

# The Creation of the Black Thunder



Our lever guns have always been very traditional in look and styling. Fine walnut and well-polished metal along with checkering and old-style lever gun features have been our stock in trade. We thought we might branch out a little bit away from our norm.

We had noticed a trend in the configuration of direct order customer guns. A significant number of customers had ordered dark laminate stocks. We also had numerous requests for a way to mount a light on the Model 89 to facilitate night hunting for hogs. This got us thinking that combining these, along with some other features, would create a new product that might meet a demand from the shooting public.

Around this same time, we began working with a new marketing consultant. I had dinner with Matt Foster of FMJ Marketing during SHOT Show 2020. He had mentioned that while working for another lever gun manufacturer, he designed a black gun that had a number of the same features as the new product we were envisioning. His design turned out to be a sizable hit with the public and sold a lot of guns.

Matt's previous work had a significant influence on the design of our [Model 89 Black Thunder](#) as an all-black gun. The black laminate stocks look particularly handsome mated with our Hunter Black nitride finish.



We added several other features to make the standard Model 89 appear more tactical. The Scout Scope Mount was a natural choice. One can mount a scout scope or Red Dot Sight to aid in getting the fine accuracy potential in our rifles.



The Tactical Forend was truly a departure from our normal setup. It has MLOK slots that allow the shooter to add a light for hog hunting or a laser or anything else one can think of to enhance the shooting experience.



A tank-style muzzle brake on the shorter 16” barrel caps off the design by allowing faster recoil recovery. Of course, we retained the Skinner bolt-mounted rear aperture sight and front white dot sight for fast target acquisition.



All of these features combine to make the Black Thunder Model 89 unique in today's market. We also decided to make this a limited run of a hundred rifles, so don't hesitate or you might miss out!



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