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PRESENCE AND TYPE OF BOLT LOCK (CONT'D)

"WITHOUT THE BOLT LOCK, IF YOU'RE CLIMBING ON ROCK OR THROUGH BRUSH AND YOUR BOLT GETS INADVERTENTLY KNOCKED PARTIALLY UP, YOU CAN'T FIRE THAT WEAPON."

"I GO DEER HUNTING BEFORE THE SUN COMES UP AND I ROUTINELY TAKE TUMBLES. I FALL DOWN A HILLSIDE AND WIND UP AT THE BOTTOM WITH MY BOLT HANGING OPEN, AND YOU GET A BUNCH OF CRAP IN THERE."

"IF A YOUNGSTER IS FOOLING WITH A GUN THAT HAS THE BOLT LOCKED IN BOTH POSITIONS, CHANCES ARE HE WON'T KNOW HOW TO LOAD IT, SO IT'S SAFE."

ON THE OTHER HAND, MANY RESPONDENTS (IN PHOENIX\*) PREFER NO BOLT LOCK AT ALL.

- SEVERAL SIMPLY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE ISSUE AND SEE NO NEED FOR A BOLT LOCK (WHATEVER IT IS).
- SOME FEEL IT IS "JUST ANOTHER GIMMICK" OR "GADGET TO GO WRONG."
- A SMALL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS FEEL THAT HAVING TO PRESS A RELEASE BUTTON TO OPEN THE BOLT SLOWS DOWN THE LOADING PROCESS AND "SAVES THE DEER."

\* "I REALLY DON'T SEE THE PURPOSE OF A BOLT LOCK AT ALL."

"THIS [BOLT LOCK] IS JUST ANOTHER GADGET TO GO WRONG."

\* TO SOME EXTENT THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LACK OF EXPLANATION GIVEN IN THE PHOENIX GROUPS FOR THE RATIONALE AND OPERATION OF THE BOLT LOCK MECHANISM.

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