

RUGER GUNSITE SCOUT 308 WINCHESTER, \$995

GUN TESTS GRADE: B-

The new Ruger Gunsite Scout looks impressive, efficient, and handy. We found it to be too heavy compared with the Steyr Scout. The Ruger's empty weight without scope is the same as the Steyr Scout with scope and 10 rounds of ammo. However, it is a useful rifle that will find a home with those who cannot come up to the price of the real thing.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 38 to 39.5 in.
 Barrel Length (w/out brake) 17.5 in.
 Sight Radius 20.8 in.
 Overall Height 8.5 in.
 Length of Pull 12.8 to 14.3 in.

Weight Unscoped, Unloaded 7.6 lbs.
 Weight Scoped, Unloaded 8.2 lbs.
 Weight Scoped & Loaded (10 Rds.) 8.7 lbs.
 Capacity 5,10 rounds
 Action Finish Blued
 Action Type Bolt

Barrel Finish Blued
 Magazine Type 5,10 round detachable
 Stock Laminated Wood
 Trigger Pull Weight 4.5 lbs.
 Warranty None Written
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A soft recoil pad rests at the back of an adjustable-length stock. Never mind that Ruger borrowed that concept from the original Steyr Scout. It's a good idea.



The rifle came without scope or proper rings to utilize the sight rail. The checkering was sharp and functional, but we question the use of a laminated stock, known for strength and weight. We'd bet Ruger sticks this rifle into a polymer stock before a year's out. The barrel could also be thinned a bunch.

This hefty steel aperture rear sight is fully adjustable for windage and elevation. We thought the aperture was big enough. We would like to see Ruger offer polymer front and rear sights in these same patterns for those who want the mechanical sights as backup to a Scout scope.



Above: Ruger knows how to make a classic-looking rifle. We thought this was a good start on a proper Scout rifle, but it needs to be taken a bit farther. Left: The trigger guard is plastic and plenty strong. It holds the lever for the magazine latch.

