

e.	<u>Barrel Finish</u>	
	Dull	33.8%
	Velvet	31.0%
	Medium	25.8%
	Glossy	9.4%

8. Probably one of the most interesting phases of the information uncovered by this study is the apparently unresolved matter of safeties on rifles

A little background is necessary. When the questionnaire was designed there were six shotgun safeties to offer the public for consideration as against five rifle safeties.

To balance the page, a sketch of a sliding catch safety on the small of the grip (the usual double barrel shotgun safety) was inserted among the rifle safeties.

No rifle with such a safety has, as far as we know, ever been offered to the public.

The reason for this word of explanation is that this particular safety pulled more "preference votes" than any other, as follows:

1.	Sliding catch, top of grip	27.0%
2.	Cross bolt, front of trigger guard	22.2%
3.	Cross bolt, rear of trigger guard	20.7%
4.	Lever, side of receiver and above trigger	14.5%
5.	Lever, rear of bolt	8.1%
6.	Grip safety	7.0%
	Others and miscellaneous	.2%

The sliding catch (shotgun type) safety is preferred in nine of the fourteen territories into which the findings were grouped:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>Most Preferred Safety</u>	
Me., N.H., Ver.	Sliding Catch	37.2%
R.I., Conn., Mass.	Sliding Catch	34.8%
New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C. and surroundings	Sliding Catch	23.3%
N.Y., Penna. (not including New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and suburbs)	Sliding Catch	29.6%
Va., N.C., S.C.	Sliding Catch	30.5%
Ca., Fla., Ala., Miss., La., Ark.	Cross bolt-front of trigger guard	25.8%
Ky., Tenn., W.Va.	Sliding Catch	38.2%
Ohio, Ind., Ill.	Sliding Catch	27.5%
Mich., Minn., Wis.	Sliding Catch	27.7%