

ROMANIAN PSL 54C 7.62X54R, ABOUT \$700

GUN TESTS GRADE: C+

The PSL resembles the AK-47, and in fact uses the same design, but the action is longer and beefed up for the more potent cartridge. We found the stock to be less than ideal from the bench, and not much better offhand. Takedown was a dream compared to the SVT. We had a few failures to feed from the apparently brand-new rifle that we thought would wear in.



SPECIFICATIONS

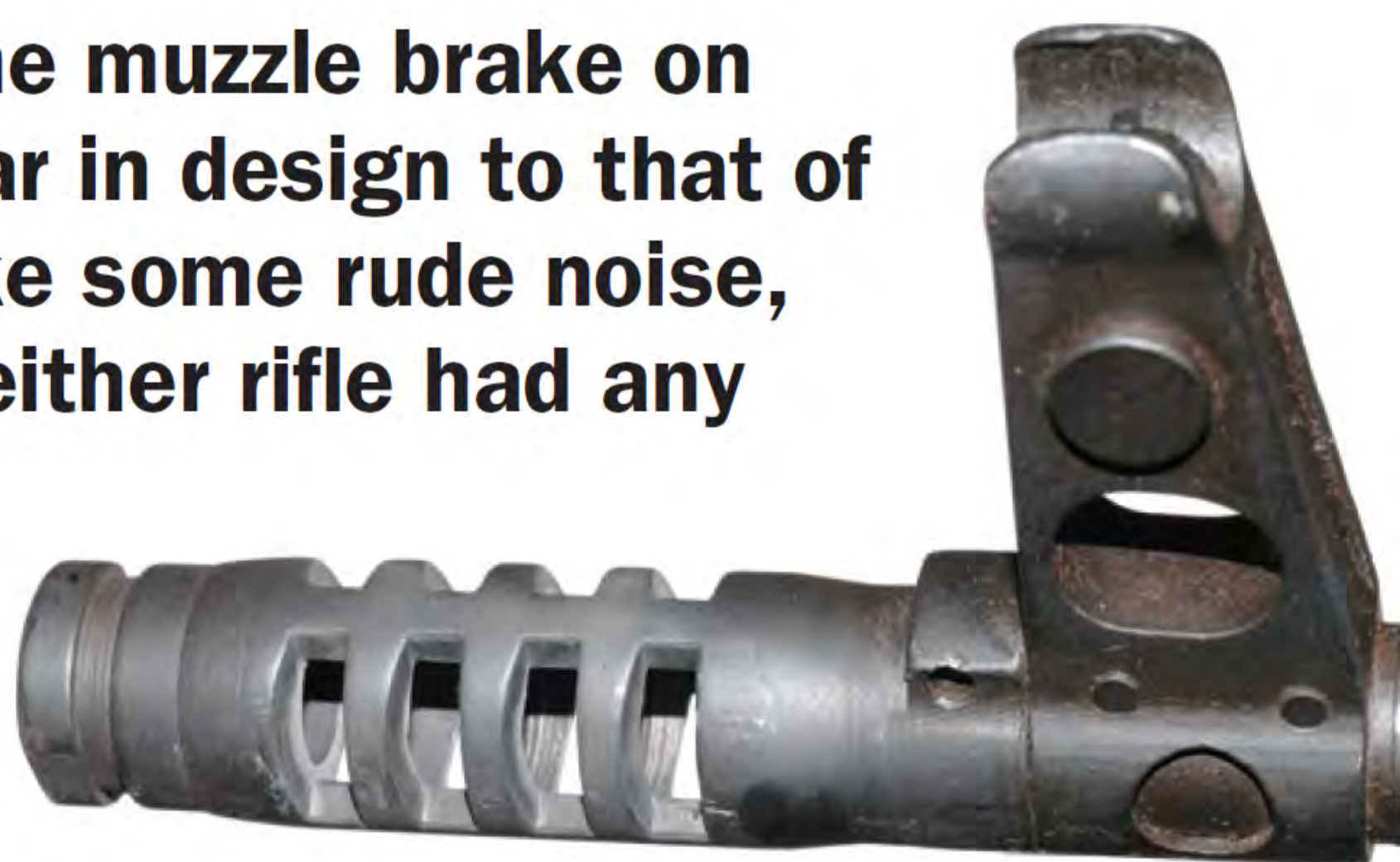
Overall Length	45.5 in.	Weight Unloaded	9.1 lbs.	Magazine Type	Detachable
Barrel Length	26.5 in.	Weight Loaded	9.6 lbs.	Stock	Laminated Wood
Sight Radius	23.5 in.	Capacity	10	Trigger Pull Weight	5.5 lbs.
Overall Height	7.0 in.	Action	Parkerized Steel	Warranty	NA
Length of Pull	12.8 in.	Action Type	Semiautomatic	Telephone	NA
		Barrel	Parkerized Steel	Website	NA



When we had a failure to feed, we had to get

out of our shooting position and peer into the jammed action from the right side, which we found fussy compared to the SVT with its open-top action. Clearing the jams required manually lifting the jammed round and recycling the bolt. As long as the gun doesn't jam, this is a more protected design than the SVT.

Here's a look at the muzzle brake on the PSL. It's similar in design to that of the SVT. Both make some rude noise, we thought, but neither rifle had any noticeable recoil. The front sight is at the top of that big tower.



Right: The laminated buttstock was not to our liking, but it was a strong-looking item. Note the rail (top arrow) for a scope on the left side of the receiver. There are also only two pins near the trigger, going through the action (bottom arrows). That makes this legally "importable." The three-pin versions are for full-auto operation.



It took seconds to get the PSL to this state. One push on the rear takedown button and we were almost there. The parts came out easily and could be replaced or interchanged with ease, making this a far better field weapon than the ancient, machining-intensive SVT design. We don't care for the great length of this rifle, with its 26.5-inch barrel, but that's what you get.

Right: The bolt assembly with its carrier is another great design. The bolt itself can be spun and removed easily. The parts were pretty low on oil when we took this all apart.

