

TOKAREV 7.62 1940 (SVT) ABOUT \$500-\$750

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

This one felt like a rifle to our test crew. It was responsive despite its 4-foot length, and reasonably accurate despite our misgivings about the state of its barrel. The stock seemed to be walnut, and we found it to be comfortable and user-friendly. We thought it was a smooth design that didn't have anything sticking out that didn't need to be sticking out. The machining was near-unbelievable.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	48.2 in.	Weight Unloaded.....	8.6 lbs.	Magazine Type.....	Detachable
Barrel Length.....	26.5 in.	Weight Loaded.....	9.1 lbs.	Stock.....	Wood
Sight Radius.....	22.8 in.	Capacity.....	10	Trigger Pull Weight.....	6.8 lbs.
Overall Height.....	6.5 in.	Action Finish.....	Blued	Warranty.....	NA
Length of Pull.....	13.1 in.	Action Type.....	Semiautomatic	Telephone.....	NA
		Barrel Finish.....	Blued	Website.....	NA



The bolt handle has a through-hole (arrow) for

lightness. The top dust cover is machined, not a stamping. Takedown was odd and tricky, but we found all the parts easy to get back together. The magazine can be recharged from stripper clips.

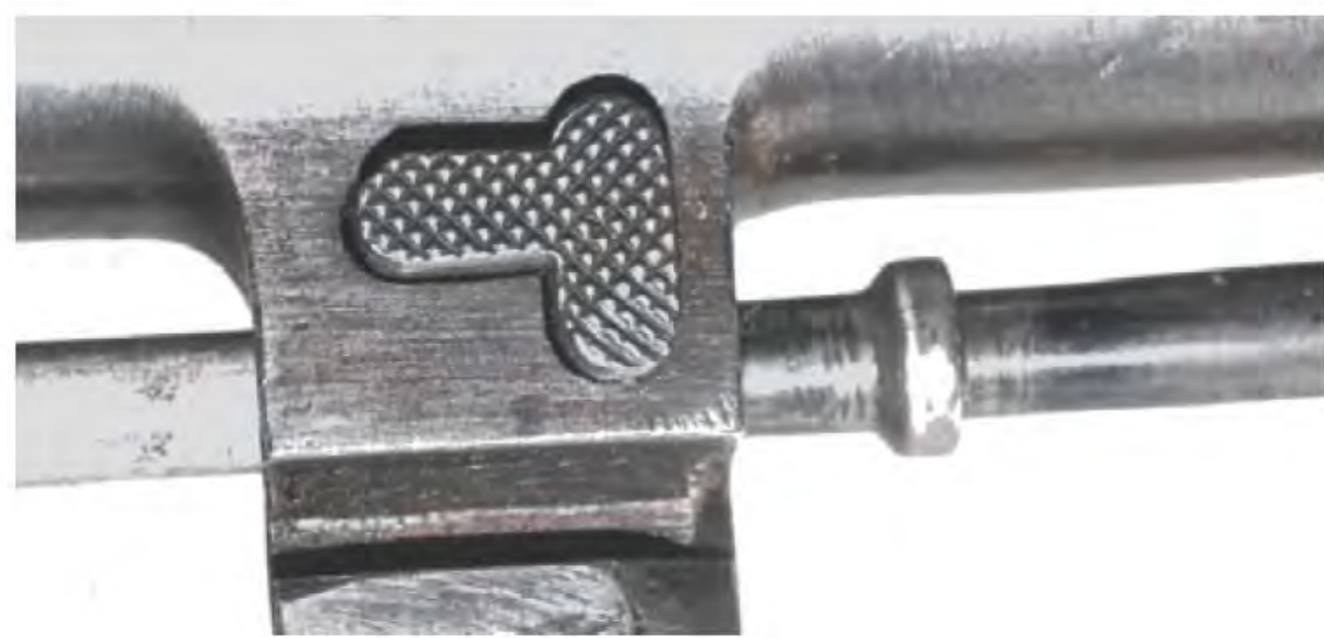


It was not simple to get all these parts out. We had to go to school in *Small Arms of the World* to do it. The trigger group comes out first, and then all the rest if you know their secrets. Seeing the machining inside is nearly worth the cost of the rifle, we thought.

Top: Everything from the gas bump forward, including the bayonet lug, the front sight base, and the brake itself is machined in one piece. The very front of the brake has a plug with flats to unscrew this assembly.



There is a tiny wedge (arrow) halfway up the gas port bump that permits it all to be unscrewed from the barrel. Bottom: The cleaning rod is secured by a lump on its periphery, which locks into this machined lug that also forms part of the bayonet mount. The button is nicely checkered and spring loaded. It works perfectly.



Right: Fully machined, not a stamping, the SVT's dust cover was



a marvel of how things used to be done. The small plug on the right in this photo is the retainer for the recoil spring.



It's welded in there. Right: More amazing machining is evident in the bolt and its carrier. The left end of the bolt (small arrow), close to the carrier knob, is the locking portion of the bolt.