

HAND CHECKERING—A process of wood carving gun stocks by hand rather than machine.

PRESSED CHECKERING—A heated die process which produces a checkered pattern in the gun stock or forearm.

MACHINE CHECKERING—A process of checkering gun stocks by machine rather than by hand.

CHEEKPIECE—A raised part of the side of the stock of a shoulder-arm against which the shooter rests his face. Usually associated with a Monte Carlo type stock.

CHOKE—An interior constriction at or near the muzzle end of a shotgun barrel for the purpose of controlling shot dispersion.

CYLINDER BORE—The lack of any constriction at or near the muzzle of a shotgun barrel.

CHOKE MARKINGS (UNITED STATES)--

Full Choke = FC, Full (greatest constriction)

Improved-Modified = Imp. Mod. (less constriction)

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Improved-Cylinder = IC, Imp. Cyl. (less constriction)

Skeet = Skeet, Sk (less constriction)

Cylinder Bore = Cyl. (least constriction)

VARIABLE CHOKE--An adjustable device attached to the muzzle of a shotgun in order to control the shot patterns. Also referred to as a poly-choke.

COMB--In a shoulder arm, the ridge at the top forward part of the butt stock just back of the grip section.

FORCING CONE—The tapered section at the front end of a shotgun chamber by which the diameter of the front end of the chamber is decreased to the bore diameter.

ROLLED CRIMP—The closure of the mouth of a shotshell by inverting the mouth of the tube over a top wad or slug.

STAR CRIMP—A type of closure of the mouth of a metallic case or shotshell in which the side walls are folded in a star-shaped pattern. Also called Rose Crimp or Pie Crimp.

CROWN—The radius on the muzzle end of a barrel.

CYLINDER—The rotate-able part of a revolver that contains the cartridge chambers.

CYLINDER GAP—In a revolver, the space between the cylinder and the barrel measured with the cylinder in the rearmost position. Also called Cylinder-Barrel Gap.

DEFLECTION—The variation in the normal flight path of a projectile caused by wind or other external influences.

DEFLECTOR—A device mounted on the receiver or frame of a firearm to change the direction of fired-case ejection.

DOUBLE-BARREL—Two barrels in a firearm mounted to one frame. Can be vertically or horizontally aligned.