

that feature (and thus without whatever price increment the grip cap would entail).

The recoil pad of Model M is favored, and could be adopted with reasonable confidence, though Models V, S, and R would likely also be acceptable.

Checkering is overwhelmingly preferred, with some slight favor for Model Q which has the checkering all around the fore-end. It appears that checkering (unlike such features as grip cap, bolt jeweling, or front bead color) is important enough to consumers to support a price increment. Pressed checkering is preferable to no checkering, but would not support as high a price increment as cut checkering.

Walnut is the preferred wood with Model V being the highly favored color and (non-)gloss level. A straight, not dog-legged, bolt handle contour with a knurled knob (Model V) is significantly more popular, as is a non-blued, jeweled bolt body.

After much discussion, the safety type of Model S (2-position safety with a separate push button bolt release mechanism), located on the side, seems to win on the basis that it has the advantages of all or any of the other safety types, without the disadvantages.

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