

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD



**Browning BPS Special Steel 12 Gauge
Pump Action, \$550
GUN TESTS GRADE: A**

We were particularly pleased with the balance and handling characteristics of the Browning, and its ability to place better killing patterns on targets was also a big plus. Recoil with the slightly lighter shotgun was nearly identical to the heavier Remington and we think that if a hunter is carrying a shotgun in the field for any length of time, the weight difference would be appreciated.



**Remington Model 11-87 Special Purpose
12 Gauge Semiautomatic, \$550
GUN TESTS GRADE: B-**

Patterning performance and the heavy forearm, which impacted the balance of the shotgun, were what we believe are the only two down sides to the semiautomatic. Better patterns might be achieved with different ammunition and some hunters may actually like the extra heft of the Remington. As for whether the follow-up shot was quicker with a semiautomatic or a pump-action, we found that there was little to no difference in second-shot speed.

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