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CONSUMER REPORTS - COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF REMINGTON VERSUS COMPETITIVE VARNINT RIFLES

Thanks for sending along the September issue of above magazine. However, several of us are subscribers and of course went through this very quickly a month or so ago. In fact, I was even using it as an argument to support my contention that we should further close in our acceptance standards on accuracy for center fire rifles.

Am passing the magazine along to H.J. Hackman but expect his people have also seen it.

These folks at Consumer Reports do a reasonably good job and we must recall that in previous gun tests and evaluations Remington has come out to a little better advantage than in this report. Also is necessary to keep in mind that it is still a none gun test from standpoint of the number of samples of an individual model they use. I believe that the accuracy results they quoted for the Remington sample were well within the acceptance specifications which the Plant uses. But at the same time we did not like to see a comparison showing our competition shooting better than ours, did. Putting it another way, this Consumer Reports article did not tell us anything we did not already know, but it did note several things we hoped would not be mentioned.

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