

## Trigger Locks/Locked Container

### QUESTION:

**Sent:** 9/28/2003

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Reference the TFSSP, A)3) ..."Where carriage of weapons in the cabin of an aircraft is otherwise authorized, such as under 14 CFR 135.119(b), the aircraft operator must ensure the weapons is not loaded and it is kept in an appropriate locked container".....

Twelve-Five operators are frequently requested to transport hunters (dove, quail, deer, etc.) to and from hunting sites. In most instances the hunters being transported desire that their hunting shotguns and rifles travel on the aircraft with them. It is very difficult to provide an appropriate locked container. In searching for the proper container we have discovered that "Trigger Locks" might do the job as well and may be better than a locked container. May we substitute appropriate trigger guards for the locked container?

### RESPONSE:

**Date:** 9/29/2003

The TSA prefers all weapons, including (unloaded) firearms, be stored in an aircraft compartment inaccessible to the passenger. If the aircraft were configured such that a compartment inaccessible to the passenger during flight is not available, the TSA would agree a firearm trigger lock is appropriate--with the following stipulations:

- The trigger lock must be appropriate for the weapon it is to secure;
- The air operator must provide the trigger lock;
- Only a flight crewmember may possess a key to operate the lock; and
- The passenger shall not possess/have access to a key to operate the trigger lock

Hopefully this adequately responds to your request. If not, please let me know.

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