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STOCK INLETTING

Shooters and hobbyists who undertake custom stock building or refitting to a factory action must take great care in several of the stock inletting processes.

When inletting actions only, start by screwing Forster Stock Inletting Guide Screws into the guard screw holes of the action. The Screws will extend beyond the lower magazine area of the stock.

Next, remove the trigger group with the help of the Forster Universal Drift Punch. Removal of this allows you to concentrate exclusively on the “action to stock” fit. At this point check to see that the guide screws remain parallel. The guard screw holes may have to be slightly enlarged to keep the guide screws straight and parallel. A round, fine cutting file can be used for this.

After this the action can be lowered into the action stock mortise, and you are ready to coat with inletting paint and seat the action to get bottoming readings. Remember that the recoil lug area must be matted firmly into the stock. This is crucial for proper transmission of the recoil shock to the stock. A bedding error of this type can result in bending of the guard screws and tang. Use sharp chisels to carefully remove high spots from the wood. If the action and trigger guard do not screw together properly it will be difficult to get the action to seat to the proper depth. Inlet so that you have 1/32” to 1/16” space at metal to wood surfaces.

Use Forster Stockmakers Hand Screws for the final cinch up of action to stock. Some excellent inletting guides are available in the multitude of gunsmithing books, available at your dealer, library, or bookstore.