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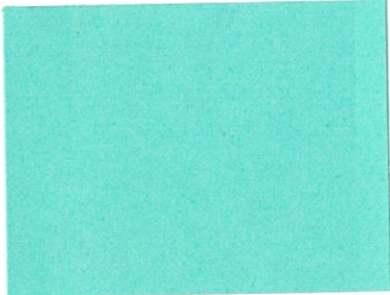
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In regard to Winchester Model 21s, specifically S.Ns. W33100 and W33101, which were built in the 1980s. Both Model 21s were originally conceived to be part of a Model 21-5 Gauge Set consisting of 12, 16, 20, 28 and 410 gauges. However, at the time that I had the 12, 16 and 20 gauges made, Winchester could not build the 28-410 gauge-set for me. The reason being, that I had insisted on consecutive serial numbers to follow the 12, 16 and 20 numbers. Consequently, the project was put on hold.

A couple of years later, Winchester was able to provide me with the consecutive serial numbers, 33100 and 33101 but not in sequence with the original 3-gauge set. So, I continued the project with help from both Winchester and Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Company. I was also fortunate enough to have Nick Kusmit, Winchester Master Engraver, Retired, do the same pattern as was on the original M21-3 gauge set. The wood work was done by John Durkin, Winchester Master Wood Carver, Retired. So, the 2 Model 21s with the S.N. W33100 and S.N. W33101 are listed with the specifications on a separate sheet.

I hope this explains everything to your satisfaction.

Sincerely truly,

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Winchester Repeating Arms Co., Retired



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SPECIFICATIONS-WINCHESTER MODEL 21-S.N. W33100:

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| 28 Gauge-Grand American | 28 Gauge-Extra Barrel |
| 26" Barrel | 26" Length of Barrel |
| 2-3/4" Chambers | 2-3/4" Chambers |
| Right Barrel-Cylinder | Right Barrel-Improved Cylinder |
| Left Barrel-Modified | Left Barrel-Modified |
| Vent Rib | |
| Automatic Safety | |
| Single Selective Trigger | |
| Straight Grip Stock | |
| Red Ivory Front Bead | |
| Skeet Style Beavertail | |
| 21-B Caring for Forearm and Stock | |
| Checkered Butt | |
| 14-1/2" Pull, Drop At Heel 2-1/4", Drop At Comb 1-1/2" | |
| Medium Width Comb | |

SPECIFICATION-WINCHESTER MODEL 21-S.N. W33101:

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| 410 Gauge-Grand American | 410 Gauge-Extra Barrel |
| 26" Barrel | 27" Length of Barrel |
| 3" Chambers | 3" Chambers |
| Right Barrel-Cylinder | Right Barrel-Modified |
| Left Barrel-Improved Cylinder | Left Barrel-Full |
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October 10, 2007



I wanted to thank you again for your purchase of the two (2) Winchester Model 21 Grand American shotguns. These guns were made originally as a five (5) gun set and these two (2) were the last ones made in that set. Each gun has two sets of barrels and has it's original factory leather trunk case.

Each gun is valued at \$ 49,000.00 for a total investment of \$ 98,000.00 for the pair.

The 28 gauge gun is serial # W 33100.

The .410 gun is serial # W 33101

I know you will enjoy these unique and rare one of a kind shotguns for many years to come.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Bethel".

Michael L. Bethel
Group Sales Manager,
Fine Gun Room
Bass Pro Shops
3501 Paxton St.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111



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275 Winchester Avenue, Post Office Box 30-300
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


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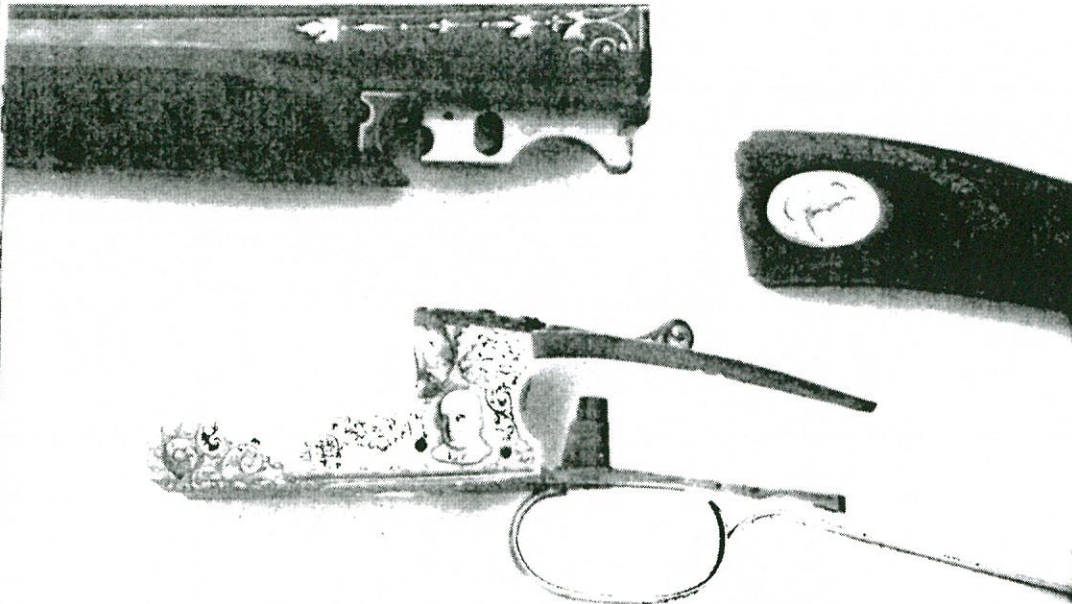
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Custom Shop

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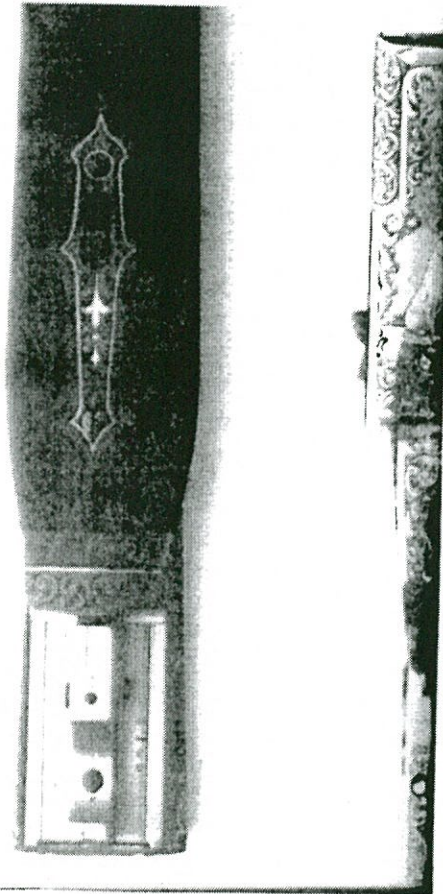


Serial number W9190. Photographs taken in the process of manufacture of the most deluxe Model 21 produced through the factory. The Grand Royal (originally made for presentation to John M. Olin, the gun had not been completed at time of his death in 1982, although the idea for the series and actual production date back to c. 1979-80). All engraving and gold inlaying by A. A. White and so signed. The relief gold portrait of Mr. Olin and other relief inlays are executed in 18 karat gold. Note unique approach to adding engraving and gold work by inlaying the ovals on each side of the stock, just to the rear of the frame and doing it in a way to match the inset cut on back section of the frame. Author considers this gun a strong statement of the ability of the U. S. Repeating Arms Company and its custom shop to carry on the excellence of craftsmanship of past generations of Winchester craftsmen.

A limited series of four additional Grand Royale Model 21s, each of the deluxe nature of the John Olin gun, are in production (numbers W33103, W33104, W33105, W33121). Note: Numbers W33101 and W33102 were part of this series, but the former was partly damaged in production and is no longer a usable gun. Number W33102 was not done in Grand Royal pattern, but in a different style, as requested by the purchaser, and executed by Winchester Custom Shop.

At this writing only the Olin Grand Royale and number W33103 have been by A. A. White, entirely, all other guns have been jointly engraved by White and Andrew Bourbon, who is emerging as one of the foremost engravers and inlayers in the firearms field.

The original Grand Royal concept was inspired by the long association of Kurtz Hardware Company (longtime Winchester jobbers and dealers) and the friendship and admiration of the Kurtz family for Mr. Olin. Kevin Kurtz worked with Win-



WINCHESTER-HOSTETTER.

275 WINCHESTER AVENUE,
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06511
TELEPHONE 789-5000 AREA CODE 203

March 28, 1980

SUBJECT: Model 21 -- Grand American Royal Series

Dear Kevin:

This letter will document our recent discussions whereby you have commissioned Winchester to produce three or four extremely engraved guns that will represent a product appearance considerably enhanced over our present Model 21 Grand American version.

These Grand American Royal guns will be made to your specifications and as you stated to me, they are in celebration of Kurtz's 125 years in business as Kurtz Hardware. You do not plan to resell these guns but do intend to use them as gifts and/or funding-raising endeavors; e.g., auction for charity purposes. After the specifications are finalized, we will provide you with a final price quote to develop the economic details of the work that you commissioned.

Winchester is certainly enthused about supporting your concept of having the Grand American Royal series as the finest modern firearms made in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Dick
Richard M. Pelton
Director, Marketing

SPECIAL GUNS FINAL TEST REPORT

MODEL 21 ORDER NUMBER W33103 "GRAND ROYAL"
 CHARGE SYMBOL 1391 DATE APRIL 24, 1992
 DESCRIPTION OF GUNS ORDERED 1325-00-00-1391
 DATE PROMISED

GRAND ROYAL, 28/26", R.-MOD., L.-FULL, VENT RIG, 2 3/4" CHAM, AUTO SAFE, SING. SELECT TRIG., 28/26", R. & L. SKEET, SELECT. EJECT., GOLD TRIG., EXTENSIVELY ENGRAVED WITH MANY GOLD INLAYS INCLUDING A RAISED GOLD INLAY OF KING BUCK ON TRIG. PLATE, INSCRIPTION IN RIG PANEL "GRAND ROYAL HAND BUILT BY WINCHESTER."

INSPECTOR MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW

SHOTGUN NO. W33103 PATTERN AVE. R.H. BARREL L.H. BARREL
 TEMPERATURE BAROMETER LOAD
 ACCURACY SINGLE BARREL R.H. L.H. SHOT BY:
 FUNCTION OF ACTION RIFLE NO. TARGETED WITH (VOLUMN & KIND OF LOAD) AT (NO. YDS.) FEET
 GROUP AVE.

BARRELS
 CONDITION INSIDE BORE DIAMETER RIFLING DIAMETER
 NO RING BORES OR SCRATCHES VISIBLE FROM FRONT END
 SIGHTS - CONDITION - GENERAL ALIGNMENT - RIB STRAIGHT LEADING
 STANDING BREECH - BBLs. FLUSH BOTH SIDES WATER TABLE FIT

STOCK MAKER: JERRY FISHER
 STOCK FULL FANCY "AA" SHAPE STRAIGHT GRIP PITCH
AMERICAN BLACK DROP AT HEEL DROP OF COMB WIDTH OF COMB
WALNUT GRADE OF WOOD "AA" FULL FANCY AMER. BLK. WALNUT SELECTIVE EJECTION EQUALLY TIMED
 CHECKERING FINISH FLEUR-DE-LIS W/RIBBON - HAND RUBBED OIL FIT CORRECT - BEAVER TAIL STYLE
 WEIGHT TRIGGER PULL SINGLE 5 1/2 LBS. R.H. 5 1/2 LBS. L.H. 5 1/2 LBS.
 CREEP COCKING EVEN LATE EARLY

TAKE DOWN CORRECT FINISH METAL PARTS ROYAL BLUE ON RIBS.

REMARKS
 BBL MAKER: ROBERT C. SCHROEDER STOCK HAS EBONY SIDE
 TOCK MAKER & CHECKERER: JERRY FISHER PANELS, INLAVED INTO
 ASSEMBLER: JAMES MURPHY SCALLOPED RECEIVER,
 ENGRAVER: ALVIN WHITE ENGRAVED SKELETON BUTT PLATE,
 OLD OVAL IN STK. ENGRAVED "KING BUCK"; TRUNK STYLE LEATHER CASE
 WITH A ZIPPER CANYAS COVER; ENGINE TURNED COMP.; RED BEAD FRONT, METAL M.C.
 OR INCHES OF ENGRAVEING AT MUZZER

INSPECTOR (SIGNATURE) James F. Mirrahn DATE

SPECIAL GUNS FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

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| MODEL 52198C | ORDER NUMBER 5798 | DATE 10/8/81 |
| CHARGE SYMBOL CUSTOM 28/36 R.W.G.I. L.W.S.I. OUTSIDE ENGRAVING V.R. | | DATE PROMISED |
| DESCRIPTION OF GUNS ORDERED OUTSIDE INTER. BOLS 28/36 R. MOD L FULL BOTH SETS OF BOLS. 2 3/4 IN CHAMBERS. | | |

INSPECTOR MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| SHOTGUN NO. | PATTERN AVE. | R.H. BARREL SKEW Set #1 | L.H. BARREL SKEW Center - 1/4" High 89% |
| TEMPERATURE | BAROMETER | Set #2 | Center - 3/4" High 53% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACCURACY SINGLE BARREL | RIFLE NO. | R.H. SHOT BY Colburn | L.H. SHOT BY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNCTION OF ACTION | TARGETED WITH (VOLUME & KINDS OF LOAD) | AT (NO. YDS.) | TYPE |
| GROUP AVE. | | | |

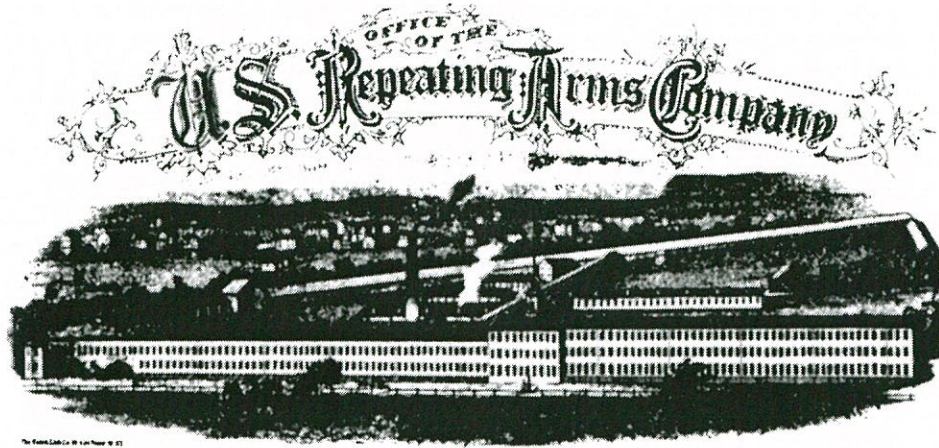
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| BARREL | <input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION INSIDE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORE DIAMETER | <input type="checkbox"/> RIFLING DIAMETER |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> NO RING BORES OR SCRATCHES VISIBLE FROM FRONT END | | <input type="checkbox"/> LEADING |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SIGHTS - CONDITION - GENERAL ALIGNMENT - RIB STRAIGHT | | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER TABLE FIT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> STANDING BREECH - BOLS - FLUSH BOTH SIDES | | |
| MUTT PLATE | SHAPE | PITCH | |
| | LENGTH OF PULL | DROP OF HEEL | DROP OF COMB |
| FORE-END | SHAPE | GRADE OF WOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> SELECTIVE EJECTION EQUALLY TIMED |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECKERING | <input type="checkbox"/> FINISH | <input type="checkbox"/> FIT |
| TRIGGER | <input type="checkbox"/> WEIGHT TRIGGER FULL-SINGLE | R.H. | L.H. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CREEP | <input type="checkbox"/> COCKING | <input type="checkbox"/> EVEN |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> TAKE DOWN | <input type="checkbox"/> FINISH METAL PARTS | |

THIS GUN WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE GRAVE ROYALS BOLS TURNED DOWN OUTSIDE OF FAULT WHEN GUN WAS RETURNED TO US THE BOLS WERE RIPPLED. A PRIME WAS NO FROM PRIME AT SHELTER/STATION. GUN RETURNED TO KEVIN KURTZ 1/84 NO SCRAP 2/1/84

REMARKS

INSPECTOR (SIGNATURE) _____ DATE _____

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Model 21, serial number W33103 was completed on April 27, 1992. Following are the specifications to this "GRAND ROYAL" as it originally left the factory.

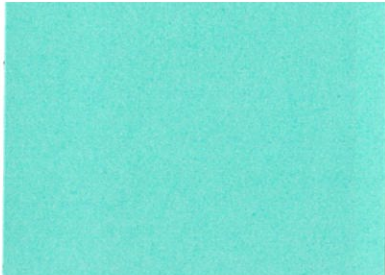
GAUGE - 28 BARREL LENGTH - 26" CHOKE - R. Skeet L. Skeet
 GAUGE - 28 BARREL LENGTH - 26" CHOKE - R. Modified L. Full
 BARREL - VENTILATED RIB CHAMBER - 2 3/4" TRIGGER - Single
 STOCK - Straight Grip EJECTION - Auto SAFETY - Auto
 CHECKERING - Fleur-de-lis with ribbon by Jerry Fisher. BUTT - Checked

Engraving Includes a raised gold inlay of King Buck on the trigger plate with the inscription "KING BUCK". Other features include the "Winchester" horse and rider on left side and King Buck on the right side of the receiver, both in raised gold inlay. Gold oak leaves and delicate gold lines highlight both sides of the receiver. Both the barrel inscriptions and the engraved rib panels "GRAND ROYAL HAND BUILT BY WINCHESTER" are gold inlaid. The rib is a Royal blue finish. The first four inches of barrel from the breech are engraved with gold inlays. Top lever engraved along with gold inlaid of "Winchester" horse and rider. Gold crowns inlaid on top of receiver. Engraving accomplished by Alvin White.

Additional Features Full fancy "AA" American Black walnut stock in the "GRAND ROYAL" configuration by Jerry Fisher, with side panels fitted into the scalloped receiver with a silver and gold plaque inlaid on both sides into the ebony side panels. Both forearms are beavertail style. There are a great many other features to this piece which include a hand rubbed oil finish - red bead front sight - metal middle sight - gold plated trigger - all bright surfaces hand engine turned - gold oval inlay in stock picturing King Buck. Accompanying this set is a trunk style leather case with a zippered canvas cover. Finished blue of engraved parts and the fitting of the leather case accomplished by Custom Shop. The companion to this unique shotgun can be seen on page 448 in the 1989 Edition of R. L. Wilson's book "Winchester Engraving".

Sincerely,
 U.S. REPEATING ARMS COMPANY

 Don M. Find, Manager
 Custom Shop




Again, I'm sorry it has taken so long to get
back to you. I have sent something for David --
hope it gets him started in the sport!

Best regards,



R. M. Pelton
President &
Chief Executive Officer

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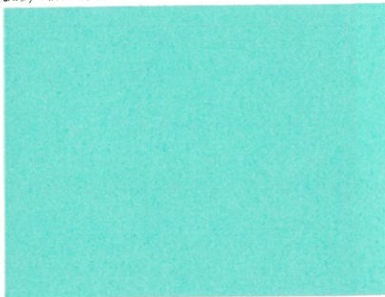
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R M PELTON

President & Chief Executive Officer
(203) 789-5857

April 7, 1986



This letter is certainly long overdue to you and Lynda. Larry and I had a marvelous time meeting you and your family and enjoying some of your guns -- not to mention a terrific meal.

On Friday, I finally talked to Larry Wilson, after trying to get him for several weeks regarding Kevin Kurtz and the Grand American Royal guns. He had no information other than to say one gun had been completed and sold. He suggested I call Kurtz, which I did.

I left word at Kurtz Hardware Friday morning. I then called the old number I had for his residence and an operator said the number had been disconnected. Kevin called me late in the afternoon. Before I could ask about your guns, he said he talked to you the day after I had dinner with you. He said, because of Alvin White's illness, the guns had been delayed but were going to be completed shortly. He said he would be in touch with me about promotion on the series since he was to offer several of his for charity auctions -- I still don't know what the real facts are. I'll let you know if I hear from him. I think my advice to you would be to start to pursue some kind of legal action.



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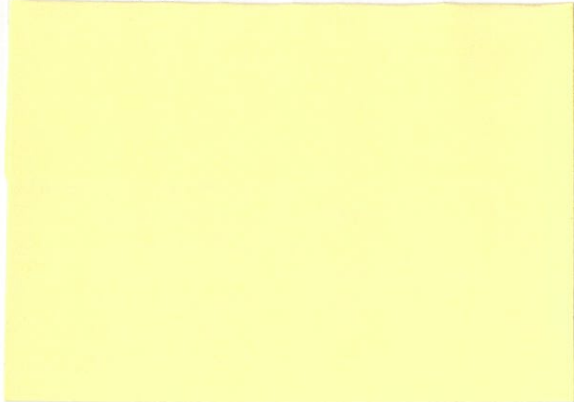
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WINCHESTER MODEL 21 - SERIAL NUMBER 33101

Order sheet: Not Available

Custom Grade

Symbol: G2198C

28 gauge

Barrel Length: 26 inches

Right Barrel: WS #1, Left Barrel: WS #2

Chamber: 2-3/4 inches

Vent Rib

Sights: Red Bead front sight, Metal middle sight

Second barrel set: Interchange barrels 28 gauge, 26" length, Right choke - Modified,

Left choke - Full, Both sets of barrels 2-3/4" chambers

Automatic safety

Engraved: Outside engraving

All wood outside

Charge symbol 3011-000-4222

NOTED ON RECORD: This gun was one of the Grand Royals, Barrels turned down outside of factory, When gun was returned to us the barrels were rippled, Frank was

NG from poor attempt at skeletonizing, Gun returned to Kevin Kurtz 1/84, NG, Scrap

Order number: 5798

Inspection started: October 08, 1981

Inspection finished: February 07, 1984

Date: August 04, 2016 - Searched by: gm

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If your Winchester should require repair, send or deliver the complete firearm to the Authorized Service Center located nearest you. A listing of these centers is inside this folder.

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The gun owner is responsible for periodic inspection and proper maintenance by a qualified gunsmith to ensure that this firearm remains in proper adjustment and that worn parts are replaced.

WINCHESTER-*Western* Product Service Department
275 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut 06504



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