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Competitive Review - Bolt Stop and Bolt Lock

On March 21 a meeting was held to review our competition's bolt stop and bolt lock designs. We were primarily interested in their placement of the bolt stop, the existence of a bolt lock and the execution of the designs.

S&W 1500 - stamped side tang bolt stop behind receiver  
- no bolt lock  
- bolt stop is cheap stamped part, serrated for a positive grip

Colt Sauer - bolt stop incorporated into fire control - pull trigger to release bolt  
- bolt locks on safe with optional override option, button located on bolt handle  
- poor design can pinch thumb, difficult to operate wearing gloves

Browning BBR - side receiver bolt stop, operates through receiver, rocking action  
- bolt locks on safe

Sako L61R - side receiver bolt stop, operates through receiver, rocking action  
- safety locks bolt on safe  
- poorly executed bolt lock, safe not positively detented

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Winchester 70 - side tang bolt stop behind receiver  
- bolt lock accomplished by 3-position safety  
on bolt plug  
- safety on bolt plug  
- fire, safe unlocked, and safe locked positions  
- poor execution, very difficult to operate

Weatherby Vanguard - side receiver bolt stop, operates through  
receiver, rocking action  
- no bolt lock

Ruger 77 - side receiver bolt stop, operates through receiver,  
pivots about rear end to operate  
- bolt locks on safe  
- can't put safe on with bolt open  
- poor bolt stop design, difficult to operate  
- bolt stop can't be activated accidentally

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