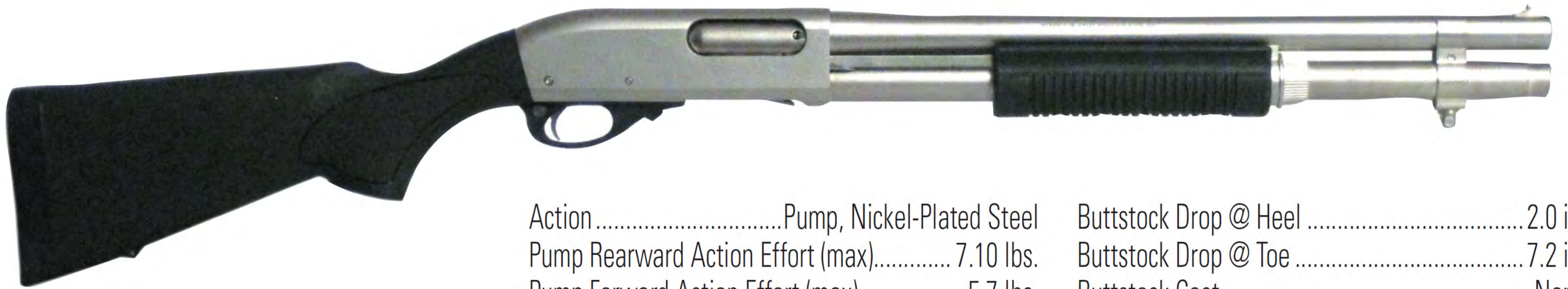


**REMINGTON MODEL 870 SPECIAL PURPOSE EXPRESS MARINE MAGNUM
NO. 25012 3-INCH 12 GAUGE, \$772
GUN TESTS GRADE: C+**

This is a durable 12-gauge utility gun that resists corrosion. Electroless nickel plating covers all metal, including the inside of the barrel and the steel receiver. The fixed synthetic stock had a great recoil pad. The 18-inch Cylinder-choked barrel was handy. We were disappointed that the receiver wasn't drilled and tapped like the Mossberg—perhaps that's a function of its corrosion package. The padded Cordura sling and sling swivel stud attachment points on the buttstock and barrel brace made carrying a snap. If it didn't have such a shiny finish—which looks great—this would double as a low-maintenance waterfowl gun.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 38.5 in.
Barrel Length 18.0 in.
Weight (Unloaded) 7.25 lbs.
Weight (Loaded 3-in.) 8.1 lbs.
Capacity 6+1
Chamber Length 3 in.

Action Pump, Nickel-Plated Steel
Pump Rearward Action Effort (max) 7.10 lbs.
Pump Forward Action Effort (max) 5.7 lbs.
Barrel Nickel-plated steel
Choke Cyl (fixed)
Rib None
Sights Receiver channel, not drilled & tapped,
..... 0.14-in. nickel front bead
Buttstock Black synthetic, textured grip,
..... Supercell buttpad, molded-in sling attachment
Buttstock Drop @ Comb 1.5 in.

Buttstock Drop @ Heel 2.0 in.
Buttstock Drop @ Toe 7.2 in.
Buttstock Cast None
Buttstock Pitch 3.5 in.
Buttstock Length Of Pull 13.75 in.
Forearm 6.9 in. long, ribbed black synthetic
Trigger Pull Weight 4.5 lbs.
Warranty Factory 2 years
Telephone (800) 243-9700
Website www.Remington.com
Made In Ilion, NY

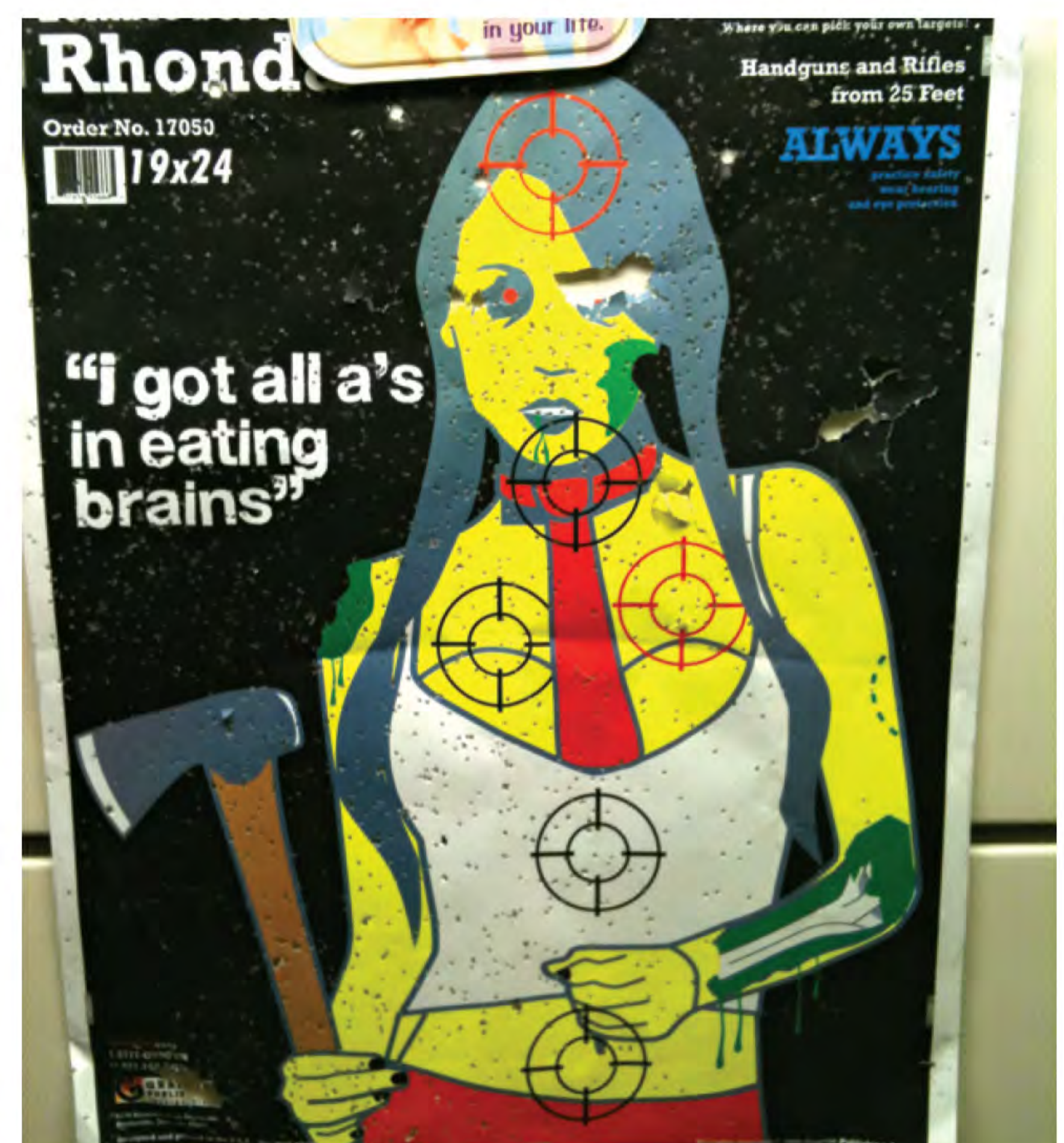


Another buttstock plus for the 870. The grip panel supplied texture, thus a little better grip, for sweaty hands.



Both of these corrosion-resistant shotguns produced devastating close-in patterns with buckshot and birdshot. "Rhonda" and the other zombies showed the ill effects.

Left: The Supercell recoil pad on the 870 was superb. Produced a cushy feel, even when we were shooting 3-inch magnums.



One area where the 870 fell short: The receiver channel wouldn't easily accept an auxiliary mount and sight. Big oversight.