

Receiver - Cont'd.

Primary extraction
cam surface: Visible, external on rear vertical face of rear
receiver bridge

Overall receiver length: 8.4" (M/700: 8.9", tang to front of barrel bracket)

Bolt

The Vanguard action is an improvement over the Mauser type to the extent that the bolt face is recessed to enclose the cartridge head. Additionally, the rear of the barrel is counterbored to enclose the bolt head. Remington first introduced this concept domestically with the M/721-722 Series.

The shroud of the recessed bolt face is cut away just above the lower lug to provide for the short spring-plunger loaded extractor. The upper locking lug is split and the shroud is again interrupted to provide an operating slot for the fixed ejector (see photographs).

Bolt Body: Polished, not jeweled (jeweling optional at extra cost); erratic border between polished and colored portion indicates hand polishing

Bolt Handle: Sweptback to position knob over trigger, pear-shaped knob, narrow band of circumferential checkering on knob (See photographs)

Bolt Sleeve Body: Fully enclosed (See photographs)

Cocking Indicator: An extension of the cocking piece projects to the rear below the bolt sleeve body. This provides visual and tactile cocking indication. It was judged inferior in both respects to that of the M/700 (See photographs).

Operating smoothness: The bolt carries a 4" long guide plate which starts just behind the right locking lug. It is affixed to the bolt by two circumferential rotary collars, similar to the method by which a Mauser type extractor is retained to the bolt. This guide provides sliding contact with the rear receiver bridge lug recess for the entire bolt stroke. This does provide a very smooth bolt stroke.

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