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COMPETITIVE FIREARMS REPORT ON WINCHESTER CENTERFIRE BOLT ACTIONS

An interpretation of the comparisons between the M/770 and the M/700 ADL has been requested.

Although the M/70 and M/770 are considerably improved in appearance over those made during the last five years, the finishes and workmanship do not compare favorably with the M/700. Our Almco finish on the steel and RKW on the wood compare favorably with the best obtainable.

The Winchesters have a more functional rear sight and a smoother working bolt than the M/700. Considerable apparent smoothness is added by an improvement in sound of operation with a stainless steel magazine follower. The sheet metal follower in the M/700 contributes to a poor sound during operation of the bolt on an empty magazine.

Although accuracy of the test model 770 was apparently better than the M/700, this is probably not a real difference. Further efforts are being made to establish factual data.

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