

SPRINGFIELD CUSTOM 458 WIN. MAG., \$15,000

Gun Tests grade: A

The rifle's looks are based on early British sporting bolt-actions. This was a well-balanced, fast-handling bolt rifle that would be a suitable replacement for a double, within its limitations. While it cost a lot less than a comparable double rifle, it still represents important money. A similar rifle today by a top custom maker can easily run to \$20,000. We liked the aperture sight.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 42.2 IN.
BARREL LENGTH 22.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS 25.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT 8.7 IN.
LOP 14.0 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED 8.2 LBS.
WEIGHT SCOPED 8.8 LBS.

CAPACITY 3+1
ACTION FINISH RUST BLUED
ACTION TYPE BOLT
BARREL FINISH RUST BLUED
MAGAZINE TYPE BOX
STOCK CHECKERED WALNUT
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT 3.7 LBS.
WARRANTY N/A

Here we see the checkering wrapping the wrist over the top. The forend checkering also wraps around. Classic lines and slick operation were the hallmarks of this rifle, but we thought it was too light for African use.



Yep, that's a chickadee on a 458. The concept of a theme for engraving is sometimes overlooked. This one has it in spades.



This shows the Mauser, left, and the Springfield bolt heads. The latter feeds perfectly, but the other one had sharp edges on the bottom of the extractor that caused feeding jams. It's the little things that count.

