

...add gives clear indication of its position (for some, especially when shouldered), without paint spots that wear off:

"I try to get a safety that's in front of my eye so that I know when it's on and when it's off. I hate those little colored paint dots that wear off."

"On others, the movement is so imperceptible you can't tell which position it's in without looking. On the Remington when you're carrying it, you just touch it with the side of your thumb and tell whether it's on or off. I don't like to keep looking."

Additionally, on probing, there is some positive reaction to a three position safety, primarily for the ability to "clear" a weapon with the safety in the "on" position, rather than because three positions are intrinsically preferable to two. That is, a two-position safety which would permit working the action in the "on" position might be just as acceptable as a three:

"If you wanted to get the shells out, on this gun you'd have to put it in the "fire" position. That's why I like the three position safety."

Location of safety generally is a matter of idiosyncratic personal preference, although a few men cite the convenience of a tang safety, especially for left handers.

Floor Plate. For the most part, the hinged floor plate is liked for the ability to empty the magazine quickly out the bottom of the receiver...

"On the Classic you can dump all shells out the bottom."

...but, for some, a removable clip (attached to the floor plate ala Browning) is preferable, as it would avoid dumping cartridges into the snow or dirt; and for at least one respondent would eliminate the fragile "jack-in-the-box" look of the follower dangling on a spring.

Trigger. All agree that quality in a trigger pull means crisp, clean, and precise, without any slack, creep, or grabbiness. Only a few mentions (mainly dealers) are made about having an externally adjustable trigger; apparently it's not that important on a hunting rifle. In more than one instance, Remington is praised for having the best triggers.



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