

- f. Butt pad
- g. Checkering
- h. Finish

I too believe there are some basically very desirable features of the 700 with a few less desirable details that can be upgraded to surpass competitive offerings.

While the committee will need to confront each of these items, I have suggestions which might speed up some of our evaluation.

It is believed the safety is a significant place for improvement. This is being called out here, however, only because an opportunity exists to evaluate an alternative. We have asked Bob Emmons to have Pete Grisel install a tang safety on our 4th prototype gun under contract. The tang safety is probably more desirable than our current mechanism because it will eliminate the appearance of a stamped part and the hole in the stock alongside the tang. The tang safety, however, is still a trigger lock safety and does not address the theoretical advantage of a striker lock safety. The Ken Jantz bolt sleeve safety that you and I viewed at the NRA show is seen as an alternative with appeal in several areas.

- It eliminates the stamped lever and hole in stock by virtue of bolt sleeve location.
- Is a striker lock system.
- Can provide the choice of two position or three position with the three position giving a choice of bolt lock and striker lock or blocked striker (only) for safe unloading.

This particular option is being mentioned now because Pete Grisel's work is going on - he may be able to replace or add the bolt sleeve safety to his barreled action work. While we would never produce a gun with both a tang and bolt sleeve safety the presence of both safety's on one gun does not cancel out the other and will provide a chance for instant comparison.

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