

BASCHIERI & PELLAGRI F2 LEGEND SHOTSHELLS

The majority of the shotshells used in our 12-gauge semiauto matchup were B&P 12-gauge 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -ounce F2 Legend 1230-fps shells. They were superb-patterning premium shotshells that deserve a mention.

Baschieri & Pellagri (B&P) is not yet a household name in the United States. Internationally, it is. B&P has been around since 1891, is located in Bologna, Italy, and the company's international shooting success includes championships at every competitive level. B&P is Italy's only private manufacturer of gunpowder. This begins to tell the tale of why total quality control is possible for B&P. The company's employees have invented and manufacture their own powders, they make their own hulls, and they make their own wads in-house. In fact, when you hear of Baschieri & Pellagri wads being used by other manufacturers such as Fiocchi, that shows how highly regarded B&P wads are.

B&P is becoming more aggressive in distribution, price, and customer service in the U.S. as of late. We have not shot all their shells, to be sure. But we have shot large quantities of a specific shell that you need to try for yourself: the 12-gauge 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -ounce F2 Legend, a 1230-fps shotshell. The medal-winning F2 Legend uses B&P's F2 powder invented by Gianni Manfredi, has a B&P wad, and is fitted with the patented Gordon hull.

We ran several shots through a full-choked Browning Cynergy across the chronograph, and amazingly the velocities were within 5 fps of each other. If there has been resistance to those who admit that F2 shells are better performers than other target loads, it is that they are luxury shells with a luxury price. This is no longer the case. As a matter of fact, B&P USA has offered free shipping recently. Delivered to your door, the premium B&P loads are now similar, if not a tad cheaper than many others.

