

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>"Same as Present"</u>	<u>"A Little Heavier"</u>	<u>"Much Heavier"</u>	<u>"A Little Lighter"</u>	<u>Much Lighter"</u>
30 to 34	10.00%	1.62%	0.00%	49.72%	8.66
35 to 39	38.05	1.62	.81	50.61	8.91
40 to 44	43.43	1.32	.44	49.11	5.70
45 to 49	37.63	1.67	.42	54.00	6.28
50 to 54	40.31	1.66	0.00	50.82	7.18
55 to 59	44.54	2.52	.84	45.38	6.72
60 to 64	46.70	1.33	2.67	41.30	8.00
65 to 69	46.69	2.22	0.00	44.43	6.66
70 and over	48.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	4.00

The foregoing data are relative to present shotguns. Many of the respondents who expressed themselves as satisfied with the weight of present models gave their opinion of what existing shotguns weigh. These data follow:

<u>Weight of Present Shotguns</u>		
	<u>Average of Sportsmen's Opinions</u>	<u>Approx. Catalog Average</u>
12 Gauge	7.654 lbs.	8.00 lbs.
16 Gauge	7.182 lbs.	7.50 lbs.
20 Gauge	6.799 lbs.	7.25 lbs.
28 Gauge	6.281 lbs.	6.75 lbs.
410 Gauge	Insufficient data	5.875 lbs.

Thus, on the average, responding sportsmen are low on their estimate of present shotgun weights. This is a tribute to the gun designers who, apparently, have achieved a balance and "feel" that tends to disguise the weight. But it also accentuates the demand for lighter guns.

15. The actual weight specified by respondents -

- winds up this discussion of shotgun weight.

The findings:

	<u>Average Weight Specified</u>
12 Gauge	7.153 lbs.
16 Gauge	6.865 lbs.
20 Gauge	6.644 lbs.
28 Gauge	6.178 lbs.
410 Gauge	5.995 lbs.

This demand for lighter shotguns seems to be consistent with the demand for soft rubber recoil pads. While "shock absorbers" are wanted by sportsmen who are satisfied with the weight of present shotguns, the degree of preference for recoil pads is greatest from the respondents who specify lighter guns, and correspondingly less from the relatively few who want heavier models.