

GAUGE—A term used in the identification of most shotgun bores. (.410 bore is an exception). It is related to the number of bore diameter lead balls weighing one pound.

GRIP—In handguns, the handle. In shoulder arms, that portion of the stock to the rear of the trigger.

PISTOL GRIP—On shoulder firearms that part of the stock, behind the trigger, shaped similar to the grip of a pistol to afford a better grasp.

GROUP—A series of consecutive shots fired at the same aiming point without changing the sight adjustments of the firearm.

GROUP MEASUREMENT—The determination of the center to center distance between the two bullet holes farthest apart in a target. This is referred to as the group extreme spread. Other common measurements made are the extreme horizontal and vertical spread, and mean radius.

SKEET GUN—A shotgun designed for use in the game of Skeet. Usually made with a cylinder bore or similar type choke.

SPORTING GUN—A firearm intended for sport and recreation.

TRAP GUN—A shotgun specifically designed for the game of Trap shooting.

HAMMER—A component part of the firing mechanism which strikes the firing pin, primer or percussion cap.

HAMMERLESS—Any firearm having a concealed hammer.

HANDGUN—A firearm designed to be held and fired with one hand.

OPERATING HANDLE—Handle of semi or full automatic firearm used to cycle firearm without firing. Also called Charging Handle, Cocking Handle, Cocking Knob.

HANDLOADING—The process of manually assembling a cartridge case with a primer, propellant and bullet or wads and shot.

HEAD—The end of the cartridge case at which the primer or priming is inserted.

HEADSPACE—The distance from the face of the closed breech of a firearm to the surface in the chamber on which the cartridge case seats.

HEADSTAMP—Numerals, letters and symbols (or combinations) stamped into the head of a cartridge case or shotshell to identify the manufacturer, caliber or gauge, and other additional information.

HEEL—The part of a rifle or shotgun stock at the top of the butt end. The rear portion of a bullet.

HULL—A slang term for an empty or fired shotshell case.

JACKET—The envelope enclosing the lead core of a compound bullet.

JAM—A malfunction of a firearm that prevents the action from operating; may be caused by faulty parts, ammunition, improper maintenance or improper use of the firearm.