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ICON® Precision Hunter Rifle

ROCHESTER, N.H. (January 15, 2009) –Thompson/Center Arms Company, Inc., a Smith & Wesson company, has unveiled a new rifle designed to answer the call of long-range hunters with the introduction of the ICON Precision Hunter bolt action rifle. Utilizing Thompson/Center Arms’ “Foundation for Accuracy,” the ICON Precision Hunter features the innovative Interlock™ bedding system along with a match-grade barrel with 5R rifling. This combination of features provides the level of consistency, reliability and accuracy needed for long-range hunting applications.

The new ICON Precision Hunter rifle embodies all of the aspects of a long-range hunting rifle, from its solid machined receiver to its heavy 22-inch fluted barrel with muzzle crown. Each rifle comes standard with a laminated hardwood stock with cheek piece and beavertail forend. A test target, which certifies sub-MOA (Minute of Angle) accuracy (3 shot groups in one inch at 100 yards), is shipped with each rifle.

To meet the demands of varmint hunters who routinely fire hundreds of rounds per day, the ICON Precision Hunter employs Thompson/Center Arms’ new Cooling Enhancement System, engineered to disperse heat from the barrel. This unique system, designed to aid the barrel’s deep fluting, consists of ported cooling channels in the forend that draw cooler air up and around the largest part of the barrel enabling maximum air circulation for consistent accuracy.

Other features of the ICON Precision Hunter include an Integral base for Picatinny-style scope rings along with an adjustable 3.5 to 5 pound trigger pull with minimal creep and over-travel. The rifle is standard with BoltLock, which allows the user to load and unload the firearm with the safety in place. The rifle’s SwitchBolt feature provides the flexibility to change out the bolt handle in order to meet the desired feel of each individual shooter. The ICON Precision Hunter is made in America and backed by Thompson/Center Arms’ lifetime warranty.

The ICON Precision Hunter will initially be chambered in 22-250, .204, .223, .243 and 308 and features a 3 + 1 detachable magazine with single shot adapter.

The ICON Precision Hunter will be available in early 2009 with an anticipated retail price of \$1,149. For more information on the ICON Precision Hunter, or to view the complete line of Thompson/Center Arms firearms and accessories, visit www.tcarsms.com.

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