

SAFETY LOCATION (CONT'D)

"I LIKED R, MYSELF. IT'S READILY ACCESSIBLE. IT'S EASY TO GET TO."

"THE WAY I HOLD THE GUN, [THE LOCATION OF] R SEEMS MORE NATURAL TO ME. MY THUMB CAN MANEUVER BETTER."

"I DIDN'T LIKE THAT ONE ON THE TANG. IT SEEMED LIKE YOU HAVE TO COME WAY BACK TO GET TO IT. IT'S A LITTLE MORE UNNATURAL FOR ME."

"IF YOU'RE OUT IN THE COLD WEATHER AND WEARING A PAIR OF GLOVES, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HECK OF A TIME GETTING TO THAT ONE ON THE TANG."

ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE CONVENIENCE ISSUE, MANY RESPONDENTS CITE PERSONAL SAFETY AS A FACTOR IN THEIR PREFERENCE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, THOUGH, THAT THE PERSONAL SAFETY ISSUE IS MORE OF FUNCTION OF THE TYPE OR DESIGN OF THE EXTERNAL MECHANISM (FLAT SLIDE SWITCH VERSUS PROTRUDING LEVER) THAN OF ITS LOCATION.

- SEVERAL MEN OBJECT TO THE SLIDE SWITCH MECHANISM OF MODEL S (WHICH SOME FEEL IS UNAVOIDABLE IN A TANG MOUNTED SAFETY). THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN POSITIONS...

...AND PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BY "FEEL"

- SOME RESPONDENTS STATE THAT THE TANG SAFETY (BECAUSE OF IT'S LOCATION) IS MORE LIKELY TO BE ACCIDENTALLY DISENGAGED BY THE CARRIER'S HAND, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE GUN IS CARRIED BY THE PISTOL GRIP, AS IT OFTEN IS.

