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## **Fast Change Barrel Integrates the Monolithic Rail Platform**

MILAN, IL (January 28, 2005) – Lewis Machine & Tool Company, an Illinois based company that designs, prototypes and manufactures small arms, accessories, and tooling components for law enforcement, military, and commercial manufacturers, announces the Lewis Quick Change Barrel System for M16/AR15 type weapons.

This innovative new system uses a one-piece aluminum receiver incorporating a Picatinny rail system resulting in fewer parts to manage. The top rail runs uninterrupted from the rear of the upper receiver to the front of the forend and the three additional (3, 6 and 9 o'clock positions) rails run from the front of the hinged area of the weapon to the front of the forend. The receiver is available in two lengths, the Monolithic Rail Platform (MRP) rifle length of 20.5" or the Close Quarter Battle (CQB) length of 16.5".

Barrels are available in 10.5", 14.5", 16" and 18". The barrel is secured by two fasteners that run through the bottom of the base of the barrel. A T-handle torque wrench is all it takes for a quick switch of barrels depending on the mission. The barrel is completely free floating. Accessories (lights, scopes, lasers, grips and sights) and/or barrels can be changed with little, if any, deviation to the point of impact or point of aim. Your mission can dictate the length of the barrel and accessories needed rather than limiting your capability by a weapon; in minutes you can go from a perfect fit for urban perimeter patrol to close quarter battle applications. Visible or non-visible laser designator capability, in range and accuracy, is greatly increased because of the superiority in the system being produced by a one-piece construction.

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The beauty of the system is the ability to address mission specific needs and versatility to situations in a short amount of time. The receiver as well as barrel can be removed, replaced, and interchanged in minutes. You have a dedicated firearm with which to use new tactical products that enhance not only the job of a law enforcement officer but also a military professional in the field.

The MRP and CQB MRP are great foundations to use as a basis for building a total system that can be deployed in many scenarios and adaptable to new technologies and accessories. Current integration with other calibers is being developed to offer versatility with the simplicity of changing bolt, barrel and possibly the magazine.

While upgrading your weapon, ask about the Lewis SOPMOD buttstock that was developed and tested by the most demanding professionals. It offers an improved cheek weld for better shooting position and greater comfort as well as watertight battery storage compartments.

Lewis Machine & Tool Company, a 2005 GSA supplier, was founded in 1980 in Milan, Illinois, with the mission of designing and producing the highest quality of products for the military and government agencies. Lewis Machine & Tool Company, known for their innovative Monolithic Rail Platform, provides customers with the highest standards in design, engineering, and quality assurance in everything they manufacture from custom firearms to accessories. For more information, contact Lewis Machine & Tool Company at [sales@lewismachine.net](mailto:sales@lewismachine.net).

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