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RE: BOLT ACTION SAFETY WITH SEAR AND TRIGGER BLOCKS

A preliminary patent search has been made on the trigger assembly shown in your drawing of February 10, 1981 (unnumbered), which shows a Model 700 sear-blocking safety with the addition of a spring-biased trigger block plunger (SKB-3633). This plunger is slidable transversely in a hole through the trigger; it has an enlarged tip which is depressed by the safety lever into locking engagement with the trigger in the "safe" position, but releases the trigger by seating in a conical recess in the safety lever in the "fire" position.

My search did not disclose any competitively-owned patents that would pose any infringement risks in connection with your design. While other types of safeties were found that block both the sear and the trigger, I believe that patent protection may be obtainable in the event your design is used.

Hildebrandt Patent 3,608,224 shows a safety lever 30 which carries a bent rod 36, and in the "safe" position, slides this rod between opposed surfaces of the sear 16 and trigger 8 to block movement of either.

Horsrud Patent 2,310,238 has a safety slide 123 formed with a vertical arm whose extremities 122, 125 are engaged with the sear 66 and the trigger 87 to block movement of either, when the slide is moved to the "safe" position.

These references are representative of the state of the art; no patent has been found that discloses a system equivalent to yours.

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