

# Directionally Challenged: Dillon SL900 Initial Impressions

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I don't follow vague directions well. If you want me to do something, communicate clearly and in steps. Ambiguous colloquialisms, personalized hand signals and random angry outbursts get you nowhere with me. The same goes for written directions when I'm trying to accomplish something. Don't bombard me with vague instructions that involve parts you didn't send for something that doesn't look anything like the picture on the box.... Don't even get me started on the whole wrong language thing. I will package the whole thing up, send it back to Amazon and open a bottle of wine. I don't need whatever it was that badly to endure the frustration.

A few weeks ago, I got my new Dillon SL900 reloader to review. The first box arrived. My Fed-Ex guy gave me the side eye as I struggled to drag it into the house, as it was nearly my size. A week later, the optional Casefeeder arrived and, while a delightfully

manageable package, added another layer to my directionally challenged dread.

Sill in the post-divorce glow, I am in the process of

building a reloading bench in my office. Reloading bench still not done (waiting on parts and pieces), I decided yesterday was the day. I was going to bolt that baby up to whatever I had and get started. They say the way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time.

I re-opened the box. I had opened it upon receipt and promptly shut it because I had nowhere to put it. I opened it and was greeted by beautiful blue parts, sleek metal, hardware kits and – OMG – directions.

My 8-year-old son was happily playing stick guns in the yard. My chocolate lab, Moose, was snoring next to my desk and I had a few-hour window to just git 'r done. With a prayer for patience and temporary brilliance, I threw my hair in a messy bun, hit my

knees in my sundress next to the open box and dove in.

I started at the beginning. The picture. What is this thing supposed to look like when it's done? I'm super

