

# The No. 8 (.22) Rifle

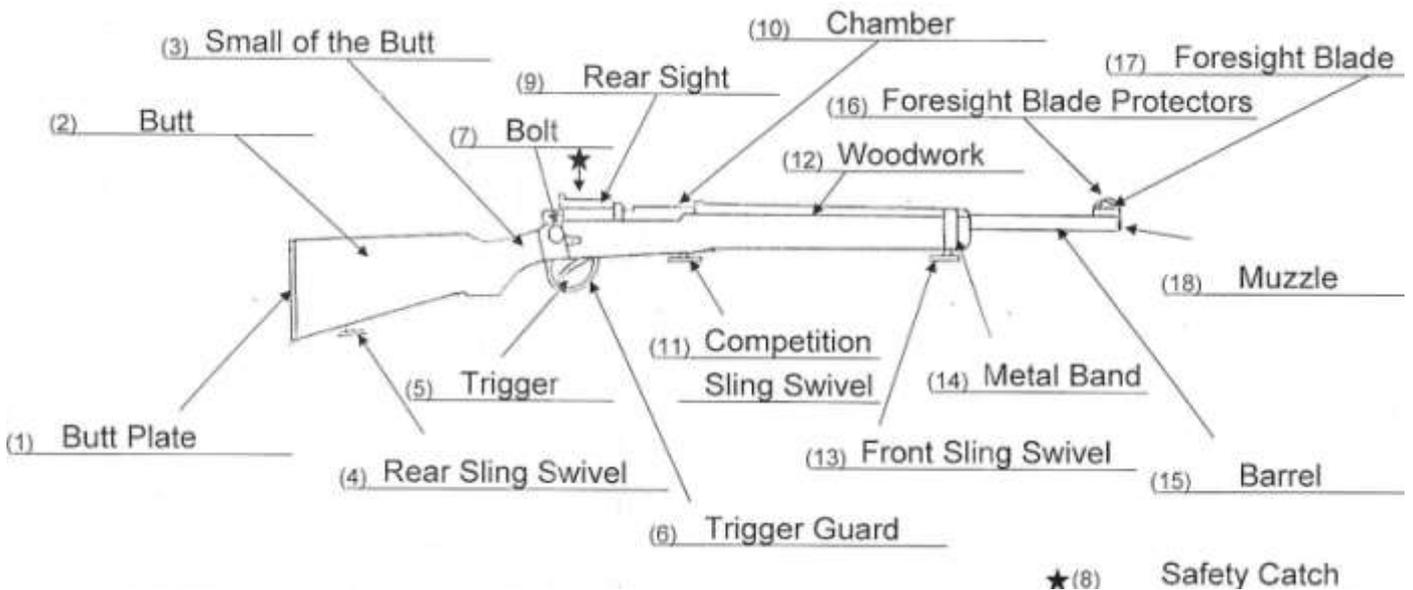
The No. 8 Rifle is a bolt action .22 calibre rifle evolved from the Short Magazine Lee Enfield with target shooting in mind. The rifle is single shot and needs to be reloaded after every shot. Currently, it is used by British cadet services as a basic target rifle.



The rifle is typically fired at a range of 25 yards but the rear site can be adjusted to allow firing to over 100m. The No. 8 is a reliable rifle and can provide a good introduction to target shooting for newcomers to shooting. It is favoured for its ease of use and safe handling, as it is fitted with an easily identified safety catch located to the left of and just below the sight.

This is the first rifle you will use before you move on to the L98A2 Cadet GP Rifle.

Below are the parts of the No. 8 Rifle. The main ones you need to know are the Butt(2), Trigger(5), Trigger Guard(6), Barrel(14), Foresight(17), Rear Sight(9), Bolt(7), Safety Catch(8) and the Loading Chamber(10).



## **NSPs on the No. 8 Rifle**

Point rifle down the range or in a safe direction, push the safety catch forward, open the bolt, look in the breach, bolt face and loading chamber, close bolt, aim and fire open the bolt and bring safety catch to the rear

## **Cleaning**

Just wipe the body with a soft cloth, oil barrel after firing

## **Load**

Push the safety catch fully forward, open the breech, pick up a round, place the tip into the breach and push the round as far as it will go into the breach, close the breech, apply the safety catch.

## **Unload**

Push the safety catch forward, open the bolt, look in chamber and check it is empty, close the breech, take an aimed shot, lower the backsight, open the breech.