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7mm Weatherby Magnum

The decision to offer this caliber in the M700 Classic was made by the product team last December. Ammunition will also be offered. Ilion has supplied Lonoke with two pressure and velocity barrels we will also provide them a sample rifle to complete their testing. Testing at Ilion may be slowed due the lack of ammo production. It is planned to transmit the drawing package by April 15. Final testing may have to be done along with trial and pilot testing.

6mm BR Rem

The product team has made the decision to add this caliber to the M700 varmint line. Testing to determine the correct twist for the barrel have been done with no satisfactory results. It is appears that the twist and factory loaded ammo are not compatitable. As a result of the planned additional ammo offerings more testing is planned. Six prototypes are to be fabricated by the custom shop, and will be available for testing by the end of February. Feeding, accuracy, function and abuse testing are planned.