

SERIAL NUMBER

The serial number of your rifle can be found on the side of the receiver.

CAUTION

1. ALWAYS OPEN THE BOLT AND USUALLY CHECK THE CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE OF YOUR RIFLE to be certain that it does not inadvertently contain any ammunition. Whenever you are not actually firing your rifle, keep the safety in the "ON SAFE" position (see page 6) by sliding the safety to the rear so the RED warning dot cannot be seen.

2. BEWARE OF BARREL OBSTRUCTIONS for the safety of both your rifle and yourself. Before you load your rifle, open the bolt. BE SURE NO LIVE ROUND IS IN THE CHAMBER OR MAGAZINE — then remove the bolt and glance through the bore from the chamber end to be sure it is clear of any obstruction.

Be careful how you carry your rifle. Do not permit the muzzle to dip into mud, snow or water. Do not thrust your barrel through a thicket with the possibility of ramming a twig into the bore. Mud, snow and an infinite variety of other objects may inadvertently lodge in a barrel. It takes only one small obstruction to increase pressures dangerously.

Before the first firing of your rifle, clean the bore using a cleaning rod and patch. Wipe away any anti-rust compounds present in the action-chamber areas.

3. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR RIFLE'S SAFETY IN THE "ON SAFE" POSITION even if you are certain the rifle is unloaded. Check and double check, frequently. Be sure contact with brush, a tumble on slippery terrain, the moment of excitement after a shot, or a dozen other seemingly innocent incidents have not left you with a rifle. OFF SAFE. Safe gun handling does not stop with your rifle's mechanical safety. It starts there. Handle your rifle at all times with deep respect and with alert consideration to all within its range.

4. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR RIFLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION even though you are certain the rifle is unloaded and "ON SAFE." Never point your rifle at anything you do not intend to shoot.

5. ALWAYS UNLOAD YOUR RIFLE WHEN NOT IN USE. Store your rifle and ammunition separately — beyond the reach of children.

6. DO NOT SNAP THE HAMMER ON AN EMPTY CHAMBER — THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE EMPTY! Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun — even though you are certain the gun is unloaded.

It is unnecessary to snap the hammer to prevent weakening the main spring. It will not weaken even though the hammer is left cocked indefinitely. Neither will snapping the hammer on an empty chamber damage or break the firing pin.