

REMINGTON 11-87 SPORTSMAN NO. 29825 3-INCH 20 GAUGE, \$757

Gun Tests grade: A-

The Remington's strength was that it didn't do anything big wrong. Unlike the Mossberg, it loaded fast and easily. Unlike the Browning, we didn't notice any problems mounting it. Yes, it was heavier than the other two, which might be disqualifying for some shooters. Basically, its cosmetics are a metaphor for its performance—low-key, but very competent.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 48.0 IN.
 BARREL LENGTH..... 28.0 IN.
 SIGHT 0.30-IN. VENT RIB, SILVER FRONT BEAD
 DRILLED & TAPPED NO
 LOP..... 14.0 IN.
 DROP @ COMB 1.5 IN.

DROP @ HEEL..... 2.5 IN.
 PITCH -2.5 IN.
 CAST NONE
 BUTTPLATE..... BLACK RUBBER
 WEIGHT UNLOADED..... 7.25 LBS.
 MAGAZINE TYPE TUBE
 MAGAZINE CAPACITY..... 4
 STEEL SHOT CAPABLE YES

SAFETY TRIGGER GUARD BLOCK
 ACTION..... MATTE-BLACK STEEL
 ACTION TYPE AUTOLOADER, RIGHT EJECT
 BARREL FINISH BLACK POLYMER
 STOCK BLACK POLYMER
 GRIP TYPE..... PISTOL GRIP
 CHOKE..... REM CHOKE: M
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT..... 6.6 LBS.



Above: Like the Mossberg, the Remington balanced at the front of the action. Unlike the Mossberg, Remington chose a basic black non-color scheme that placed a premium on non-reflective surfaces. Can a shiny bolt handle or trigger scare off a dove? You never know, and the bigger issue is that you'll never know.

Nothing to be concerned about here. The Remington and the Mossberg had about the same amount of drop at comb, drop and heel, and pitch. The Mossberg had the additional advantage of supposedly providing drop and cast spacers, but our box didn't contain them, so we couldn't evaluate them. Standard behind-the-trigger-guard

crossbolt safety on the Remington echoed the location of the other guns' safeties. All three worked exactly as we would have expected. The Silver's big triangular safety was a little easier to manipulate, our testers said, but it wasn't that big a deal in the overall evaluation.