

BENELLI SUPERNOVA NO. 20115 MAX-4 HD CAMO 3½-INCH 12 GAUGE PUMP, \$599

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

The Benelli SuperNova is a superb shotgun for waterfowling, one of the best pumps we have seen.

It's built right, shoots right, and does everything we could hope for from a shotgun of this type. We don't think the 8-pound weight is excessive for a heavy-duty duck gun; the extra weight pays dividends in its smoother swing and softer shooting. The company's better warranty and superior customer service is icing on this bargain-priced, high-quality cake.



SPECIFICATIONS

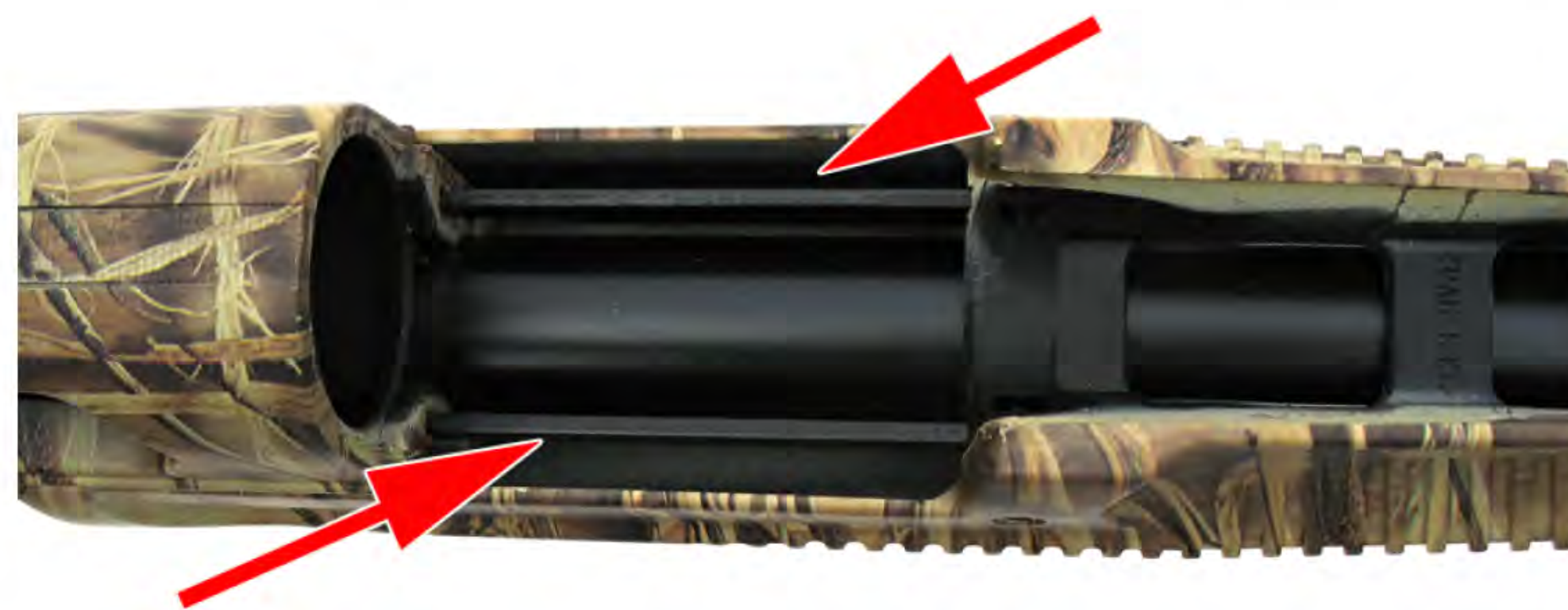
OVERALL LENGTH 49.5 IN.
 BARREL LENGTH..... 28.0 IN. W/VENTILATED RIB
 SIGHTS PLASTIC RED TUBE FRONT;
 METAL CENTER BEAD
 LOP 14.4 IN.
 DROP @ COMB..... 1.4 IN.

DROP @ HEEL 2.25 IN.
 BUTTPLATE..... RUBBER
 WEIGHT UNLOADED..... 8.1 LBS.
 MAGAZINE TYPE..... TUBE
 MAGAZINE CAPACITY 4
 STEEL SHOT CAPABLE YES
 SAFETY CROSSBOLT
 ACTION FINISH CAMO

BARREL FINISH CAMO
 STOCK..... SYNTHETIC
 GRIP TYPE..... PISTOL GRIP
 CHOKE TUBES..... IC, M, F; FLUSH MOUNT
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT..... 7.0 LBS.
 WARRANTY 5 YEAR LIMITED
 TELEPHONE (301) 283-6981
 WEBSITE..... WWW.BENELLIUSA.COM



With the action fully open on the Benelli, it is easy to appreciate how well fitted the forearm is to the receiver. The molded in grooves on the SuperNova gave us a secure, comfortable gripping surface.



The arrows point to the action bars, which are solidly captured by the SuperNova's forearm and the receiver. Compared to the M887, the SuperNova was ball-bearing smooth right out of the box.



Arrow: The Benelli magazine cut-off is built seamlessly into the forearm. If you aren't using it, you'd never know it is there. The magazine tube of the Benelli developed no scratches, despite energetic shucking it still appears as new. The very rough Remington action scratched up its magazine tube almost immediately.