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## Thompson/Center Arms™ Adds New Caliber To T/C® Venture™ Compact Series

*T/C Venture Compact Rifle Now Available in .223 Rem*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (October 27, 2014) --- Smith & Wesson Corp. today announced that Thompson/Center Arms™ has expanded its award winning T/C® Venture™ series with a new Venture Compact model chambered in .223 Rem. Designed to address the needs of smaller statured shooters, including youth and women, the new bolt-action rifle is now available in the popular centerfire caliber.

The newest addition to the T/C Venture Compact lineup offers reduced recoil for beginning shooters while aiding hunters in preparation for predator season. Engineered with a shortened barrel, the T/C Venture Compact offers improved handling in the field and on the range. Lightweight, well-balanced and guaranteed MOA (Minute of Angle) accurate, the new bolt-action rifle is sure to be frequently sighted in hunting camps this fall.

At the heart of the rifle is the T/C Venture Compact's roller-burnished receiver and nitrate-coated fat bolt design with 60-degree lift that helps ensure a solid, smooth action. A user-adjustable trigger enables hunters of all skill levels to pre-set their preferred pull rate while the rifle's 20-inch free floating blued barrel complete with 5R rifling and target crown provide consistent, reliable accuracy. The standard 5R rifling in each T/C Venture Compact also helps reduce copper fouling, delivering unmatched repeatability in high-use shooting situations and significantly less cleaning time. For improved handling in cold environments when extra layers are needed and to assist with growing shooters, the T/C Venture Compact rifle features an overall length of 40 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches and is standard with a one-inch adjustable spacer included in the stock.

"Thompson/Center understands that while no two shooters are exactly alike, each one expects the highest levels of quality and dependability in their hunting rifle," said Danielle Sanville, Brand Manager for Thompson/Center Arms. "The latest addition to the T/C Venture Compact family pairs the versatile .223 cartridge with an innovative rifle platform that delivers premium features, value and performance. Perfect for new shooters as well as for youth and female hunters, the T/C Venture Compact has been expertly engineered to meet the requirements of any owner."

The T/C Venture Compact is standard with a classic styled composite stock featuring traction grip panels that give the rifle a striking look and positive feel in adverse weather conditions. For easy installation of optics, the rifle comes standard with Weaver-style scope bases installed. The T/C Venture Compact is packaged with the QD sling swivel

studs, a single stack 3+1 detachable nylon magazine and features a reduced weight of 6 ¾ pounds. Like all bolt-action rifles from Thompson/Center, the new Venture Compact is backed by a lifetime warranty delivering added peace of mind to hunters everywhere.

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