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In testing for the new 308 Caliber a characteristic has been encountered with the bolt cam to cause "hard opening" after several hundred rounds. It seems that the extent of the hard opening is such as to require the shooter to remove the rifle from shoulder to operate. It seems that metal is being slightly upset on the cam.

C.J. Theriault reports that a hardness reading indicates the metal to be a little soft at this point. Perhaps the anneal effect from brazing on the bolt handle. It would be expected that this same characteristic is in all of the different calibers and is suggested that process, material and design be checked for possible cause and correction.

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