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Thompson/Center Arms™ Introduces T/C® Compass™ Bolt-Action Rifle

New Feature-Rich Bolt-Action Rifle to be Available for the Fall 2016 Hunting Season

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (January 19, 2016) – Thompson/Center Arms today announced that it has expanded its line of innovative products with the introduction of the new T/C Compass. Designed to deliver today's sport shooters and hunters with a feature-rich bolt-action rifle at an affordable price point, the T/C Compass elegantly blends American-made craftsmanship and value into a professional-grade rifle. The new T/C Compass, with its advanced feature set, is the latest entry into the company's broad line of Thompson/Center rifles, all designed to deliver the performance, accuracy and ease of maintenance that has become the hallmark of the Thompson/Center Arms brand.

“The concept behind the T/C Compass was to be able to offer dedicated hunters and shooters an affordable bolt-action rifle that exceeded their expectations in terms of accuracy, reliability and functionality,” said Danielle Sanville, Brand Manager for Thompson/Center Arms. “The new T/C Compass expertly meets each of these needs while delivering a highly-capable bolt-action rifle that can match any budget. The new rifles will begin shipping in early summer, giving consumers plenty of time to purchase, mount optics and bring them to the range for sighting in before this year's hunting season.”

At the center of the rifle is the T/C Compass' aluminum pillar bedding design. This tested bedding system positively locates the receiver and free-floats the barrel for outstanding accuracy over the lifetime of the rifle. To further establish a solid, smooth action, the T/C Compass features a three-lug bolt design with 60-degree lift, which enables optimal scope clearance when loading and unloading the rifle.

Shooters of all skill levels will appreciate the T/C Compass' user-adjustable single-stage trigger, which allows them to pre-set their preferred pull rate between 3.5 and 5 pounds with minimal over-travel. The T/C Compass' buttoned-rifled barrel complete with 5R rifling provides consistent, reliable accuracy that is backed by Thompson/Center's Minute of Angle (MOA) guarantee. The MOA guarantee promises that each rifle will deliver a one-inch, three-shot group at 100 yards with the use of premium ammunition.

Each T/C Compass is also standard with a factory threaded barrel for use with compatible suppressors, compensators and muzzle breaks, but also comes standard with a thread-protector for when these accessories are not in use. For improved handling in all field environments, the T/C Compass features an ergonomic, lightweight classic stock design with modern contours and textured grip panels. Operating controls on the rifle consist of an easy-to-use 3-position safety with bolt lock. This time-tested design provides a tactile feel, clear visibility and easy access when on the range or in the field.

On top of the receiver, the T/C Compass comes drilled and tapped and is furnished with scope bases for easy installation of optics. Swivel studs are conveniently located at the forward and rear portion of the stock to help simplify transport while in the field. A detachable rotary magazine

(5+1 in standard calibers and 4+1 in magnum calibers) is standard with each rifle and fits flush with the stock in order to provide smooth, consistent feeding between shots. Like all bolt-action rifles from Thompson/Center, the new T/C Compass is backed by a limited lifetime warranty delivering added peace of mind to hunters and shooters everywhere.

T/C Compass Specifications:

Calibers: 204 Ruger, 5.56, .22-250, .243, .270, 7mm-08, 7mm, .308, .30-06 and .300 Win Mag

Barrel Length: 22 inches (standard calibers) 24 inches (magnum calibers)

Overall Length: 41- 41.5 inches

Weight: 7.25 – 7.5 lbs.

Length of Pull: 13.25 inches

Rate of Twist: 1:9, 1:10, and 1:12

MSRP: \$399

For more information on the T/C family of bolt-action rifles, including the new T/C Compass, please visit www.tcarms.com.

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