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- Make three trials in specified direction for each sample.
- Average the results of each of the three trials.

Data Required:

- Rifle serial number
- Each of the three readings on each sample
- The average of each of the three sets of readings

TLW0300L - Measure Bolt Lift and Bolt Closing Forces:

The force required to open and close the bolt will be measured for each sample. Both of these forces will be taken with the chamber empty and then repeated, this time with a new dummy round in the chamber. Bolt opening forces will also be checked with the firing pin cocked and uncocked as well. There is not a specification for these forces and the readings will be taken for information only.

Method:

- After locating the rifle in the trigger pull fixture and securely locking in place, (it may be necessary to clamp the fixture to the bench if not already securely fixed in place), locate the hook of the force gauge at the point on the bolt handle just behind the ball.
- With the chamber empty and using the Chatillon gauge, pull the gauge straight up and perpendicular to the bore, measure the force required to open the bolt with the firing pin cocked.
- Lock the firearm in a horizontal position, using the trigger pull holding fixture, (i.e. shooting position) before taking the measurements.
- Take three readings for each gun in the sample.
- Record all readings.

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