

STOEGER COACH GUN NO. 31400 12 GAUGE, \$369

Gun Tests grade: B

Short barrels, light weight, decent workmanship, low price, and excellent function resulted in our liking the Coach Gun very much. We'd change the auto safety and cut the trigger pull weights, and maybe shorten the stock for home defense.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 36.4 IN.
 BARREL LENGTH 20.0 IN.
 LENGTH OF PULL 14.5 IN.
 DROP @ COMB 1.5 IN.
 DROP @ HEEL 2.5 IN.
 WEIGHT (UNLOADED) 6.5 LBS.
 OVERALL HEIGHT 7.0 IN.
 CAPACITY 2
 ACTION TYPE SxS DOUBLE
 CHAMBER LENGTH 3 IN.

CHOKE(S) IC & M
 RIB FILE-CUT RAISED
 ACTION FINISH BLUED
 BARREL FINISH BLUED
 STOCK WALNUT
 FOREARM BEAVERTAIL WALNUT
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT (R) 11 LBS.
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT (L) 11 LBS.
 WARRANTY ONE YEAR
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Double triggers give you two options for the first shot. We liked the big beavertail forend that kept fingers off the barrels in hot action. The checkering was adequate, and tastefully done. There was no plastic nor any aluminum on this gun except for the butt plate.



Simplicity that works. We'd have liked ejectors, but they'd add to the cost and make this gun illegal for Cowboy Action. We found this gun hard to open with hot loads. We think it would be a good idea to stick with one-ounce loads, even though the gun handled the hottest stuff we tried. The light loads will do it all, are faster to shoot, and easier on the shooter.



The Coach Gun broke down to these three components in a second or two. We found dry wood inside the forend, and fixed it with linseed oil. Note the vent holes in the lower rib.

