

MARLIN MODEL 39A 22 LR, \$702

GUN TESTS GRADE: D-

We loved the classic look of this classic gun. Annie Oakley had one, and we know hers worked better than ours. Although well made, nicely checkered and blued, our Marlin had many problems we could not solve.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 40.6 in.
Barrel Length 24 in.
Sight Radius 20.2 in.
Overall Height 7.6 in.
Length of Pull 13.7 in.
Weight Unloaded 7.1 lbs.

Weight Loaded 7.3 lbs.
Capacity 26 S, 21 L, 19 LR
Action Finish Semigloss Blued
Action Type Lever
Barrel Finish Semigloss Blued
Magazine Type Tubular
Stock Checkered Walnut

Trigger Pull Weight Variable, 7 to 8 lbs.
Warranty Five Years
Telephone (800) 544-8892
Website www.MarlinFirearms.com
Made In USA

The Marlin comes apart into three pieces. The bolt is the third part, here lying on top of the stock. A



mounted scope will increase the length of all the rifles when they're taken apart. The Marlin could mount an aperture easily.

Right: The little screw (arrow) has a notch that holds the ejector down. It has to be out of the way to avoid damage while cleaning the barrel from the breech. The ejector is locked out of the way by first pressing it down and then rotating the little screw to trap it. Bottom



Right: Note in the second picture the screw head has been turned 90 degrees. This is fussy, but the ejector is the one item that always worked on this rifle. Empties that we cycled out with the Marlin 39A's lever were always reliably flung far and wide away from the shooter.



If you drop this in the dirt, we think you'll be cleaning it a long time. Pretty much everything of the complex mechanism was exposed with the rifle apart. We found traces of rust on the screw-joint threads, which made takedown harder than it should have been. There was also rust in the magazine, making loading very difficult. We could not easily open or close the magazine, and corrosion was the obvious reason, our testers said.