) and when compressed returns to the forward position readily.





WARNING: Potential interactions exist between external accessories and the user due to the rapid movement of the weapon under recoil. It is advised to ensure proper clearance between the users and the weapon during any firing of the weapon. Not for use with aftermarket or extended safeties (*Fig. 18*).

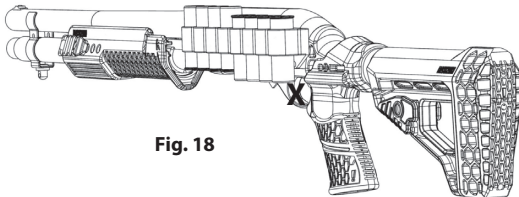


Fig. 18



WARNING: Do not use with any other aftermarket firearm accessory unless you first test to make sure it does not affect the safe performance of your firearm. Use with incompatible, modified or improperly installed accessories can cause an unintended discharge or damage to your firearm.

- With your firearm unloaded, repeatedly test your stock to ensure that accessories do not interfere with any moving parts or your body.
- Since Blackhawk® cannot possibly design or test its stocks for compatibility with all possible aftermarket firearm accessories, the user assumes all risk and liability associated with use of their firearm with any aftermarket accessories.



WARNING: Potential interactions exist when the Remington 870 is on safety. Do not attempt to compress the shotgun into the grip when on safe as the safety will interfere with the grip causing potential damage to your gun or potentially displacing the safety selector to the fire position.

MAINTENANCE

Do not attempt to disassemble or adjust any of the recoil mechanisms. The internal springs should not require adjustment of any kind.

As part of regular weapon maintenance, apply a small amount of plastic-safe lubricant (NOT WD-40) to any moving surfaces. Very little lubrication is required so use sparingly (1-2 drops). Do not apply lubricants to other areas of the stock. Stocks subjected to extremes in humidity, sand, dust or temperature should be cleaned regularly (use compressed air if available) and lubricated with the appropriate lubricants for the environment. If the stock is submerged in saltwater, it should be thoroughly rinsed in clean water and dried thoroughly. Use compressed air if available. The exterior of the stock may be wiped clean with a cloth and plastic-safe cleaning products. Keep all moving parts and corresponding surfaces free of grit and debris.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Customer satisfaction is our number one priority. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We will do our absolute best to assist you with your every need. **Due to manufacturing variations in firearms, we do not warrant that your stock will function correctly with any specific shotgun. With the exception of your right to return the stock for replacement or refund within 30 days, this product is sold “as is” and “with all faults” to the extent allowed by law. We specifically disclaim any expressed or implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.**

Please contact Technical Support for a return authorization form at 406-284-3840 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. MST, Monday through Friday.

Important Notice Regarding Firearm Service:

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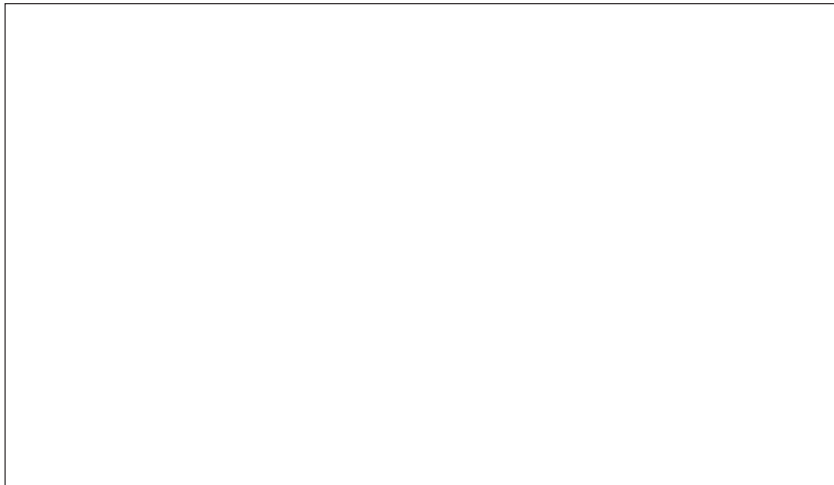
Blackhawk product information and warranty details can be found online at www.BLACKHAWK.com.

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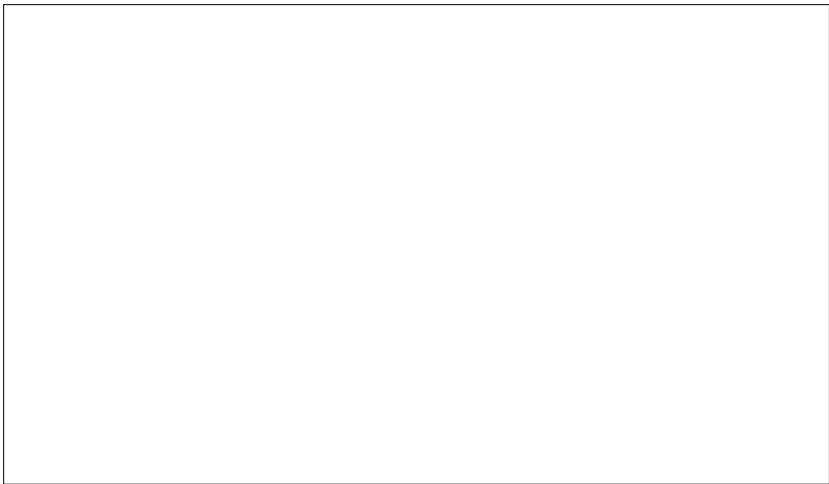
ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Blackhawk® warrants your product to be free from defect in materials and workmanship for a period of 12 months from the date of sale. This warranty does not cover product or parts damaged or rendered defective due to accident, intentional damage, misuse, abuse, modification, neglect, normal wear and tear, improper storage, improper or unauthorized repair, use with incompatible firearms, modified firearms or firearms equipped with aftermarket accessories, or the failure to follow **Blackhawk®** warnings or care, use, maintenance, storage or handling instructions. All warranty claims must be made within 60 days of the occurrence of the defect and must be accompanied by proof of purchase. To make a warranty claim, call our Technical Support Department at 406-284-3840 and follow the instructions to return the product. In the event that a product contains a defect covered by this warranty, **Blackhawk®** will, at its sole option, repair, replace or refund the purchase price of any aspect of the product that does not comply with this warranty at our expense. ANY WARRANTIES IMPLIED BY LAW SHALL IN NO EVENT EXTEND BEYOND DURATION OF THIS EXPRESS WARRANTY. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AS PROVIDED HEREIN IS YOUR EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT. IN NO EVENT SHALL WE BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF THE PURCHASE OR USE OF THIS PRODUCT, WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT, STATUTE OR OTHERWISE. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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