

REMINGTON MODEL 700 CDL 100TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION 375 H&H MAG, \$1450

GUN TESTS GRADE: B-

We think Remington knows how to make a good-looking rifle, and this one's no exception. While some don't like contrasting forend tips and pistol-grip caps, this was a well-done version of that. The rifle had a slim wrist, comfortable forend, and to our surprise, given its light weight, it was comfortable to shoot from sitting with no scope and with the hottest test ammo. That cheekpiece helped, as did a well-rounded comb, and a thick recoil pad.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length..... 42.8 in.
 Barrel Length..... 22.0 in.
 Sight Radius..... 15.0 in.
 Overall Height..... 6.8 in.
 Length of Pull..... 13.8 in.
 Weight Unloaded..... 7.2 lbs.

Weight Loaded..... 7.5 lbs.
 Weight Scoped..... 8.8 lbs.
 Capacity..... 3+1
 Action Finish..... Matte Blued
 Action Type..... Bolt
 Barrel Finish..... Matte Blued
 Magazine Type..... Fixed Box

Stock..... Walnut
 Trigger Pull Weight..... 3.7 lbs.
 Warranty..... Two-Year Limited
 Telephone..... (800) 243-9700
 Website..... Remington.com

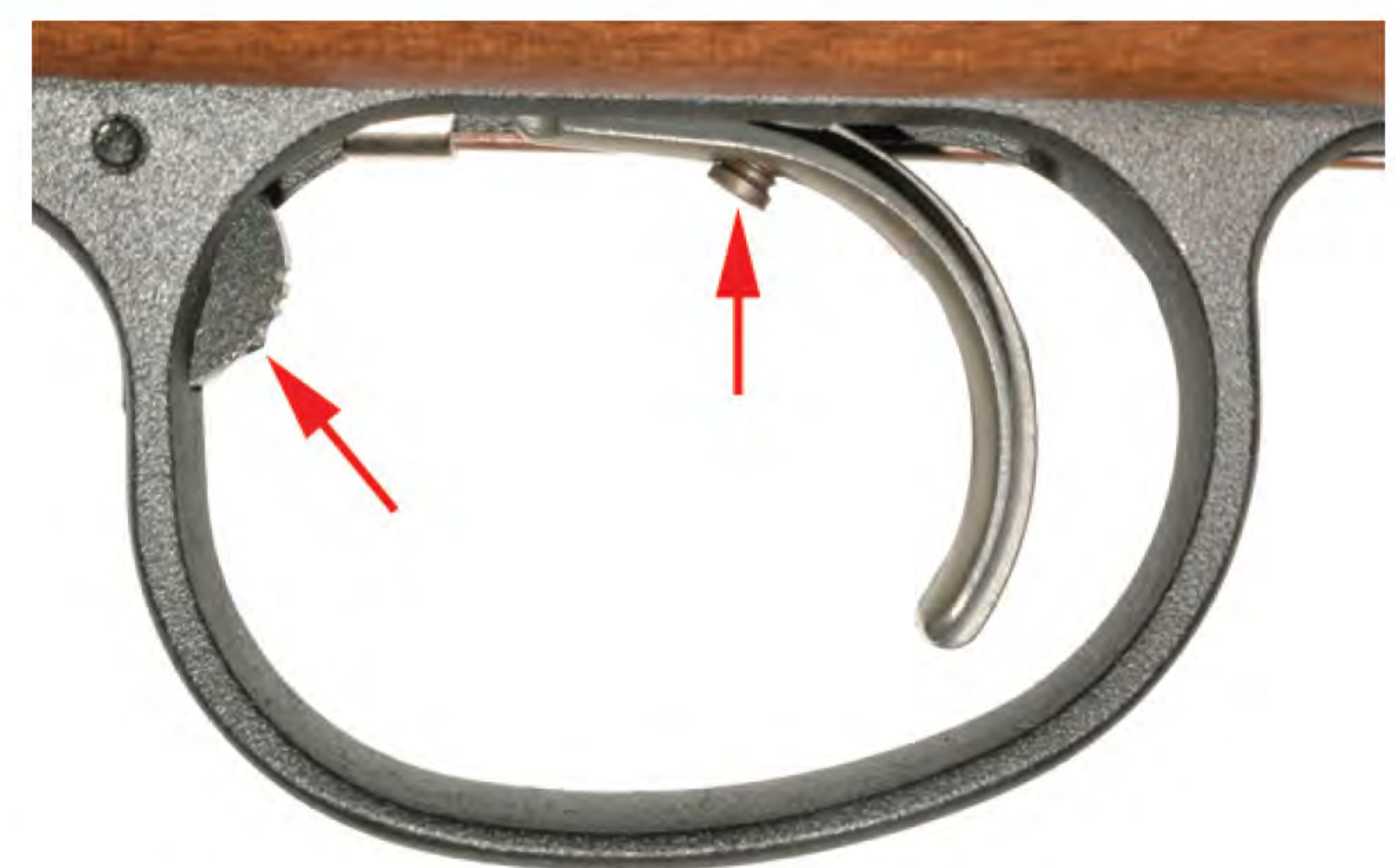


Where did Remington get that border design for the wrist checkering? We really didn't like it. The sharp edges of the wraparound checkering on the forend demanded sharp edges on the wrist, too. The stock finish was superb, as was the metal finish.



Here is what really put us off this rifle and caused our loss of confidence in it. The magazine box on the left side is hanging out a good eighth of an inch. It's not supposed to do that, and there's no way to fix it. The stock has been contoured too short to properly fit the metal. If a blunder like this is visible, what else might be wrong that we can't see?

This pad was a full 1.5 inches thick and it worked extremely well. Ruger, take note!



There were problems here, though. The Remington was mighty light for such a caliber as the 375 H&H Mag. At just 7.2 pounds, it had about the weight of some 308s. But if you can handle it, it might be just what you need. We put a heavy scope on for our bench work. We had trouble loading the magazine, just as with the Winchester.

We thought this looked like an amateur add-on. Its bluing didn't match the rest of the rifle. However, if you don't like it you can remove it.



The arrows point to a sharp-edged adjusting screw for the new Remington trigger, top, and to the magazine release, left. The latter took just a light touch to dump all the rounds on the ground, making this into a slow single-shot rifle.