

<u>Territory</u>	<u>Most Preferred Safety</u>	
Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Kan., Nebr.	Sliding Catch	26.3%
Texas, Okla.	Cross bolt-front of trigger guard	31.5%
Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Colo.	Cross bolt-rear of trigger guard	25.8%
Ariz., N.M., Utah, Nev.	Cross bolt-front of trigger guard	43.8%
Wash., Calif., Ore.	Cross bolt-front of trigger guard	24.7%

The sliding catch safety received the preference vote of sportsmen of almost all age groups. An analysis of returns showing the standings of the three most favored safeties by age groups of respondents follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Percent Preference</u>			
	<u>Sliding Catch</u>	<u>Cross Bolt Front of Trigger</u>	<u>Cross Bolt Rear of Trigger</u>	<u>Others</u>
10-14 yrs.	17.5	15.8	10.0	56.7
15-19	26.1	18.9	11.1	43.9
20-24	21.0	19.3	27.4	32.3
25-29	29.8	28.7	16.0	25.5
30-34	26.3	20.6	25.1	28.0
35-39	29.1	23.2	22.3	26.4
40-44	23.9	25.4	24.4	26.3
45-49	28.6	26.1	25.0	20.3
50-54	32.2	19.2	28.1	20.5
55-59	30.8	28.6	18.6	22.0
60-64	28.5	17.9	23.2	30.4
65-69	38.0	24.1	27.6	10.3
70-74	30.7	23.1	30.7	15.5

Sportsmen of all four "ratings" prefer the sliding catch safety over other types. Its popularity is greatest with the infrequent shooter and progressively less as more interested groups are considered:

	<u>Percent Preference</u>			
	<u>Sliding Catch</u>	<u>Cross Bolt Front of Trigger</u>	<u>Cross Bolt Rear of Trigger</u>	<u>Others</u>
"Gun nuts"	24.3	20.6	21.2	33.9
Regular shooters	27.0	24.6	21.3	27.1
Occasional shooters	29.9	24.4	21.3	24.4
Infrequent shooters	31.0	9.3	13.2	46.5

And finally -

left handed shooters prefer the sliding catch. The southpaws are quite vociferous in the matter of rifle safeties as evidenced by a number of letters claiming that they have