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BARREL LENGTH

(Ballistic Measurement)

Centerfire Rifle barrels are measured by inserting a rod down the bore from the muzzle until it touches the breech face with the action closed and the firing-pin retracted.

Mark the point on the rod adjacent to the most forward part of the barrel or the bottom of the counterbore in guns having a counterbore recess at the muzzle. The rod is then removed and the distance from the mark to the end of the rod is measured with a scale or rule. This is the barrel length.

(Legal Measurement)

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