

Fore-end Design Preferred

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Similar to Present Rifles</u>	<u>Modified or Semi-Beavertail</u>	<u>Full Beavertail</u>
5- 9	100.0%	--	--
10-14	85.7	14.3%	--
15-19	81.0	17.8	1.2%
20-24	62.3	29.5	8.2
25-29	50.5	42.4	7.1
30-34	50.9	45.0	4.1
35-39	46.6	43.9	9.5
40-44	46.2	40.5	13.3
45-49	44.1	45.9	10.0
50-54	54.2	41.5	4.3
55-59	54.8	40.9	4.3
60-64	58.5	37.7	3.8
65-69	71.3	25.1	3.6
70-74	71.4	28.6	--
75 and over	--	--	--
All ages	58.1	35.8	6.1

Rifle fore-end design ideas vary by shooters' ratings; i.e. "gun nuts" seem to be different from the occasional shooter, as follows:

<u>Shooters Rating</u>	<u>Similar to Present Rifles</u>	<u>Modified or Semi-Beavertail</u>	<u>Full Beavertail</u>
"Gun nuts"	47.7%	40.6%	11.7%
Regular shooters	55.4	39.0	5.6
Occasional shooters	72.5	24.6	2.9
Infrequent shooters	78.1	18.0	3.9

6. The size of the grip is important -

- and hardly feasible to dimension by mail.

Each respondent could indicate his preference in respect to the size of grip by checking either "small", "medium" or "large". The results:

28.89% prefer a "small" grip,
65.97% prefer a "medium" grip, and
5.14% prefer a "large" grip.

Grip size is thought to be a function of the size of the hand. For this reason, respondents were requested to supply measurements around their palms. The median palm measures 8.378 inches and the distribution of this dimension follows: