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 Bolt Action Competitive Arms Test

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Packaging

Each carton was reviewed by L.Ferreira, Purchasing Agent in charge of packing materials for Remington Arms. After careful examination of each pack, he rated them in this order:

1. Browning Most costly, but offers the best protection
2. Winchester Strong pack, reusable
3. Remington Certified for shipment, but with outer sleeve
4. Smith & Wesson Adequate protection, potential end damage
5. Ruger Adequate protection, not reusable.

Visual Inspection

Major Defects:

- Browning BBR Open grain, and dents in finish. Some rust pits on the barrels.
- Remington M700 Some bubbles in the finish. Poor color on bolt heads, barrels and sight bases.
- Ruger M77 One stock was cracked 3" at the fore end tip, others dented and scratched. Polishing marks evident on the barrels, some rust and finish chipping away.
- Smith & Wesson M1500 Open grain and ripple in finish. Polishing marks on the barrels and receivers - dull appearance.
- Winchester Poor color matches between receiver and barrels. The checkering - diamonds are flat - light scratches in wood finish.

Manufacturers Selling Points

- Browning BBR Short throw 60° bolt, anti-warp fore end and a high grade Monte Carlo stock is standard on all calibers.
- Remington M700 Strongest action ever designed - 3 rings of steel, and an anti-rust bolt.
- Ruger M77 Hand checkering, patented bedding and a quick release floor plate.
- Smith & Wesson M1500 Bolt body has relief ports to allow gas to escape, receivers are machined from a single piece of forged steel for maximum strength.
- Winchester M70XTR A three position safety and high strength and durability from machined steel components.