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PRESENCE AND TYPE OF BOLT LOCK

FOR BOTH FUNCTIONAL AND SAFETY REASONS, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS (EXCLUDING PHOENIX) PREFER A RIFLE WITH A BOLT LOCK TO ONE WITHOUT.*

	LIKED BEST BEFORE DISCUSSION (56)	LIKED BEST AFTER DISCUSSION (56)
<u>PRESENCE OF BOLT LOCK</u>		
PREFER A BOLT LOCK	72%	79%
PREFER NO BOLT LOCK AT ALL	28	21

RESPONDENTS CITE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES TO HAVING A BOLT LOCK:

- IT PREVENTS ACCIDENTAL SNAGGING ON A TWIG AND LIFTING OF THE BOLT, UNBEKNOWNST TO THE HUNTER, THUS POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A MISSED OPPORTUNITY.
- IT PREVENTS THE BOLT FROM OPENING AND DIRT FROM GETTING INTO THE MECHANISM IN THE EVENT OF A FALL.
- SOME ALSO SEE IT AS A SAFETY FEATURE (I.E., KIDS CANNOT OPEN THE BOLT AND LOAD THE GUN).

* IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE IS A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF CONSUMER AWARENESS AND COGNITION REGARDING BOLT LOCKS. IN THE GROUPS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF (COMPRESSED) "EDUCATION" WAS REQUIRED BEFORE THE TEST ISSUES COULD BE MEANINGFULLY DISCUSSED.

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