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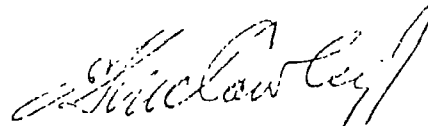
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SAFETY TRICKING COPY

A revised draft of the proposed copy on tricking of bolt action safeties is attached. This incorporates all of the changes suggested at the Product Safety Committee Meeting on February 23.

Our plans are to use this as the basic copy for advertisements to be prepared by Rumerill Hoyt and as a news release to be sent to the outdoor press.



E. S. McCawley, Jr.

ESM/s
Attach.

A word of warning to hunters and shooters...

DON'T BE HALF-SAFE WITH YOUR GUN SAFETY

The safeties and triggers on bolt-action rifles can, in some cases, be manipulated in such a manner as to cause firing of the gun upon release of the safety. It's a bad practice, violating gun handling rules, but safeties can be misused. For example, such accidental discharge may occur by placing the safety somewhere between the "fire" and "safe" positions, pulling the trigger, and then moving the safety to the "fire" position, at which time the gun may fire.

Clearly, placing and leaving the safety mechanism in a position between "fire" and "safe" violates good safety procedures. It also points up the critical factor in any potentially dangerous activity: The human factor. No mechanical device, be it a rifle safety, an automobile brake, or the guard around a power-saw blade, is of any value unless the person operating the device follows proper procedures and employs safety practices as they are meant to be employed.

No mechanical device can guarantee safety if it is improperly used; and no individual is completely safe if he or she does not follow all necessary safety procedures. Mechanical

gun safeties should therefore never be relied upon automatically, but should be used as an adjunct to a complete system of proper gun-handling, as follows:

- Always have the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not place the safety in an intermediate position between "safe" and fire."
- Do not pull the trigger if the safety is in an intermediate position between "safe" and "fire."
- When you move the safety to the "fire" position--for the purpose of firing or unloading--make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not have a finger near the trigger when the safety is being released from the "safe" position.
- Remember that a safety cannot prevent all accidental firings and act accordingly.

After all, the gun operator is the primary "safety"; to rely entirely upon mechanical devices is to be, at best, only half-safe.

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MODEL 600 RECALL

In reference to the attached note, I have asked Al Bell to go ahead and purchase the MAG tape from American Firearms Press. We will shortly be preparing an appropriate message to send to the FFL's.



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Attach.
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