

**GAUGE**—A term used in the identification of most shotgun bores. (.410 bore is an exception). It is related to the number of bore diameter lead balls weighing one pound.

**GRIP**—In handguns, the handle. In shoulder arms, that portion of the stock to the rear of the trigger.

**PISTOL GRIP**—On shoulder firearms that part of the stock, behind the trigger, shaped similar to the grip of a pistol to afford a better grasp.

**GROUP**—A series of consecutive shots fired at the same aiming point without changing the sight adjustments of the firearm.

**GROUP MEASUREMENT**—The determination of the center to center distance between the two bullet holes farthest apart in a target. This is referred to as the group extreme spread. Other common measurements made are the extreme horizontal and vertical spread, and mean radius.

**SKEET GUN**—A shotgun designed for use in the game of Skeet. Usually made with a cylinder bore or similar type choke.

**SPORTING GUN**—A firearm intended for sport and recreation.

**TRAP GUN**—A shotgun specifically designed for the game of Trap shooting.

**HAMMER**—A component part of the firing mechanism which strikes the firing pin, primer or percussion cap.

**HAMMERLESS**—Any firearm having a concealed hammer.

**HANDGUN**—A firearm designed to be held and fired with one hand.

**OPERATING HANDLE**—Handle of semi or full automatic firearm used to cycle firearm without firing. Also called Charging Handle, Cocking Handle, Cocking Knob.

**HANDLOADING**—The process of manually assembling a cartridge case with a primer, propellant and bullet or wads and shot.

**HEAD**—The end of the cartridge case at which the primer or priming is inserted.

**HEADSPACE**—The distance from the face of the closed breech of a firearm to the surface in the chamber on which the cartridge case seats.

**HEADSTAMP**—Numerals, letters and symbols (or combinations) stamped into the head of a cartridge case or shotshell to identify the manufacturer, caliber or gauge, and other additional information.

**HEEL**—The part of a rifle or shotgun stock at the top of the butt end. The rear portion of a bullet.

**HULL**—A slang term for an empty or fired shotshell case.

**JACKET**—The envelope enclosing the lead core of a compound bullet.

**JAM**—A malfunction of a firearm that prevents the action from operating; may be caused by faulty parts, ammunition, improper maintenance or improper use of the firearm.