

STEYR CLASSIC MANNLICHER 6.5X55MM, \$2999

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

We borrowed the Steyr Classic Mannlicher from one of our testers, and it had seen some hunting time. The spots on the stock were absorbed oil, but we didn't fault the gun for that cosmetic discrepancy. Already expensive, the Classic increased the financial gap by not including rings found with the others. We noted that the stock was dry, and the muzzle cap was not well fitted to the end of the stock. On the upside, it shouldered nicely and had a free-floated barrel, which likely contributed to its accuracy.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 41.7 in.
 Barrel Length & Twist Rate 20 in., 1:9 in.
 Sight Radius 12 in.

Overall Height 6.3 in.
 LOP 14.25 in.
 Weight Unloaded 7.3 lbs.
 Capacity 4+1
 Action Finish Matte Gray
 Action Type Bolt
 Barrel Finish Matte Gray

Magazine Type Detachable Box
 Stock European Walnut
 Trigger Pull Weight 4 lbs.
 Set Trigger Pull Weight 11 ozs.
 Warranty 1 year limited
 Telephone (205) 655-8299
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 Made In Austria

Right: You can see the barrel's subtle spiral pattern under the blade front sight. The recessed screw (arrow) allowed the front sight elevation to be adjusted. **Left:** The rear sight, a shallow notch, was only adjustable for windage.



Above: A modern polymer box magazine held four cartridges. Remove it by pressing the latches on either side of the rifle (arrow). It could also be partially seated so the bolt could eject a round from the chamber and sent back home without loading the top round in the magazine. Pushing the chrome-plated trigger forward—the back of the trigger was grooved—sets the trigger. The set-trigger weight could be adjusted via a screw in the trigger (arrow).

Above Left: The push-feed bolt is chrome plated. The transition from receiver to bolt shroud was smoothly machined and looked like one piece. **Above Right:** The Steyr's action was slick, and the 70-degree-lift bolt could be palmed from the shoulder after a few break-in magazines.

Right: The Steyr's full-length stock had a Bavarian-style bent comb and angular cheekpiece. The oil-finished European walnut had hand-cut checkering.



Right: The three-position rotary safety was a knurled wheel operated by the shooter's thumb. All the way back is the Fire position. The middle position is Safe (as shown) and allows only the bolt to be operated. All the way forward locks the bolt closed, and a small gray button pops up, locking the safety. Push the button down and rotate to fire.

