

SAVAGE MODEL 25 CLASSIC SPORTER 223 REM., \$616

Gun Tests grade: A

The new Savage Model 25 proved to be the class of the field, with a jeweled bolt, a quieter safety than the CZ, an elegant magazine treatment, and a quick 60-degree bolt lift that was both fast and made scope mounting a breeze. It was clearly the most accurate rifle tested, had the best conventional trigger pull, and was also the least expensive.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH41.75 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....22.0 IN.
SIGHTS.....WEAVER BASES FACTORY INSTALLED
LOP.....13.5 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....7.15 LBS.
CAPACITY.....4+1

ACTION FINISH.....BLUED
ACTION TYPE SOLID BOLT, TRIPLE LOCKING LUG,
.....60 DEGREE BOLT LIFT
BARREL FINISH.....HIGHLY POLISHED BLUED
RATE OF TWIST1:9
MAGAZINE TYPE DETACHABLE BOX
STOCK . SATIN AMERICAN WALNUT, BLACK FORE END TIP
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....2.7 LBS., ADJUSTABLE
WARRANTY 1 YEAR
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The one-piece structural polymer magazine-well/trigger guard was well designed and attractive, offering a snag-free understock we appreciated.



The rapid five-shot firing with American Eagle bulk ammo demonstrated that the Savage was not just easy to shoot, it was easy to shoot well. It was hard not to shoot sub-MOA groups with this rifle, even with economical ammunition.



At a glance, the Model 25 looks like the big brother to Savage's 93R17 Classic 17 HMR, but this is a brand-new action. It has a solid bolt, no floating bolt head, and a threaded and pinned barrel array.



It retained the Accu-trigger, with a two-position thumb safety at the right of the action (arrow). Those Weaver bases above the bolt handle came installed, which we liked.