

Specification for

Gun cabinets

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- Engineering Industries Association
- Furniture Industry Research Association
- Gun Trade Association Ltd.
- Master Locksmiths Association
- National Pistol Association
- The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Consumer and Contract Goods Standards Policy Committee to provide requirements for cabinets intended to be used for the secure storage of firearms and ammunition.

The Firearms Rules 1989 prescribe a safekeeping condition to appear on a firearm certificate requiring that the firearm(s) and ammunition to which the certificate relates are stored securely at all times so as to prevent unauthorized access, so far as is reasonably practicable, except when the firearm or ammunition is in use or being cleaned, repaired or tested or is in transit. A similar safekeeping condition appears on a shotgun certificate.

It is emphasized that a gun cabinet to this British Standard may be only one of a number of equally acceptable alternatives for satisfying the safekeeping condition of the Firearms Rules.

The level of security provided by a gun cabinet is considered to be a combination of the factors of the time and tools available to a potential thief and the concept of resistance to physical attack has been adopted for this British Standard based upon the probable determination of a criminal to gain access to a stored firearm. The requirements of this specification assume that the average potential thief is an opportunist and is not a determined criminal specifically seeking to obtain firearms, who would be difficult to counter effectively by inexpensive means.

In the development of this British Standard it was demonstrated that the specification only of the design and construction features of a gun cabinet was insufficient to provide adequate resistance to sustained forcible attack; cabinets made to the most stringent existing design and construction requirements still provided points of weakness which could be breached in less than 1 min by the methods of physical attack described in this standard. However, some aspects of construction have been included in the standard to provide additional security in the case of more subtle attempts to achieve access.

The physical attack tests of this standard are based upon a predicted worst case for knowledge, location, tools and time to provide for a significant safety margin where care is taken by the user over the siting of a cabinet, the use of any internal restraining devices provided and the overall security of the premises in which the cabinet is located.

Purchasers of a gun cabinet claimed to conform to the requirements of this British Standard are advised to request the vendor to provide a test certificate from an independent testing organization for a type test conducted on representative examples of the cabinet.

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