

CHURCHILL DOUBLE 470 HERCULES MODEL, \$40,000

Gun Tests grade: A

Deceptively simple looking, the Churchill double 470 Hercules Model represents the evolution of a concept that dates to the time of the flintlock, two reliable shots as fast as needed. Its low-pressure cartridge is one of the best for hunting dangerous game under most conditions.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	40.8 IN.	ACTION FINISH.....	RUST BLUED
BARREL LENGTH.....	24.0 IN.	ACTION TYPE	BOXLOCK
SIGHT RADIUS.....	17.1 IN.	BARREL FINISH	RUST BLUED
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	8.8 IN.	MAGAZINE TYPE	N/A
LOP.....	14.8 IN.	STOCK	CHECKERED WALNUT
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	10.6 LBS.	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHTS..	5.4 LBS. RIGHT, 5.5 LBS. LEFT
CAPACITY.....	2	WARRANTY	N/A

Two triggers, two barrels, two simple but extremely well made locks, surrounded by fine engraving. There's nothing extra, but nothing left out. You get what you pay for.

We liked the gold "470" set in rich bluing, surrounded by the words "Hercules Model, Finest Quality." The case colors were still very much present, though faded over 80 years. The bluing was all original, and about 99-percent of it was still present. Note the wide trigger guard.



Above left: The rear of the barrels were engraved. The maker's name is in that banner on the side of the action. Westley Richards is not the only British maker who built best-quality boxlock ejectors. Right: The doll's head extension adds to the lockup, which was extremely tight. The low-pressure 470 round works well in double rifles, unlike most modern cartridges.