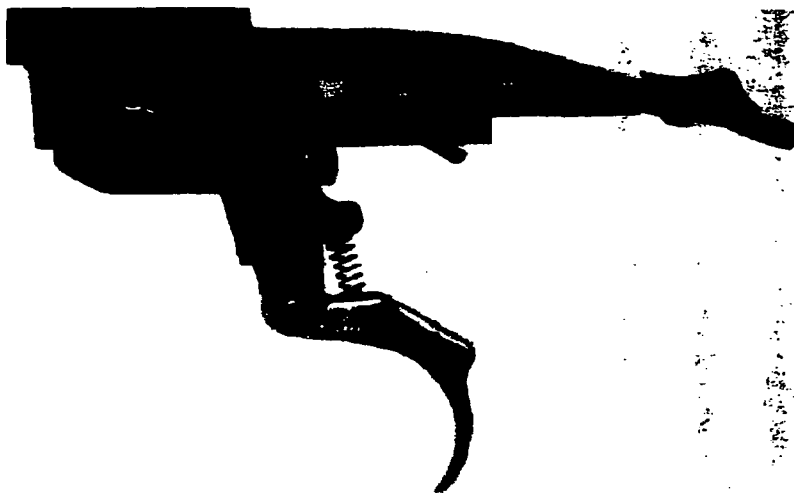


A RIFLE FOR THE MASSES

by
Don Ballasch

I sent a letter to Jerry Latta, he wrote back saying he had his Sako reworked. The problem is, he left a few of us hoping he would buy the Ruger. The Ruger is a misunderstood factory rifle. Ruger has discontinued the Model 77, and has replaced it with the Model 77 Mark II. And they are very different. In 1993 Ruger has added to its line, a 22PPC and 6PPC both with a 26 inch barrel. It's called the KM77VMKII Target Rifle. With an **Adjustable** trigger which provides the reliability and accuracy needed for precision shooting. Send for a catalog. I think that Ruger rifles and pistols, are the best value for the dollar spent. I own many brands of firearms, many Remingtons, Rugers, Mausers, Sakos, etc. I like them all, and I use all of them, and have no favorites.

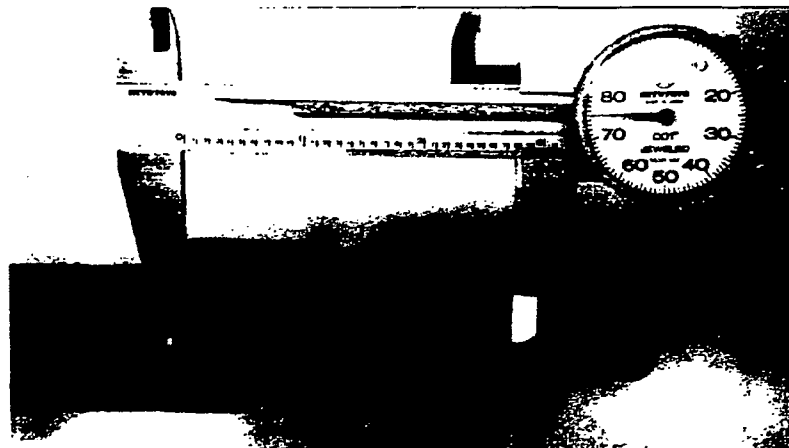
Things I do know, Ruger has chambered a PPC, and I hope brass will follow. Ruger read the writing on the wall, and cannot trust the customer to adjust a trigger. This is not to --- you off. Seems when



M77 Tang/safety/trigger.



M77 Trigger.



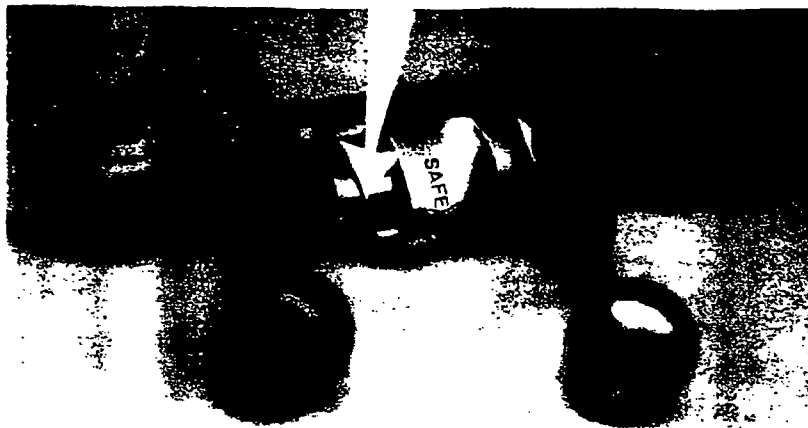
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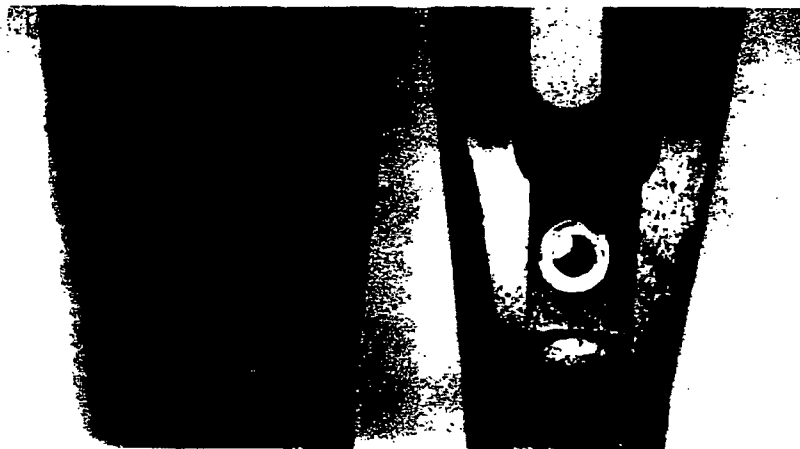
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Bolts arrow showing MKII safety detent/bolt lock plunger.



Tang screw M77 std/pillar



MKII - arrow showing how the safety works.

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you do something wrong, it's someone else's fault. By making a trigger non-adjustable, it's your fault. Not theirs. and you play you pay. And pay you will! It's worse each year. Do you smoke or drink? Do you blame the tobacco farmers or the people at Jack Daniels, in 1993?

The MKII trigger. My feeling is, it was designed so an aftermarket trigger manufacturing company would spend so much time redesigning it, it would not be cost effective. Would you spend \$250.00 for a \$50.00 trigger? From what I've seen on my MKIIs they're safe, they break clean, and when on safety they're safe. It is a hunting rifle, they get bumped, dropped, rained on, and used. As far as bedding goes, the Ruger just takes more time to bed than a Remington; the results are the same. I find no problem with the lug or angle screw. The tang is where the wood seems to crush, and the bolt shroud will drag on the stock. In 1993 factory hunting rifles are the best ever, be it a Ruger, Remington, Savage, Winchester or whatever. Most will shoot one inch out of the box, most heavy varmints go a half. All that's left to do is develop a load, and a little bedding and trigger work. Then you can have fun.

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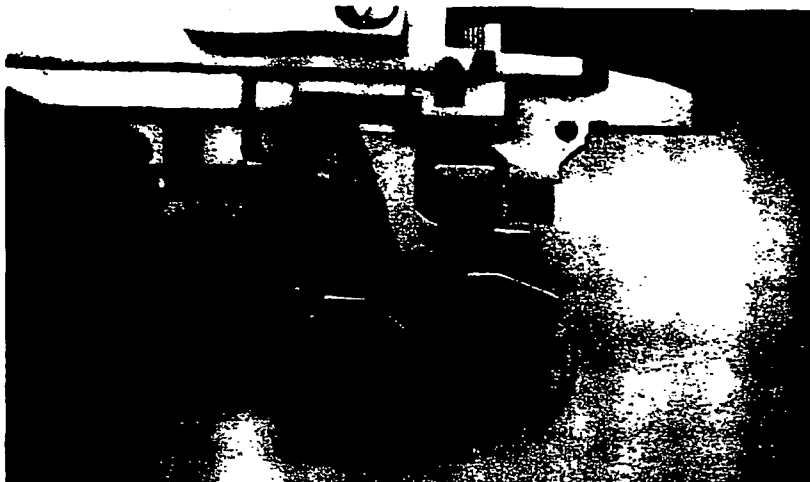
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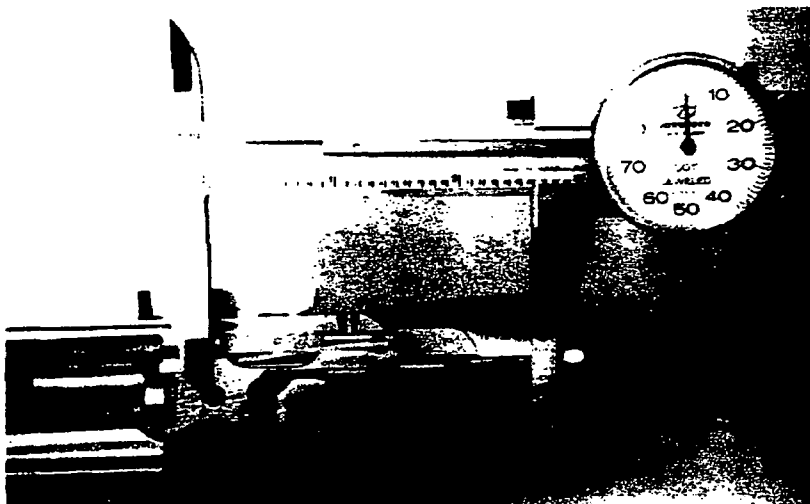
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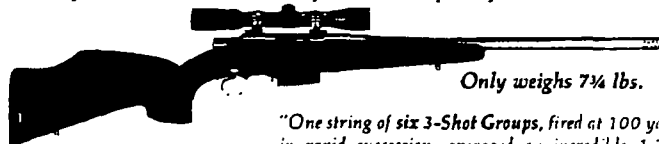
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