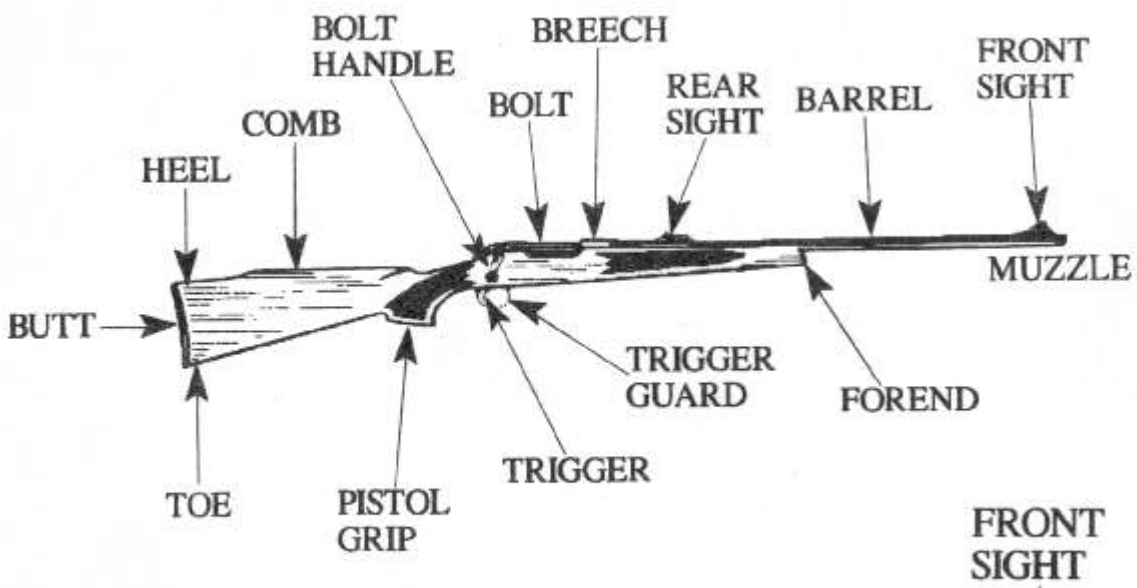
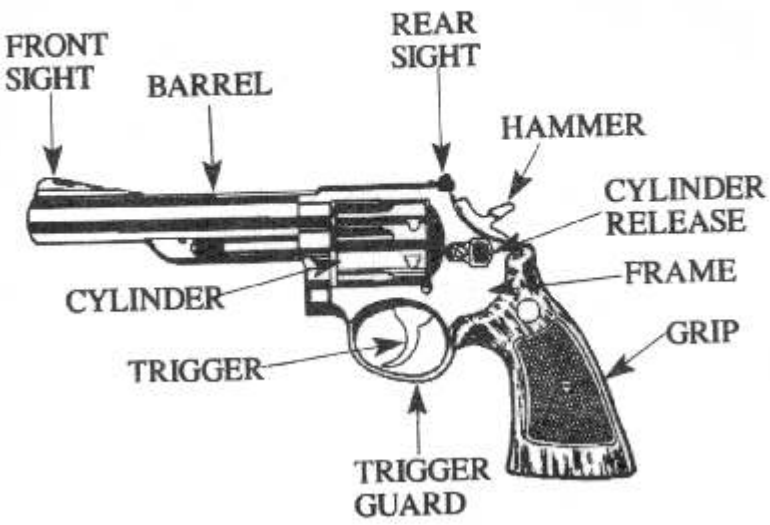
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SAFETY RULES







These rules apply to the safe handling of firearms. All responsible firearms dealers and gunsmiths should emphasize firearms safety to their customers and practice these rules themselves.

IN THE SHOP

1. Whenever you handle a firearm, you should check it to be sure it is not loaded. Open the action and check the chamber and the magazine. Remove the magazine if possible. Keep the action open, if possible, when handling the firearm. Never hand a firearm to another person with the action closed, and never accept a firearm from another person with the action closed. Have them set the firearm down. Then you can pick it up and open the action.

2. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. use common sense when handling firearms: be sure of the direction of the muzzle (usually up or down).

3. Do not mix alcohol and drugs with firearms. This rules applies in the field and in the shop.

IN THE FIELD

1. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

2. Keep the action open and the gun unloaded until it is ready for use.

3. Make sure that your firearm is in good working order and that the barrel is free of obstructions.

4. Read and understand the operator's manual that comes with your firearm. Never use any firearm unless you completely understand its operation and safety features.

5. Be sure that your gun and ammunition are compatible.

6. Carry only one gauge/caliber of ammunition while shooting.

7. Be sure of your target and what is beyond that target. Do not shoot if you don't have a clear view of your target and the surrounding area.

8. Wear ear and eye protection while shooting.

9. Firearms transportation is regulated by Federal, State, and local laws. Always transport your firearms in a safe, unloaded condition and in accordance with these laws.