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Press Release

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PRO HUNTER RIFLE:

- ∞ Pro Hunter's stainless steel 28" barrel delivers the highest muzzle velocity available while the precision fluting helps to dissipate heat and balance the rifle for natural handling. T/C employs the latest CNC technology to machine both the target crown and the chamber on every Pro Hunter barrel. To assure the ultimate in accuracy every Pro Hunter barrel is machine shot at 100 yards.
- ∞ Pro Hunter features a rotating hammer design that can be off-set to allow easy access to the hammer spur. This innovative design is patent pending and addresses the concern about reaching the hammer when the rifle is scoped. The hammer is keyed to allow the spur to be placed in the center, left hand or right hand positions.
- ∞ There is no mistaking T/C's next generation Encore rifle when you handle it. Engraved on the receiver is the Pro Hunter logo on the right hand rail, the Encore logo on the left hand rail and the T/C logo on the bottom of the receiver.

PRO HUNTER 209X50 MUZZLELOADER:

- ∞ The Pro Hunter muzzleloader features the same rotating hammer, engraved receiver and precision barrel as the Pro Hunter rifle.
- ∞ The Pro Hunter muzzleloader will forever change how we think about muzzleloading rifles. Today's high tech muzzleloaders like the Omega and Encore are simple to operate, easy to load and quick to clean. In fact, it takes longer to remove and clean the breech plug than it does to clean the barrel...until now.
- ∞ T/C Pro Hunter muzzleloader features a quick release breech plug (patent pending) that can be removed by rotating it only 90 degrees. No longer do you have to struggle with seized breech plugs or the time consuming chore of making eleven rotations to remove your breech plug. Simply rotate the breech plug counter clockwise 90 degrees and remove. The innovative wrench design holds onto the breech plug to easily remove the plug once it is unlocked. No more turning your muzzleloader upside down and shaking to remove the loosened breech plug.
- ∞ The Pro Hunter quick release breech plug allows the hunter to quickly unload his rifle at the end of the day without discharging his rifle. If the hunter or shooter loads without powder, no trouble, simply remove the quick release breech plug and knock your bullet out.

- ∞ The Pro Hunter breech plug delivers more than the convenience of rapid removal. The primer pocket completely encases the 209 shotshell primer to assure 100 percent of the fire volume of the primer is delivered to the powder and no residue blows back to foul your action. The extractor lifts the primer out of the pocket for easy removal and eliminates the need for a separate primer removal tool.
- ∞ The Pro Hunter breech plug is designed to handle today's high pressure primers that create excessive blowback and form a powder ring inside the barrel. The Pro Hunter breech plug is 50 percent longer than standard breech plugs to provide a larger chamber to collect the gas before being delivered to the powder charge.
- ∞ The Pro Hunter extractor is yet another innovation in firearm design. This solid one-piece, all-steel design can be rotated to either the left or right hand side to allow easy access to the quick release breech plug. The Pro Hunter muzzleloader does not have to be disassembled to remove the breech plug and there are no screws to remove to pivot the extractor. Simply rotate the extractor to one side or the other. There is a plunger on the bottom of the lug that locks the extractor into place when it is rotated to its upright position. This assures perfect alignment with the breech plug. The extractor also operates as a safety mechanism to assure the breech plug is locked into position. If the breech plug is not locked into position the extractor will not drop into the machined recess of the breech plug and will prevent the gun from closing.
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- ∞ The Pro Hunter breech plug also features an innovative forward shoulder sealing design that fits inside the bore and forms a 90 degree shoulder to reduce the amount of blow back that occurs when the rifle is fired. Any fouling that does migrate past the front shoulder is retained by the rear shoulder seal. The rear shoulder seal features a high pressure O-ring that engages a shoulder machined inside of the barrel. The Pro Hunter breech plug *completely* eliminates blowback that would foul your action. This simplifies clean-up even more. The only part to clean on your muzzleloader now is the barrel.