

BROWNING CITORI MODEL XS SPORTING 12 GAUGE OVER/UNDER, \$2120 (USED)

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

Our testers said both the XS and 725 were pleasures to shoot and handle, and they would be happy to add either one to their firearms collection. We gave a slight edge to the XS over the 725 because it cost less and had slightly better performance at the patterning range.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 49.25 in.
 Barrel Length 32.0 in.
 Drop @ Comb 1.5 in.
 Drop @ Heel 2.25 in.
 Length of Pull (adjustable, w/trigger) 14.5-15 in.
 Weight (Unloaded) 8.25 lbs.

Capacity 2
 Chamber Size 2.75 in.
 Choke Tubes Diana Grade Extended (IC & M)
 Rib Width375 in. to .5 in. (tapered)
 Action Silver Nitride Steel
 Barrel Polished Blue Steel
 Stock Oil-Finished Walnut

Forearm Oil-Finished Walnut
 Trigger Pull Weight (bottom) 4.0 lbs.
 Trigger Pull Weight (top) 4.25 lbs.
 Warranty Limited
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 Made In Japan



Although solid and offering a comfortable fit, the stock on the Model XS was a lot plainer, with a definite lack of grain, when compared to the newer Model 725. In this case, the new kid on the block was more pleasing to the eye, in the opinion of our test team.



The palm swell (for right-handed shooters only in the case of these two Brownings) is noticeably larger in the Model 725, right, than in the Model XS. We were evenly split on which swell provided a better grip. It is basically a matter of personal preference.



Above right: The locking systems of both the Model 725, bottom, and the Model XS, feature lugs (arrows) that fit into the bottom of the receiver, forming a tighter system as the shotgun is opened and closed during normal usage, and also helps direct recoil in a manner that reduces barrel jump. Once again, we have a draw.



Slight changes in the end of the Schnabel forearm and in the checking pattern, with the Model 725 newer offering on top, did not appear to have any impact on handling ability between the two shotguns in the field or on the sporting clays range. This part of the match-up ended in a draw.