

## Premium Centerfire (\$500 - \$800) - Bolt-Action Rifles

### Ruger

The **Ruger M77MKII** series fields a broad array of product offerings in the premium category. Generally priced toward the lower end of the category, the Ruger M77 competes heavily with the Remington Model 700 and Winchester Model 70 categories. Like the Winchester Model 70 Classics, the Ruger M77 features a three-position safety and Mauser type extractors for controlled round feeding. All models feature a hinged floor plate magazine. Walnut stocked configurations are available in full size and compact models with blued finish. Stainless steel versions are available with laminated or synthetic stocks as well.

### Winchester

The **Model 70 Classic** series represents Winchester's position in the premium category of centerfire bolt-action rifles. Featuring a three-position safety and Mauser style claw extractor for controlled round feeding, the Model 70 Classic has enjoyed quite a following. All feature hinged floor plate magazines and are available in full size and compact platforms. Walnut stocked variants feature polished blued metal and the synthetic stock versions feature a stainless steel barreled action. All premium grade Model 70 Classics are produced in non-sighted or "clean barrel" configuration. The Model 70 Classic is typically marked against the Remington Model 700 BDL & BDL SS product families. Following the success of Remington's prior introduction of the Ultra Mag family of non-belted magnum cartridges and firearms to suit them, Winchester Firearms in conjunction with Winchester Ammunition and Browning introduced the Winchester Short Magnum (WSM) family of non-belted, short-action magnum cartridges. This introduction was perhaps the single most important recent development for the Model 70 Classic family of firearms.

### Browning

The **Browning A-Bolt** competes exclusively in the premium bolt-action centerfire rifle category. The wood stocked variant of the A-Bolt, the Hunter series is available in three grades, Hunter, Medallion, and Gold Medallion with each increment in grade featuring higher quality wood and enhanced metal work. The synthetic variant, the Stalker series, is available in stainless steel and blued carbon steel versions. The A-Bolt features a 60 degree bolt throw, intended to shorten the time to cycle a round as well as a unique floor plate magazine that can also be used as a detachable magazine. The A-Bolt is available in a wide range of calibers, including the new WSM caliber offerings. The A-Bolt's principle competitors are the Remington Model 700 BDL and BDL SS as well as Weatherby bolt-action centerfire rifles.