

MOSSBERG MODEL 500 SYNTHETIC THUMBHOLE TURKEY PUMP-ACTION 12 GA., \$493

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

High-tech moving into the world of shotgun shooting does provide shooters with a steady, stable first shot ability, although the feature does require a little get-acquainted time. Recoil from the firing of 3-inch shells can be felt more in both the shooter's hand and shoulder with this type of stock.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 39.75 in.
 Barrel Length 20.0 in.
 Drop @ Comb 1.0 in.
 Drop @ Heel 2.5 in.
 Length of Pull 14.25 in.
 Weight (Unloaded) 5.5 lbs.

Weight (Loaded 3-in.) 6 lbs.
 Capacity (3-in.) 4+1
 Chamber Size 3 in.
 Choke Tubes XX-F (Ext. Ported Choke Tube)
 Rib 3/8 in. (Ventilated)
 Action Steel, Mossy Oak Break-Up camo
 Barrel Steel, Mossy Oak Break-Up camo

Stock Thumbhole Synthetic, Mossy Oak Break-Up
 Forearm Synthetic, Mossy Oak Break-Up camo
 Trigger Pull Weight 6.0 lbs.
 Warranty 10-Year Limited
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 Made In North Haven, Conn. USA

The safety on the rear of the receiver cannot be as easily accessed with minimum movement when shooting a thumbhole stock as when a standard stock is put into play. This is a minor problem, but with a turkey's remarkable ability to spot any movement in the brush, it is worth noting.



Above: This 20-inch camouflage barrel added to the recoil factor with 3-inch loads, we thought.

Below: The design of the thumbhole stock, with its grip and Monte Carlo-style comb, restricts the use of the shotgun to right-handed shooters.

