

Slingshot Safety Rules

- Always wear eye protection.
- Be sure of your target and what is behind it.
- Never aim a slingshot at another person.
- Do not allow children to use this slingshot without adult supervision.
- Inspect the slingshot carefully before each use. If any tears, holes, or abrasions are found in the rubber or pouch, do not use the slingshot.

WARNING! This slingshot is not a toy. It is capable of causing severe injury and even death if misused. The maker assumes no responsibility for damage or injury resulting from misuse of this slingshot. Not sold to anyone under the age of 18.

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Slingshots from Panama



Model: Typical Panama Biombo

User's Manual

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Congratulations! You are now the owner of a genuine Made in Panama slingshot. The model you own is a traditional style made from a tropical tree fork, using materials readily available to anyone. They are very similar to the ones my own sons made as boys. They cut the forks from trees in the back yard, bought the rubber bands from a local mini market (El Chino), and scrounged the leather from whatever source they could find.

I have departed a little bit from tradition. These forks have no grooves and are finished with oil or varnish. Grooves are unnecessary when tying with rubber and the originals were not finished because of cost. I bought the rubber by the box, but the boys bought them 2 at a time, because they generally had very little money. The forks have not been sanded smooth, and tool marks are visible. This slingshot is not intended to be a showpiece, but to reflect the spirit of locally made slingshots.

If you are new to sling-shooting, this model is intended to be shot with the bands passing over the tops of the forks, and the tabs at the pouch should be to the outside. There should be no twist to the bands, except the half twist between the fork and the pouch.

This slingshot will handle just about any ammo that is neither too big nor too heavy. If you use stones, use only smooth stones as close to round as possible. Glass marbles work well for target shooting and plinking. For hunting, steel or lead balls work best. 3/8th inch lead will produce about 165 fps velocity.

To keep the slingshot in best condition, you can occasionally wipe the rubber with a light application of a good quality automotive plastic/rubber preservative. I use Armorall on the rubber and the pouch. The bands are made from #107 rubber bands, which are available from most office supply stores. They are tied to the forks with #64 rubber bands, but almost any rubber strips can be used. You can even carve grooves and tie the bands on with string.



All slingshots are test fired at least a dozen times before delivery. If I messed up a tie, I want to be the one who discovers it, not you.

Enjoy your slingshot and don't forget to read the safety rules on the back. - Henry in Panama

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