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Dear Mr. Wise,

I do not know in which country you have been buying your gun. Anyway this is a short summary which explains some of the key principle of CIP: The proof mark are affixed on the firearm who has passed the tes. We should then assume that your firearms has been tested and approved by the Spanish Proof House. In relation to the incidents/accidents with firearms, these can be caused by multiple reasons: type of black powder, weight of the ball, number of shots, etc. The CIP test give the guarantee of lack of manufacturing process and of the material, but does not guarantee the resistance to the stress. For the muzzle loading firearms in particular, they are tested with black powder, but it exist in commerce many substitutive powder like Pyrodex. You should avoid to exaggerate with the loading and be aware the with the substitutive powder it had been found that the fragmentation of the grain can produce higher pressure up to 30% in comparison to the integral grains.

In conclusion you should always stick to the loading advice of the firearms manufacturers.

Best regards  
Vito Genco

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Mr. Genco:








I got your from the internet while doing a search regarding proof marks on modern black powder rifles.

I have recently purchased a Spanish made .50 caliber in-line muzzleloader that has a Spanish proof mark on it. A friend of mine told me that just because it has the proof mark doesn't mean that my rifle was actually proof fired at the proof house. Is this true?

I thought that the regulations required that if a gun had a proof mark on it that it had to be fired with the recommended proof load?

I'm now concerned that I may have a rifle that has not been tested and may not be safe because I have heard of at least one accident involving an exploding muzzleloader several years ago.

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Dean Wise

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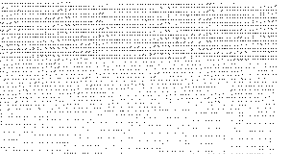
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