



Lever-Action Rifles in Modern Tactical Use: A Forgotten Option?

For decades, the lever-action rifle has been synonymous with the Old West, hunting, and classic Americana.

However, in recent years, these rifles have experienced a resurgence—not just among collectors and hunters but also in tactical and survival scenarios. Once considered obsolete in the face of semi-automatic platforms, lever guns are proving their worth in the modern era, particularly in states with restrictive firearm laws and among those seeking a versatile, powerful alternative for defensive use.

The Tactical Advantages of Lever-Action Rifles

Lever-action rifles offer several tactical advantages that make them a

viable option for today's shooters.

Unlike modern sporting rifles, lever guns often bypass many restrictive state regulations due to their traditional design. This makes them an attractive choice for those living in states with magazine capacity limits or bans on semi-automatic rifles.

Beyond legal considerations, lever-action rifles are lightweight, maneuverable, and fast-handling. Their slim profile makes them easy to carry and store, and their cycling speed—while not as fast as a semi-auto—is quicker than many assume. With practice, a skilled shooter can deliver rapid follow-up shots with surprising efficiency.



Big Horn Armory Model 89 Black Thunder

Big Horn Armory's Modern Tactical Lever Guns

Big Horn Armory has taken the concept of a tactical lever gun to the next level with the [Model 89 Black Thunder](#) and the [Model 89 White Lightning](#). These rifles blend the heritage of the lever action with modern features that make them highly effective for tactical applications.

- **Powerful Chamberings:** Chambered in .500 S&W, the Black Thunder and White Lightning deliver significant stopping power, making them formidable choices for personal defense, hunting, and law enforcement applications.
- **Durability & Reliability:** Constructed from precision-machined stainless steel with a black nitride or laminate grey finish, these rifles are built to withstand harsh environments.

- **Tactical Enhancements:** Features such as M-LOK attachment points, threaded barrels for suppressors, and integrated rail systems make these rifles adaptable to modern accessories, including optics, lights, and lasers.
- **Legal Workarounds:** As non-semi-automatic firearms, these rifles often bypass restrictive gun laws, allowing users to maintain firepower and flexibility in areas where AR-style rifles are limited or prohibited.



Big Horn Armory Model 89 White Lightning

A Lever Gun for Every Mission

For those seeking a reliable rifle for home defense, vehicle carry, or survival preparedness, the Model 89 Black Thunder and White Lightning offers a compelling alternative. Whether navigating legal restrictions, looking for a powerful truck gun, or

simply embracing the reliability of a lever-action rifle in a [tactical setup](#), these firearms stand out as a modern solution with timeless performance.

As more shooters recognize the capabilities of lever-action rifles in

contemporary roles, their place in tactical scenarios is no longer a relic of the past but a powerful option for the present. The question isn't whether lever guns belong in modern tactical use—it's whether you're ready to take advantage of their potential.



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