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ICON® Bolt Action Rifle - New Long Action Calibers with Weather Shield® Finish

ROCHESTER, N.H. (January 15, 2009) – Thompson/Center Arms Company, Inc., a Smith & Wesson Company, has continued on the success of the award-winning ICON rifle with the introduction of three long action caliber models featuring the company's patented Weather Shield finish.

Chambered in .30-06, .300 Win. Magnum and .270, the new ICON Long Action Weather Shield (WS) models are designed to meet the needs of today's big game hunters. Each rifle is available with a Hogue® over-molded stock in black or Realtree® AP® camo pattern along with the advanced Weather Shield metal coating, designed to resist corrosion and extend durability. The ICON Long Action WS is standard with Thompson/Center Arms' Interlock™ bedding system and 5R rifling and is certified Minute of Angle accurate (capable of shooting 3 shots in 1 inch groups at 100 yards). A factory target shipped with each ICON certifies the performance of each rifle.

Designed to meet the tough industry specifications for corrosion and abrasion resistant finishes, the Weather Shield coating has proven to be 50 times more resistant to corrosion than stainless steel. Each ICON barrel and receiver is coated with the Weather Shield finish, increasing the lifetime of the firearm.

The rifle features an integral scope mount for Picatinny and Weaver style scope bases, an adjustable trigger, and an interchangeable bolt handle with 60-degree bolt lift for greater bolt to scope clearance. Each ICON is standard with a detachable three-shot magazine. The new ICON Long Action WS rifles are made in America and backed by the Thompson/Centers Arms' lifetime warranty.

The new ICON rifles will be available in early 2009 with an anticipated retail price of \$899. For more information (and Hi-Res images) on The ICON Long Action Weather Shield, or to view the complete line of Thompson/Center Arms firearms and accessories, visit www.tcarsm.com.

About Thompson/Center and Smith & Wesson

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