

## VZ-24 CUSTOM MAUSER 458 WIN MAG, \$1500

Gun Tests grade: D

Though the basics were there on this Mauser-based rifle, we were not happy with the setup. Feeding was questionable, bedding was lacking strength, the scope was a joke, and we all hated the muzzle brake. But it would not take much to make this a workable fun gun, if not a truly fine custom rifle.



### SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH ..... 42.5 IN.  
BARREL LENGTH ..... 22 IN.  
SIGHT RADIUS ..... N/A  
OVERALL HEIGHT ..... 10.2 IN.  
LOP ..... 14.0 IN.  
WEIGHT UNLOADED ..... 9.0 LBS.  
CAPACITY ..... 3+1  
ACTION FINISH ..... BLUED

ACTION TYPE ..... BOLT  
BARREL FINISH ..... BLUED  
MAGAZINE TYPE ..... BOX  
STOCK ..... CHECKERED WALNUT  
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT ..... 4.4 LBS.  
WARRANTY ..... N/A

The Mauser 98 is a great one for conversion to 458, but this one needed lots more work. The stock was adapted from another rifle, and had some raw wood here and there, plus a filler beneath the safety lever.

We hated this thing, even though it cut recoil. The blast threw dirt and grass into the air, and the noise was painful on our ears. This would be the first thing to go.

We liked the bolt handle and the safety. The scope was suitable for rimfires, and its mounts were not up to long-term service on the 458.

Inside the stock there was no finish on the forend wood. The only brace against the fierce recoil of the 458 was a lone Mauser-type cross bolt. That tiny block of wood in front of the trigger cutout needs a small reinforcing bolt, and the barrel needs a second recoil lug inletted into the forend, or the stock will split.

