

NEW ENGLAND FIREARMS HANDI-RIFLE .22 HORNET, \$250

Gun Tests RecommendS: our pick

Though it was a bit hefty at 7 pounds, the Handi-Rifle was our favorite of these two Hornets. Everything worked, and this simple rifle performed adequately for a lot of fun shooting.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	37.2 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	22 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	14.8 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	7.9 IN.
LOP.....	14.0 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	7.1 LBS.
CAPACITY.....	1 ROUND

ACTION FINISH.....	BLUED
ACTION TYPE	BREAK-OPEN SINGLE SHOT
BARREL FINISH.....	BLUED
MAGAZINE TYPE	N/A
STOCK	HARDWOOD
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	3.2 LBS.
WARRANTY	ONE YEAR
TELEPHONE	(978) 630-8220
WEBSITE OR EMAIL.....	WWW.HR1871.COM

The iron sights were excellent on this low-cost, break-action rifle. The rear looked like a Micro pistol sight and was fully adjustable.



One screw holds the forend to the barrel. The rifle would easily fit a backpack, broken down. Different barrels may be fitted, too. Check with the maker for what's available.



The lugs of the NEF and T/C rifles were welded (arrow) to the barrels. Long ago the lugs were forged with the barrel, but that is too costly now. Note the extractor is barely raised from the breech face. This movement is entirely driven by a spring.



Simple, rugged, easy to see, undercut slightly, and attached securely, the Handi-Rifle's front sight was an exercise in how to put a workable sight onto a rifle. Even the high-dollar gunmakers ought to take a good long look at this. NEF did it right.

