

Competitive Product Evaluation
Weatherby Vanguard Rifle

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Finish:	Contrary to the implication in the manufacturer's literature, the Vanguard stock finish is not "the same durable high luster type found on the Mark V. . . ." The two have in common only a high luster. The Mark V finish is thought to be of the urethane family. It exhibits excellent scratch, solvent, and heat resistance. The finish on the Vanguard appears to be of a lacquer type. It softens when exposed to both lacquer thinner and alcohol. It does not hold up under power buffing (heat resistance). The high gloss was severely dulled in localized areas from routine handling during this investigation. The finish is considerably softer and more scratch prone than the Mark V finish. Both finishes are inferior in this respect to Remington RK-W.
Surface Texture	Very smooth, wood grain completely filled, slight sanding marks visible in local areas
Sheen	Very high luster, quite glossy
Barrel Channel Fit:	The barrel does not touch the wood anywhere in the fore-end. A very narrow uniform wood-metal gap is maintained the length of the fore-end. This does not noticeably detract from the appearance.
Stock Reinforcing Cross Bolt:	None
Recoil Pad:	Yes, furnished with both standard and magnum calibers
Bedding:	The method used to bed this rifle is novel. Both barrel and receiver are free of the stock except for localized areas of contact. A synthetic (plastic-like) opaque bedding compound forms the single stock to barrel contact point 3 inches from the fore-end tip. This 1/2" long pad appears to have solidified with the barrel in place.

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