

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD



Stoeger Coach Gun
No. 31400 12 Gauge, \$369
GUN TESTS GRADE: B

We liked this gun. One unspoken advantage is if you ever have to use it, the Coach Gun will be presented to a jury of your peers and will look just like a simple hunting gun to them, one that you also might use to play cowboy. Contrast that with the nasty look of the 870 held up to the jury in the same light, and then ask yourself which one would you want that jury to see. And of course the Stoeger Coach Gun is in fact an excellent hunting or clay-bird shotgun, so you have at least four good uses for it, hunting, Sporting Clays, playing cowboy, and home protection. Add to that the fact that it'll cost you a lot less than the 870 and we think you'll agree it's the better choice of the two. And it's a lot more comfortable to shoot, too.



Remington 870 Express
Magnum Folding Stock 12 Gauge, \$505
GUN TESTS GRADE: C-

We didn't care for the 870. The gun looks intimidating, and that may be all you need in a fight. If push came to shove and you had to actually shoot a shotgun in anger, you might do okay with the 870. As noted, you have plenty of shots and the mechanism works very well. But you won't be a happy shooter along the way, we suspect. Also, the 870 set up this way is a one-purpose gun. If we ever see one in the field or trap range, we'd be mighty surprised. We think there are better choices.

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