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Thompson/Center Arms Introduces New HotShot™ Youth Rifle

ROCHESTER, N.H. (January 19, 2010) – Thompson/Center Arms Company, Inc., a Smith & Wesson company, has added a new level of excitement to recreational shooting with the introduction of the new T/C® HotShot™. Chambered in .22LR, the HotShot offers young and novice shooters a highly accurate, lightweight single-shot rifle, designed with safety features that will provide unlimited hours of enjoyment and a lifetime of reliability without breaking the bank.



HotShot™ Youth Rifle

Designed to look just like Dad's T/C Pro-Hunter, the Thompson/Center HotShot features an easy to operate break-open design, accessible via the trigger guard release. Manufactured with a blued steel 19-inch precision rifled barrel with target style crown, the new HotShot delivers the top-notch

accuracy that consumers have come to expect from all Thompson/Center firearms. With an unloaded weight of only 3 pounds and an overall length of 30 ¼ inches, the HotShot provides youth and first time shooters with a versatile rifle that incorporates safety features and is easy to use. The new HotShot also employs Thompson/Center's patented hammer and trigger mechanism for safe, simple and quick operation. In addition, Thompson/Center has made first time instruction for novice shooters even simpler with an adjustable peep sight and ramp front sight along with an ambidextrous composite stock that has been scaled down to allow for an 11.5-inch length of pull. The rifle is also drilled and tapped, allowing users to easily install optics.

“The new T/C HotShot is the perfect firearm for introducing new shooters to the joys of recreational shooting while also providing a great option for small game hunting,” said Tom Kelly, Vice President of Marketing for Thompson/Center Arms. “The most important features on the HotShot are safety and accuracy. With the rifle's single shot design and hammer block trigger, the HotShot is designed not to fire until the hammer is cocked. Coupled with a T/C performance barrel, the HotShot is the best choice for beginning shooters.”

Available in three-color options (black composite, Realtree® AP camouflage and pink AP camouflage), the T/C HotShot is suited for any outdoor activity. Made entirely in the United States and backed by Thompson/Center's famous lifetime warranty, the new HotShot offers the entire family a quality .22LR that will be relished for years to come.

The HotShot will be available in April with an anticipated retail price of \$229 to \$249. For more information on the Thompson/Center HotShot, or to view the complete line of Thompson/Center Arms firearms and accessories, visit www.tcarms.com.

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