

Marketing's Proposals for the New Bolt Action Centerfire Program:

- ⇒ Build upon the M/700 strengths and address the cons listed above
- ⇒ More accurate headspace control
- ⇒ Improve chambers
- ⇒ Improved squareness of receiver/bolt/barrel
- ⇒ New extractor
- ⇒ Higher end bottom metal

R&D's Proposals for the New Bolt Action Centerfire Program:

- ⇒ Utilize mass customization and agile manufacturing approach to institute a build-to-order production system
- ⇒ Need manufacturing input as product and process designs are strongly interdependent

Initial Discussion of Proposed New Product Features:

- ⇒ Where possible, build upon the M/700
- ⇒ Changes are permissible when there are tangible benefits associated with those changes
- ⇒ Keep LH actions
- ⇒ Trigger assembly
 - New designs are OK
 - Adjustable trigger pull force is highly desirable
- ⇒ Two position safety with overridable bolt lock
- ⇒ Magazine
 - Floorplate
 - Detachable magazine (if it doesn't increase product line complexity)
 - Blind magazine
- ⇒ Stocks
 - Wood
 - Synthetic (maybe not injection molded)
 - Use bedding block in all stocks?
- ⇒ No sights on guns except dangerous game guns
- ⇒ Consider using stainless steel across the board (higher perceived value) and blackening it where necessary for cosmetic purposes
- ⇒ Flexible design configurable as close to the end of the production process as possible

Path Forward:

- ⇒ Commence benchmark testing of competitive products this summer