

REMINGTON MODEL 870 TAC-2 FS NO. 81402 3-INCH 12 GAUGE, \$692  
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While we cannot condemn the 870 action, we didn't like this particular embodiment of it. Lack of access to the controls, harsh recoil, poor handling, and the inability to quickly gain a proper sight picture all combine to make this "tactical" version clumsy for personal defense.



**SPECIFICATIONS**

OVERALL LENGTH .....39.0 IN.  
 BARREL LENGTH.....18.0 IN.  
 SIGHT .....FROSTED SILVER FRONT BEAD  
 LOP.....14.0 IN.  
 BUTTSTOCK DROP.....NA

BUTTPLATE.....HARD-RUBBER COATED METAL  
 WEIGHT UNLOADED.....8.1 LBS.  
 MAGAZINE TYPE .....TUBE  
 MAGAZINE CAPACITY.....6  
 STEEL SHOT CAPABLE .....YES  
 SAFETY .....CROSSBOLT  
 ACTION FINISH.....MATTE BLACK OXIDE

ACTION TYPE .....SLIDE-ACTION, SIDE EJECTION  
 BARREL FINISH .....MATTE BLACK OXIDE  
 STOCK .....KNOXX FOLDING  
 GRIP TYPE.....PLASTIC TACTICAL PISTOL GRIP  
 CHOKE.....FIXED, CYLINDER  
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....5.25 LBS.  
 WARRANTY .....2-YEAR LIMITED



We found the Knoxx "Tac-2" stock to be an ergonomic nightmare, in part because the pistol grip at the back of the 870's receiver makes easy access to the trigger guard safety arduous. The plastic-coated metal buttstock also kicked the

Left, top: The Remington's 18-inch barrel has a 6-shot magazine capacity due to the supplied and installed two shot magazine extension. The sight on its plain barrel is a dirty semi-silver colored bead, attached to a dissimilar piece of metal that appears to be glued onto the barrel. The Ithaca, bottom, has a 20-inch barrel and magazine that supplies an extra two shots.



The stock hinges over on top of the shotgun (right, arrow), making it easy to snag on clothing and other materials, whether folded, or unfolded and locked open, as shown. Another problem, shown at left, is that the wide span of the metal buttstock also makes the gun cumbersome to get into firing position. An irritant when training outside, in the home the unfortunate hooking and snagging ability of the paddle butt may make the gun slow to deploy.

