

Butt Pad

The recoil pad of Model M scores best, but with considerable bi-polarity (quite a few "liked least," mainly in Atlanta, but more "liked best," mainly in Houston):

"I like a recoil pad - you get more cushion and less recoil, kick."

"I like a recoil pad. I don't take fast shots at running deer."

"I wouldn't want a recoil pad or rubber pad if it would catch on my jacket."

The rubber butt pad on Model R, fairly popular in Houston, and the classic pad of Model V are tied for second, with the standard plastic plate of S, most popular in Atlanta, not far behind.

Checkering

Checkering is overwhelmingly preferred (84%) over no checkering. Not only do respondents consider it aesthetically more pleasing but they also consider it functionally more accommodating: it allows a better grip with no sticking, especially in wet weather:

"With checkering I can move my hand without sticking - it gives a better grip."

"Checkering is good in wet or hot weather - you can get a better grip. It looks nicer too."

"I've never seen a high quality center fire rifle without checkering."