SAFETY LOCATION (CONT'D)

"I PICKED R BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD NEVER BE A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE SAFETY IS ON OR NOT. I WANT A DEFINITE POSITION RATHER THAN JUST A SLIP UP AND A SLIP BACK."

"I COULDN'T SEPARATE THE DESIGN OF THE SWITCH [FROM] THE LOCATION. WITH IT IN THE BACK, IT HAD TO BE A LOW PROFILE TO BE PRACTICAL, AND TO ME THAT'S BAD."

"WITH R, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACTUALLY LOOK AT THE GUN TO SEE IF IT'S ON SAFETY. YOU CAN FEEL IT. I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO THAT WITH S."

"WHEN YOU'RE WALKING THROUGH THE FIELD HOLDING THAT GUN [MODEL S], YOU COULD [ACCIDENTALLY] SLIDE THE SAFETY INTO THE FIRE POSITION USING YOUR THUMB...VERY UNSAFE."

NEVERTHELESS, SOME CONVINCING ARGUMENTS ARE MADE IN FAVOR OF A TANG MOUNTED SAFETY ON THE GROUNDS OF ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY, AND FUNCTION:

- FOR CONVENIENCE/ACCESSIBILITY REASONS, THE TANG SAFETY IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO SOME HUNTERS (PARTICULARLY LEFT HANDED SHOOTERS): THE THUMB "NEVER HAS TO LEAVE THE SHOOTING POSITION."

- WITH REGARD TO SAFETY, SOME MEN FEEL THAT THE LOCATION (AND SLIDE SWITCH MECHANISM) OF THE TANG SAFETY MAKES IT LESS LIKELY TO ACCIDENTALLY BECOME DISENGAGED BY TREES OR BRUSH.

- OTHER REASONS (SINGLE MENTIONS) GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF THE TANG SAFETY (BASED MORE ON THE MECHANISM THAN THE LOCATION) INCLUDE ITS SMALL SIZE, QUIETNESS, AND "ENCLOSURE OF THE ACTION."

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