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**Thompson/Center Arms Introduces New Magnum Muzzleloader**  
*T/C Expands Muzzleloader Line with Triumph™*

ROCHESTER, N.H. (April 2, 2007) -- Thompson/Center Arms, a Smith & Wesson Company has introduced the Triumph™, the company's newest addition to its black powder line of firearms. By incorporating several new and innovative features, the Triumph offers hunters dependable accuracy, reliability and performance in an easy-to-use platform.

First introduced at SHOT Show 2007, the Triumph delivers advanced features that are currently unavailable in other black powder rifles. At the heart of the Triumph is the new toggle lock action that features a tip-up barrel design. This patent pending design provides shooters with greater access to the breech area for easy maintenance and priming. In addition, the Triumph also features a patent pending Speed Breech XT™ for trouble-free unloading and cleaning. The Speed Breech XT is the only breech plug that can be removed by hand eliminating the need for tools. By rotating the breech plug 90-degrees, users can remove or insert the plug manually with ease. Another benefit of the Speed Breech XT is the opposing series of locking lugs that help prevent the breech plug from becoming seized after continuous shooting. On the face of the Speed Breech XT, three gas compression rings help to eliminate corrosive fouling.

"We have designed the new Triumph muzzleloader to be brilliantly simple and utterly reliable," said Gregg Ritz, President of Smith & Wesson Hunting. "With only four moving parts, the Triumph allows for quick and easy maintenance allowing hunters to spend more time in the field. As accurate as it is durable, the Triumph offers a number of advanced features that are exclusive to Thompson Center products."

Designed for natural handling, the Triumph features an all-alloy receiver, which reduces weight and enhances balance. Available with either a composite or camouflage stock and forend, the Triumph is fitted with a SIMS Limbsaver™ recoil pad for added comfort. Chambered for .50 caliber, the Triumph features a 28-inch barrel with a rate of twist of 1 in 28 inches and a 209-primer ignition. Another added feature is the patented Quick Load Accurizer (QLA™), which comes with all Thompson/Center muzzleloaders. The QLA allows users to quickly and easily load the muzzleloader and align the bullet to the center of the bore, thus increasing accuracy. Underneath the barrel, each Triumph is complete with Thompson/Center's solid aluminum ramrod.

For added durability, the Triumph is available with Thompson/Center's advanced Weather Shield™ coating. This unique coating, when applied to the barrel and other critical metal parts, prevents unwanted corrosion on the muzzleloader. Each Triumph is manufactured with a set trigger with automatic hammer block safety. All triggers come factory set at 3 to 3.5 pounds. With a total weight of 6 pounds, the Triumph is quick to the shoulder and well suited for long days in the field.

“Through the addition of several ground breaking-features, the Triumph represents a new class of muzzleloaders,” added Ritz. “Delivering minute of angle accuracy right out of the box, the Triumph continues Thompson/Center’s reputation of pin-point accuracy and superb performance.”

The Triumph muzzleloader, featuring a blue finish and black composite stock, is now available for purchase while the Triumph with Weather Shield barrel and Realtree® AP HD™ or black stock will be available in July.

**About Thompson/Center Arms, Inc.**

Thompson/Center Arms, a Smith & Wesson company, is a leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of premium hunting firearms and accessories under the Thompson/Center brand. The company designs and manufactures black powder rifles, centerfire hunting rifles and handguns, interchangeable firearms systems and accessories at its Rochester, New Hampshire location. For more information on Thompson/Center Arms, log on to [www.tcarms.com](http://www.tcarms.com) <<http://www.tcarms.com/>> . For more information on Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation, log on to [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com).