

Smith & Wesson M1500 Pack

- A full styrofoam tray with a cardboard sleeve.
- The rifle is protected in a polyethylene liner bag.
- Protection is adequate but if the end styrofoam breaks away the gun will be exposed.
- The sleeve marks up easily (blue ink comes off).
- The carton is reusable, but must be covered with a corrugated tube.
- The carton is not certified for shipment.

Estimated Cost: \$1.50 each for box and materials.

Winchester M70XTR Pack

- The carton is made of 100 lb. "B" flute cardboard and it is certified for shipping.
- Oil treated paper is used to wrap the rifle to prevent rust.
- There were many loose cardboard pieces in the carton.
- Reusability - Good.

Estimated Cost: \$.90 each for box and materials.

II. VISUAL INSPECTION

The twenty-five rifles were visually inspected in the Test Lab. They were reviewed by four members of the Test & Measurement Lab (J.H.Hennings, R.E.Nightingale, S.R.Franz and C.J.Sweet), and one member from the Quality Control Department (J.Mroz). Each man critiqued the twenty-five rifles, while sharing comments with the other members. Following is a summary of those critiques per manufacturer and model.

Browning BBRWood

- The bolt head dents the stock when it is retracted fully.
- Heavy scratches on the stocks.
- Overruns and underruns on the checkering.
- Poor sanding - ripples along the entire stock.
- Traces of yellow crayon on some of the checkering.
- Large knots were repaired; poor job.
- Poor fit of butt plates, on two rifles.
- Finish is chipping away behind the safety switch.
- Some dirt found under the finish around the bolt handle slots.

Metal

- Rust pits found on two receivers.
- Heavy scratches found on two floor plates.
- Bad polishing mark around the lower port area.
- Excellent color match between barrel and receiver.
- Good color and finish on all triggers guards (includes the inside bow of the guard).
- Color mismatch between trigger guards and floor plates (floor plates are darker).
- The inletting is good between barrel and receiver to the wood.