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Model 1895 Rifle Serial Number 20510

I have examined this fine rifle, inside and out, and have determined it is all original and correct as made by Winchester.

According to records, this rifle was made in 1899.

In total production, the 30-40 Krag chambering was most popular in the Model 1895, and three of four guns for U.S. Production were for the Krag cartridge.

This rifle chambers the .38-72 W.C.F. cartridge, one of the rarer chamberings.

One of the rarest features seen on any Winchester model was the port-round, port octagon barrel. Number 20510 has this feature in the twenty-six inch length.

Very few port-round barrels were produced for this model, and few collectors have such guns in their display.

Matted barrels are very rare in all Winchester models; this feature on our number 20510 is so rare that most collectors and dealers have never seen a Model 95 with a matted barrel.

Under the barrel are seen various stampings; these are "K", "VP" and a star. The "K" and star are inspectors, fitters and assemblers' marks, and the "VP" signifies "revised".

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- proved", indicating the rifle had been visually inspected and gauged or well or proof fired.

A Winchester express front sight and a filler in the rear sight seat are original, and a factory fitted Lyra receiver sight are present.

Deluxe grain walnut was used for the stock and forend, and it is checked in style "H" pattern. Special fancy grain walnut is of especially great rarity in the 1895, and only one of each 900 guns had special wood. In the count of total production, only one of each 1100 guns had carving or checkering.

This rifle has most of the original bluing on the steel parts and most of the original varnish is seen on the deluxe stock and forend.

The many rare features on number 20510, its age, its nearly new condition all make it one of the finest 1895 rifles in existence.

This will be a fine addition to any collection of arms.

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