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Remington Arms has delivered the first 100 of its newly developed M24 rifles to the U.S. Army, and expects to deliver 100 more on December 20th. The Ilion company plans to deliver another 1,000 over the next 18 months. The first 500 will cost the Army \$4,995 each, and the next 500 will cost \$3,900 each. The higher cost for the first 500 was due to the testing needed to meet the Army's requirements, Remington officials said.

These rifles made for the U.S. Army by Remington meet or exceed government requirements of 1.3 inches Average Mean Radius (AMR) at 200 yards, and 1.9 inches at 300 yards, based on five targets of ten shots each. The barrel on the SWS rifle is 24-inches in length, has five lands & grooves, is radially-rifled with a twist of one turn in 11.25 inches. These barrels were initially supplied by Mike Rock of the Rock Barrel Company in Wisconsin. High power shooters referred to these as 5R barrels, originally designed by Boots Obermeyer, and patterned after rifling from the Soviet AK-74 rifle. Remington now fabricates the 416-R stainless steel barrels for all SWS rifles, and corrosion protection is provided by a Rem Tuff, powder-coat finish applied at the factory. The barrels are free-coated.

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