

Between the two types of conventional 2-position safetys, opinion is divided, with just a slight edge for the type in which the bolt is locked down on safe. Each type has its supporters, though.

Model V (bolt locked down on safe):

"I have three teenage boys and i don't want them to have any choices."

Model Q (bolt can be opened on safe):

"I don't think most people find it that important for the bolt to lock down -- as long as the safety is still on and it won't fire. That's the main thing. With Q you are able to load and unload with the safety on."

In addition to the personal safety aspects of the above viewpoints, there is some preference for the lock-down treatment on grounds that it prevents accidental snagging and lifting of the bolt on a twig, unbeknownst to the hunter, thus possibly resulting in a missed opportunity.

There is some favor, as well, for the 3-position safety, but others feel it is too complicated -- just another thing to go wrong:

"I don't like the 3-position safety. There's more to go wrong. The simpler the better."

After a demonstration, however, several decided they like it:

"Maybe with a 3-position safety there is less of a possibility that the gun would go off when loading it."