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SUBJECT: RE-PROOFING OF ALTERED GUNS

Whenever guns are altered in such a way that might affect their strength and safety (new barrel, new bolt, etc.), re-proofing is required. Currently there is no way to identify a gun which has been altered and not yet proofed. This is a dangerous situation, since there is sometimes a long interval of time between alteration and re-proofing, and usually the man who altered the gun is not the one who proofs it. It is simply poor practice to have unproven guns with valid proof marks.

For this reason, I think Remington should adapt a policy of obliterating or "x-ing" out the old proof mark when a gun is altered. A new proof mark would be applied only after the gun has, in fact, been re-proofed.

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