

Stock - Cont'd.

Bedding - Cont'd:

A second contact point is formed by a 1/16" thick clear plastic sheet covering the bottom of the recoil lug recess.

One quarter inch behind the recoil lug recess there is a second similar recess. This recess is filled with the same opaque bedding compound used for the barrel support pad. This filled recess is level with the adjacent wood. The cavity appears to have been filled with compound prior to final stock inletting. The excess was then removed as the final inletting was completed. The action does not bear on this filled area.¹

The final contact point between barreled action and stock is the rear tang of the receiver. It bears against the wood in the conventional manner. There is no transverse contact between stock and barreled action from rear tang to barrel pad in fore-end. Refer to the free body diagrams in the appendix.

Checkering:

Type

Conventional hand cut

Fineness

16 lines/inch; this is coarse by domestic standards. For comparison, Weatherby Mark V: 18 lines/inch, skip line; M/700: 21 lines/inch, impressed.

Complexity

Simple point pattern on both fore-end and pistol grip

Border

Double line border, effectively masks occasional run-overs

Quality

The overall impression created by the checkering is favorable. Lines are straight and of uniform depth. Some run-overs are visible. The relatively coarse panels provide excellent non-slip surfaces.²

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