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This "denationalized" arms manufacturer is turning out military-style guns destined to become civilian classics.

By Robert T. Shimek

■ As one whose writing specialty is the martial arms of yesterday, I'm especially interested when a modern firearms maker elects to devote some portion of its production line to the manufacture of "repro" military classic guns. Because of this I've long been intrigued by the products of the relatively new commercial firm known as Springfield Armory.

Springfield Armory devotes not merely part of its extensive gunmaking facilities to the manufacture of military classics; it devotes all its efforts toward that end. Hence, this Geneseo, Illinois-based concern represents something truly unique in the world of firearms: a major U.S. arms producer which has prospered for more than a decade by offering only copies of old guns—not new designs, just copies—to the public.

Of course, it's easy to look at today's world of shooting and conclude that what Springfield Armory has accomplished is not at all surprising. Interest in military-style guns is acute at the moment: Practical Rifle competition is growing as a sport; there is a "survivalist" emphasis in the

GUNS OF THE "NEW" SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

