

following. All feature hinged floor plate magazines and are available in full size and compact platforms. Walnut stocked variants feature polished blued metal and the synthetic stocked "Ultimate Shadow" versions feature a stainless steel barreled action. All premium grade Model 70 Classics are produced in non-sighted or "clean barrel" configuration. The Model 70 Classic is typically marked against the Remington Model 700 BDL & BDL SS product families. Following the success of Remington's prior introduction of the Ultra Mag family of non-belted magnum cartridges and firearms to suit them, Winchester Firearms in conjunction with Winchester Ammunition and Browning introduced the Winchester Short Magnum (WSM) and Winchester Super Short Magnum (WSSM) family of non-belted, short-action magnum cartridges. This introduction was perhaps the single most important recent development for the Model 70 Classic family of firearms.

### **Browning**

The **Browning A-Bolt** competes exclusively in the premium bolt-action centerfire rifle category. The wood stocked variant of the A-Bolt, the Hunter series is available in three grades, Hunter, Medallion, and Gold Medallion with each increment in grade featuring higher quality wood and enhanced metal work. The synthetic variant, the Stalker series, is available in stainless steel and blued carbon steel versions. The A-Bolt features a 60 degree bolt throw, intended to shorten the time to cycle a round as well as a unique floor plate magazine that can also be used as a detachable magazine. The A-Bolt is available in a wide range of calibers, including the new WSM and WSSM caliber offerings. The A-Bolt's principle competitors are the Remington Model 700 BDL and BDL SS as well as Weatherby and Ruger bolt-action centerfire rifles.

### **Remington**

The **Model 700 BDL Custom Deluxe** is the core product of the Model 700 line. The BDL features a high-gloss finished American walnut stock with black fore end nose piece and hinged magazine floor plate. The BDL sports a high-polished blued barrel and receiver. Remington also offers six left-hand skus in the Model 700 BDL Custom Deluxe. The 700 BDL is also offered in a detachable magazine (Model 700 BDL DM) configuration, allowing the shooter the convenience of a quick-load removable magazine box. The DM version, while cosmetically similar to the BDL Custom Deluxe, utilizes a unique receiver and unique stock to accommodate the removable magazine box.

In 1981, Remington began a yearly offering of a **Limited Edition Model 700 Classic**. Chambered primarily in vintage calibers, or those of historical significance, the Model 700 Classic has proven to be a popular offering amongst collectors.

The **Model 700 BDL SS (Stainless Synthetic)** offers the same legendary performance as the Model 700 BDL Custom Deluxe with the added benefit of weather resistance and durability derived from a synthetic stock and stainless steel action. Like the Custom Deluxe, the BDL SS is offered in a detachable magazine version as well. Continuing