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## COMPETITIVE PRODUCT EVALUATION

## WEATHERBY VANGUARD RIFLE

Attached is a detail report of the evaluation of this Weatherby Vanguard Rifle which appears to be in direct competition with our Model 700.

Apparently this rifle is being produced for Weatherby in Japan and at a list price of \$140 below their well established prestige Model "Mark V". The sample was received at Ilion early in February and because of the significance, the Custom Shop Design Unit completed a rather detailed analysis test.

Weatherby is promoting this rifle with the claim of it being "the only medium priced rifle that lives up to the Weatherby reputation". The performance including that of accuracy seems to compare favorably with earlier test results of both our Model 700 and Winchester Model 770.

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