

CZ 550 AMERICAN SAFARI 416 RIGBY, \$1907

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

The CZ 550 had great sights and recoil pad, nice wood, an excellent trigger combined with a useful single-set, protection for the front sight, smooth, controlled feeding and ejection, hinged floor plate, and even a comfortable cheek piece. It came with scope bases, too. We could not seriously fault it.



SPECIFICATIONS

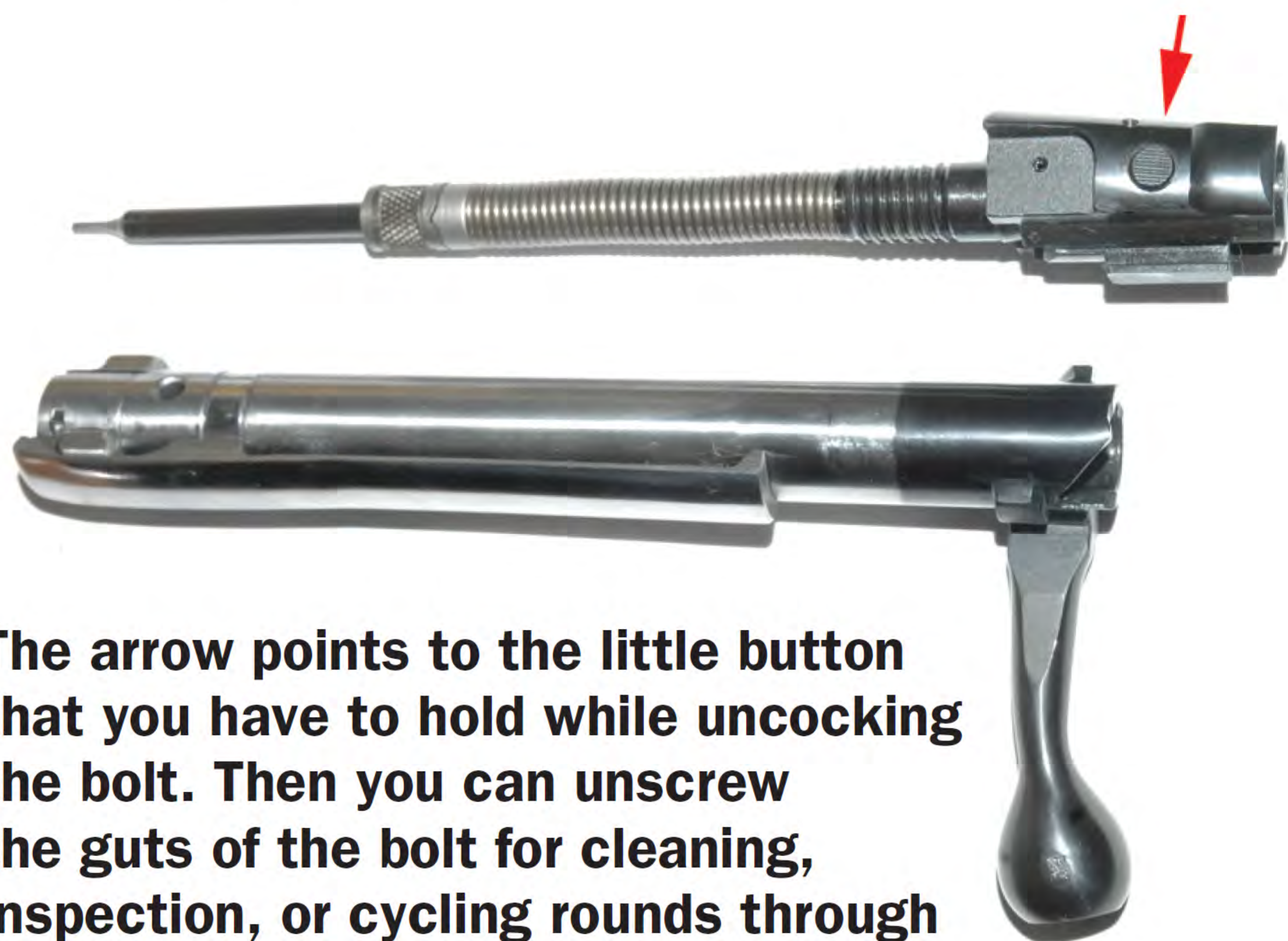
Overall Length.....	46.2 in.	Weight Unloaded.....	9.9 lbs.	Magazine Type.....	Box
Barrel Length.....	25 in.	Weight Loaded.....	10.4 lbs.	Stock.....	Fancy Black Walnut
Sight Radius.....	19.2 in.	Capacity.....	3+1	Trigger Pull Weight Set/Unset.....	1 lb./3.5 lbs.
Overall Height.....	7.9 in.	Action Finish.....	Matte Blued	Warranty.....	Five years (1 yr. wood)
Length of Pull.....	14 in.	Action Type.....	Bolt	Telephone.....	(800) 955-4486
		Barrel Finish.....	Matte Blued	Website.....	www.CZ-USA.com



The nice, though costly, fancy wood on the CZ 550 American got our stamp of approval, though we'd have preferred Turkish walnut. This was a big, long rifle of decent weight for the caliber. It had a single-set trigger that also had a great pull when it was unset. The bolt was slick by the end of our test. The box magazine held three of the big rounds, plus one in the chamber if you want it there. The stock finish was outstanding and very tough.

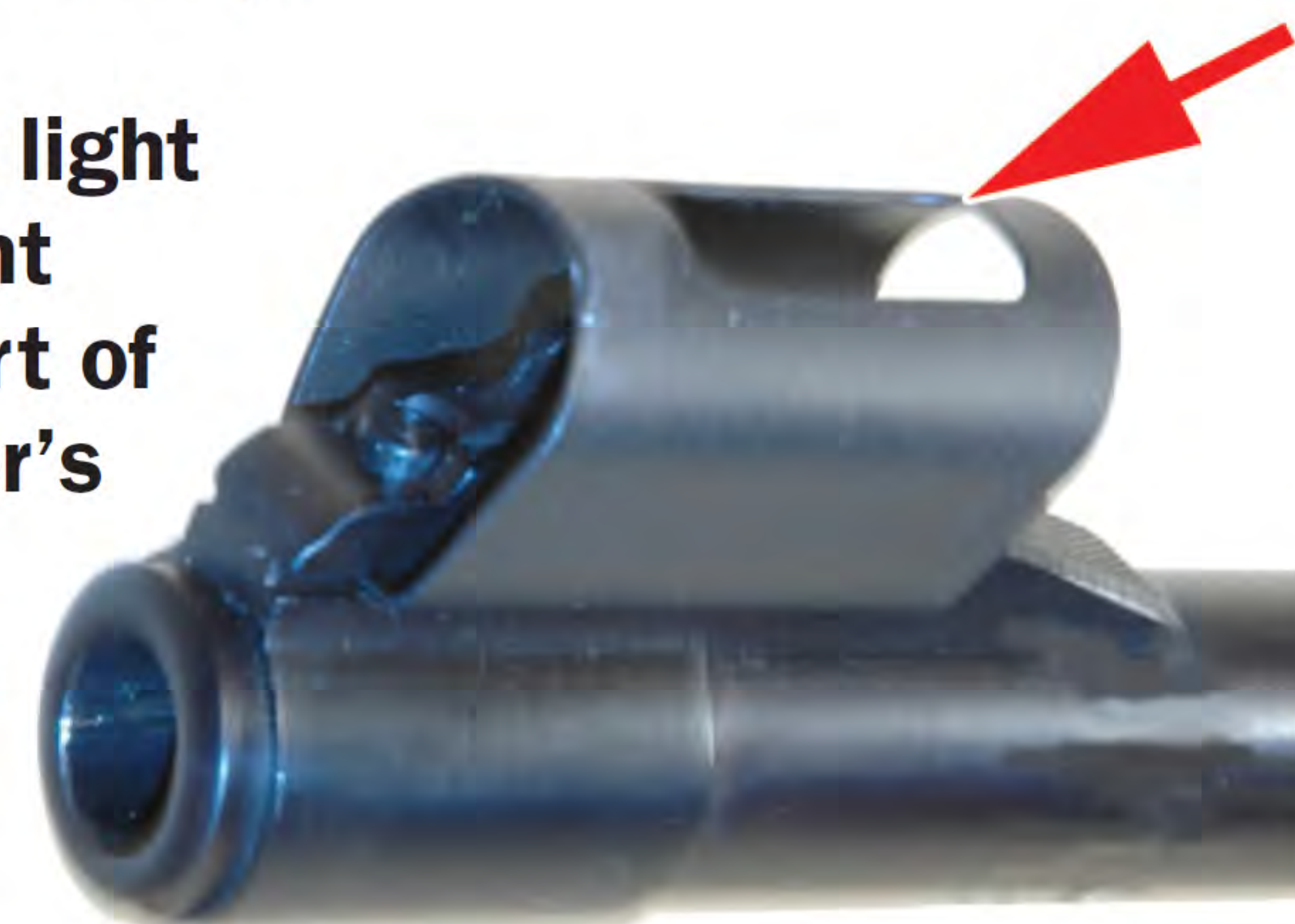


We liked the cross bolts that help keep the stock in one piece. We'd still glass bed it, but heck, that's just us. Some might think the stock is too beefy, but you can get used to it. The CZ had mighty clean lines, we thought. The checkering was well done and tasteful.



The arrow points to the little button that you have to hold while uncocking the bolt. Then you can unscrew the guts of the bolt for cleaning, inspection, or cycling rounds through the rifle in complete safety.

The vented hood let light get to the small front bead. This is the sort of protection the Ruger's front sight needs. We liked the barrel-band base to the CZ's front sight.



The base of the rear sight is integral with the barrel. The forward action screw comes up through the stock into that base, tying the wood to the steel at three points for added strength.



The rear sight had prominent center lines for the wide-angle vee, and folding leaves for 200 and 300 yards. The sights were nearly on the money for us.