

configurations with both blued and stainless actions available. The Model 77/22 features the same rotary style magazine found in the 10/22. Another nice feature of the 77/22 line, although not a rimfire topic, was Ruger's expansion of the 77/22 into a small centerfire rifle cartridge, the .22 Hornet. The .22 Hornet offerings have proven very successful for Ruger.

CZ (Ceska Zbrojovka)

In the mid 1990's importation of the CZ ZKM 452 series of bolt-action rimfire rifles began. Manufactured as at very low costs in the former communist block nation of Czechoslovakia, the CZ product is a no-frills albeit sturdy platform that has gained quite a following the U.S. Domestic market. BATF import reports indicate some 10M-16M units are imported into the U.S. on an annual basis. Available in European, Classic American, and Varmint configurations, the CZ rifles feature Turkish walnut stocks, cast steel receivers and hammer forged barrels with a low-luster matte finish.

Wholesale Pricing Comparison Mid Priced Bolt-Action Rimfire Rifles

Manufacturer	Model	Net Whsle Price
Ruger	77/22	\$329 - \$348
CZ	ZKM 452	\$225 - \$250

High Priced (Over \$500)

The high priced segment of the bolt-action rimfire market is the smallest category by far. However, prices commanded for rifles in this category are far from the \$100 price point, mass produced rifles. In fact, there is a significant step change in price between the Mid Priced and High Priced bolt-action rimfire rifles. While the Mid Priced Rifles seldom approach the \$500 retail mark, it is not uncommon for the High Priced rifles to sell in the \$800 - \$1000 range. This price gap suggests that there is some untapped opportunity for a platform that draws potential buyers up from the Ruger and CZ rifles, while also drawing potential buyers down from the high priced platforms. Distribution in the High Price category takes place nearly exclusively through direct dealer relationships.

Kimber

The Kimber 22 has received reviews by some prominent outdoor writer's as being the finest American made bolt-action rimfire rifle available. Recently introduced after departing from the bolt-action rimfire market, the Kimber 22 has gained popularity. Boasting guaranteed out-of-the-box accuracy of 5-shot group sizes not exceeding 0.40"