

# MOSSBERG MODEL 500 NO. 55216 TURKEY THUG 12 GAUGE, \$409

## GUN TESTS GRADE: A

This style of shotgun stock is what old-school shooters cut their teeth on during their first experiences with a pump-action, and it is still effective today. We liked the grip, feel, and function of the standard stock, particularly during follow-up shots.



### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	43.75 in.	Weight (Unloaded).....	6.5 lbs.	Barrel.....	Black Steel
Barrel Length.....	24.0 in.	Weight (Loaded 3 in.).....	7 lbs.	Stock.....	Black Synthetic
Drop @ Comb.....	1.5 in.	Capacity (3-in.).....	4+1	Forearm.....	Black Synthetic
Drop @ Heel.....	2.25 in.	Action Type.....	Pump	Trigger Pull Weight.....	3.0 lbs.
Length of Pull.....	14.25 in.	Chamber Size.....	3 in.	Warranty.....	10-Year Limited
		Choke Tubes.....	XX-F (Ext. Choke Tube)	Telephone.....	(800) 363-3555
		Rib.....	3/8 in. (Ventilated)	Website.....	www.Mossberg.com
		Action.....	Black Steel	Made In.....	North Haven, Conn. USA



The Lightning Pump Action Trigger System, designated by the lightning logo cut into the trigger shoe, came with a factory-set pull of 3 pounds and was a very pleasant surprise. Very little creep and a quick let off really helps prevent flinching or moving the shotgun in anticipation of recoil.



This stock was a little longer than the camouflage version, with a length of pull of 14.25 inches. The standard stock featured a drop at the comb of 1.5 inches and a drop at the heel of 2.25 inches, providing a good fit for most shooters.



While the barrel of the standard model was ported to help reduce recoil (arrow), firing 3-inch shells in the shotgun was not pleasant. We did like the handling ability and balance of the 24-inch barrel better compared to the 20-inch barrel on the thumbhole-stock version.

The standard model (right) with an extended XX-Full Turkey choke at 40 yards shot impressive patterns. On average, the shotgun produced 26 hits No. 5 shot. The pattern with all three shot sizes was consistently centered on the target.

