

Note: a specific Proposed Resolution must accompany each comment or it cannot be considered.

#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editorial, T-Technical)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
4	3.2	T/E	Not clear why this definition specifies "explosive charge", especially when the definition of "primed cartridge case" does not. Seems unnecessary.	Remove ", or explosive charge" and put "or before "propellant".	Reject: Certain propellants such as black powder are considered explosives and we would like the definition to include all possibilities.
1	4.3	T	for your consideration: Consult literature for any firearm recalls	Add to section 4.3 add a statement such as "Recall/Safety information should be reviewed to identify possible safety considerations when test firing." The AFTE - Recall/Safety lists can be referenced in the bibliography.	Accept with modification: Note added to section 4.4.4.
3	4.3	T	dry firing rimfire firearms is not allowed when assessing the mechanical operability of the gun. This is due to the possible damage to the firing pin.	Add to section 4.3 a statement such as "Inert cartridges must be used when testing the mechanical function of rimfire firearms."	Reject: This recommendation is beyond the scope of this document. Also section 4.3.5. touches on the concern.
6	4.3.1	T	Should probably add a "where practical" to the physical check. I doubt the word of anyone that claims to be putting a finger in the chamber of an AR every time they pick it up.	"... and physically (where practical) to assess..."	Accept with modification: The sentence was edited to remove visually and physically to give more leeway to the examiner.
5	4.3.2	T	Should add an exception regarding directions when the firearm has just been checked and found to be unloaded. It is pretty much impossible to do examinations without the gun pointing at someone, or oneself, at some point, especially if you are in an open-plan workspace with many others.	"...potential for ricochet, etc. Should the needs of an examination or other duties render it necessary to point a firearm in an otherwise undesirable direction, all other practical safety precautions (e.g. checking for unloaded condition) should first be taken."	Reject with modification: We strongly feel an exception is unnecessary as even in an open floor area, one has to point the gun in a safe direction. A clarification note was added to this section.
7	4.3.4	T	Should probably add a "where practical" to the open action requirement. Otherwise individuals will start insisting that we insert physical objects in the actions of firearms lacking a slide stop, and it is doubtful that the safety gains will always be commensurate with the evidentiary losses.	"... to demonstrate its unloaded condition (when practical)."	Accept
2	4.4	T	When examining semi-automatic firearms, a sear engagement check is completed to ensure the firearm doesn't fire full auto due to wear or alterations. Similarly a sear engagement check is completed on full-automatic firearms to ensure the firearm will fire as designed and hasn't been converted to fire semi-auto only.	Add to section 4.4.8 "Do not test fire a firearm unless familiar with its operation. Conduct appropriate checks to ensure firearms have not been modified or altered (e.g. semi-automatic firearm capable of firing full auto as a result of modifications post manufacture)."	Reject: This recommendation is addressed in section 4.4.4.

8	4.4.4	T	Does this imply that a firearm has to be at least partially disassembled? There are varied schools of thought on that. At the least, I think there should be some guidance given on what is appropriate if you have a potentially delicate malfunction condition (i.e. seized parts that might be dislodged by working the action).	I appreciate that full guidance might be too involved a project to warrant holding up the current document. Suggest something like: "To the fullest extent reasonably allowed by practical and casework limitations, inspect all firearms for defects..." as a stopgap until the matter can be more fully addressed in future revisions.	Reject: This recommendation is beyond the scope of this document.
9	4.4.6	E	Definition of primed cartridge case is extraneous, having already been defined above.	Remove: "(a cartridge case containing only a primer, without propellant or projectile)"	Accept
10	4.4.8	T	"Familiar" might be too high a bar, you're sometimes going to run across guns that you've never seen before.	Replace "unless familiar with" with "without a basic understanding of"	Reject: Firearms should not be tested until the person becomes familiarized with the specific gun to be examined.
11	Bibliography	E	Names are not all presented in all the same fashion (especially confusing in [2]). Not sure which is correct, since I don't know the citation format being used.	"2] Bussard, ME and Wormley, Jr., SL,"... "3] Dutton, G,"	Accept
12	Bibliography	E	Commas are typically supposed to go inside quotation marks.	Put the commas inside the quotation marks	Accept with modification: All citations were corrected per MLA guidelines.
13	Bibliography	E	[1] probably doesn't need the PO Box. It's an old address, anyway.	Remove PO Box	Reject: This citation was removed completely as it is not available to the public.
14	Bibliography	E	Unnecessary period in [3]	Remove period after "Laboratory"	Accept with modification: All citations were corrected per MLA guidelines.
15	Bibliography	E	Need space between "April 20" and "2017" in [5]	Add space	Accept with modification: All citations were corrected per MLA guidelines.