

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

Savage 10ML-II Model 10MLBSS-II 50 caliber, \$792

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

With unequaled accuracy, trigger, and overall build quality, the Savage 10ML-II wins. A bonus is the Savage's unique ability to use the cleanest, lowest-cost-per-shot-propellants—that being the Savage Arms-recommended smokeless-powder loads that none of the other tested rifles can handle.

Thompson Encore Pro Hunter 50 Caliber No. 3976, \$992

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

The Encore Pro Hunter was discovered to be the second best rifle tested in overall performance terms, but the price was just too much to justify its purchase over the KP1, though it is currently a more mature, better mannered offering.

Knight KP1 Magnum P1M-209-50/SN 50 Caliber, \$640

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

The Knight KP1, despite breechplug and trigger group issues, impressed us as a very good value and as a rifle with a very bright future. This introductory model as tested has a few significant shortcomings, however.

Thompson Triumph 50 caliber No. 8512, \$586

GUN TESTS GRADE: D-

The Thompson Triumph was a disappointment, with intrinsic clumsiness that left us wondering how this established company could have gone so wrong on this gun.

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