

# The Creation of the Model 89 White Lightning



In the heart of every innovation at Big Horn Armory lies a story of inspiration, craftsmanship, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Today, we are delving into the fascinating journey behind one of our recent creations: the [Model 89 White Lightning](#). This tale is not just about the birth of a firearm; it is about how we listened to you, our valued customers, and responded with a product that not only meets but exceeds expectations.

The genesis of the Model 89 White Lightning can be traced back to the overwhelming success of its predecessor, the [Model 89 Black Thunder \(M89BT\)](#). The idea to craft a Matte Stainless Steel version of this iconic model was ignited by customer feedback. Our customers asked for a tactical lever gun that combines the raw power of the 500 S&W with the sleek, durable finish of stainless steel. We listened, and the White Lightning was conceived as the logical extension of the Black Thunder, tailored to our customers' demands.

Our journey to create the White Lightning was driven by a clear set of goals: to satisfy the demand for a high-quality, tactical lever gun that embodies both functionality and aesthetic appeal. The challenge was not just in creating another lever gun, but in incorporating tactical



features such as the M-Lok forend tip, muzzle brake, and gray laminate furniture, which set it apart from our standard offerings like the [Model 89](#) or the Model 89BT.

Throughout the design process, we prioritized customer experience and functionality. The choice to employ a lighter Matte Stainless Steel finish was a direct response to customer requests. This decision not only enhanced the firearm's visual appeal, but also contributed to its performance, versatility, and the ability to add tactical accessories such as lights, lasers, and optics.

Incorporating cutting-edge technologies, we utilized a specific matte Cerakote® finish on top of our stainless steel parts to create a product that stands up to the toughest conditions. This combination ensures unparalleled durability and reliability, reinforcing our commitment to producing firearms that last a lifetime.

At Big Horn Armory, we take pride in our craftsmanship. The Model 89 White Lightning is no exception, embodying our standard of old-world handwork to create what we believe are the most beautiful lever guns in the world. Stainless steel and Cerakote are not just materials, they are a testament to the durability and reliability we promise.

The journey from the initial concept to the final production stage of the White Lightning spanned several months. This period was marked by significant milestones, including the development of unique methods for integrating the Cerakote finish with our standard production procedures, ensuring that every firearm meets our rigorous standards.



The Model 89 White Lightning is designed for those who demand the best in big-bore performance. Its tactical features make it especially useful for night hunting, where laws permit, offering an unmatched level of versatility.

The development of the White Lightning was significantly influenced by market trends and customer feedback. The demand for tactical lever guns highlighted a niche that we were more than eager to fill. Looking ahead, Big Horn Armory is excited to announce several new and innovative products that we believe will meet, if not exceed, the high demand and expectations of our customers. As we continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, we invite you to join us on this exciting journey. The future of Big Horn Armory is bright, and we look forward to sharing it with you.



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