

BROWNING SILVER HUNTER MICRO MIDAS NO. 011389605 20 GAUGE, \$1179

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

Recoil pads, chokes, etc. can be changed but the Active Valve system and a willingness to point are advantages you can't just buy off the rack.



SPECIFICATIONS

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| Overall Length | 45.4 in. | Weight Unloaded | 6.3 lbs. | Forend..... | Satin Walnut |
| Barrel..... | Blue Vent Rib 26.0 in. | Weight Loaded (3*)..... | 6.6 lbs. | Trigger Pull Weight | 6.0 lbs. |
| Sights | Ivory Bead | Weight Loaded (5*)..... | 6.75 lbs. | Warranty | 5 Year Ltd. |
| Choke Tubes | IC, Mod, Full | Buttstock | Satin Walnut | Telephone..... | (800) 333-3288 |
| Action..... | Active Valve Gas Op, Semi-automatic | Buttstock LOP | 13.0 in./13.25 in. | Website..... | Browning.com |
| Action Finish..... | Satin Matte | Buttstock Drop @ Comb..... | 1.5 in. | | |
| Magazine Type..... | Tubular | Buttstock Drop @ Heel | 1.75 in. | | |
| Magazine Capacity (Plugged)..... | 2 | Buttstock Pitch | 1.2 in. | | |
| Magazine Capacity (Unplugged)..... | 4 | Buttstock Cast Off | Yes | | |
| | | Buttstock Buttplate | Rubber | | |

*Shells used for the loaded weights were 2 3/4-inch 7/8 ounce No. 8s.



Instructor Brian Ash did an outstanding job of coaching our newcomer. His favorite shotgun was the \$1179 Browning Silver Hunter Micro Midas. He said it offered the shooter a strong natural point that was easy to maintain and control throughout a variety of angles. We think this is an essential quality that cannot always be built in aftermarket.

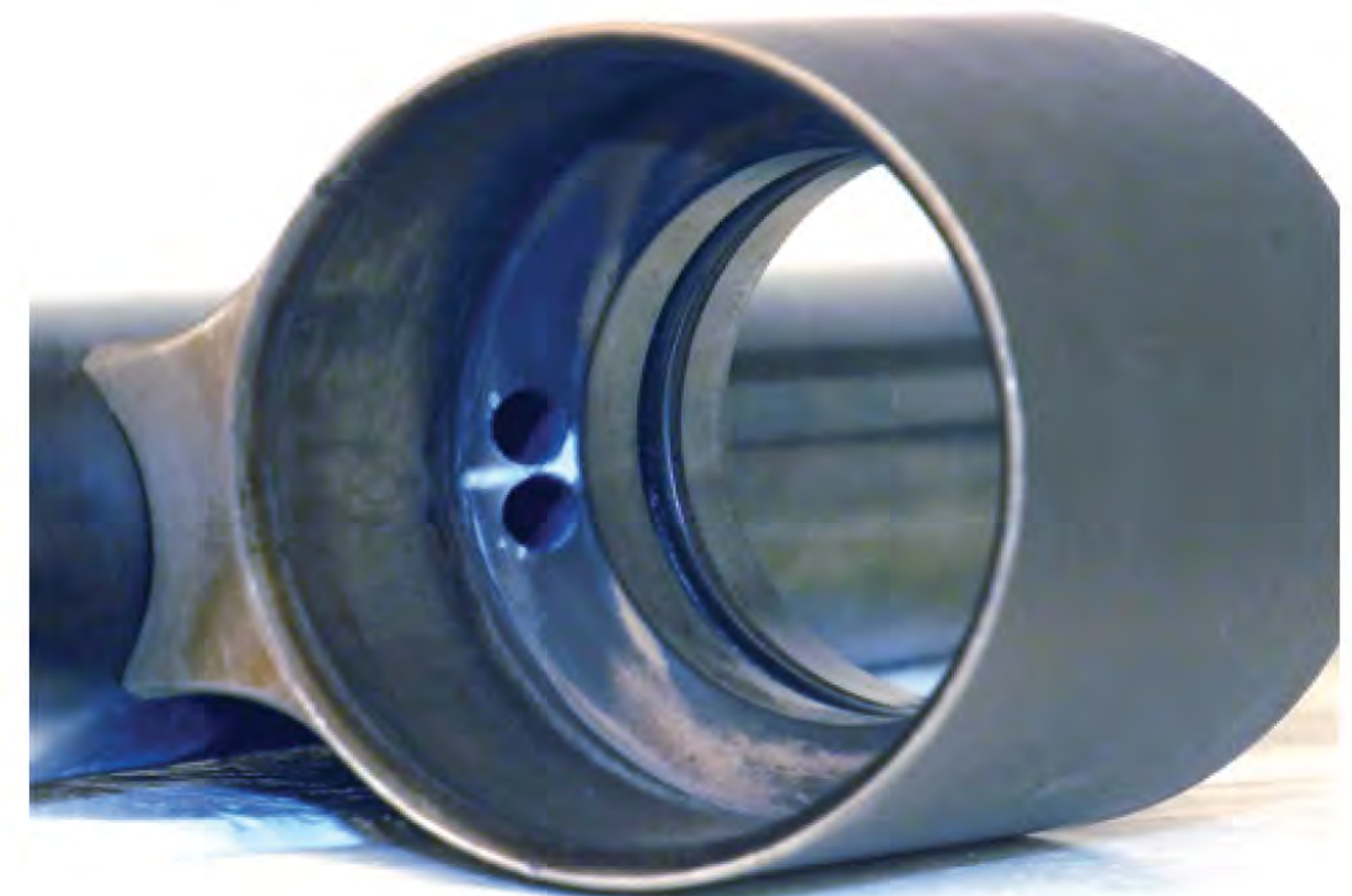
Each shotgun locked down the forend and barrel over a sealed magazine tube, so we didn't have to struggle with compressing the magazine spring. But the Browning did require that the sleevebar spring be compressed so the pushrod was seated properly into the receiver.



Length of pull could be expanded to 13.25 inches by installing the supplied spacer. Note the thick rubber recoil pad.



Three spring-loaded fingers in the Browning's end cap ratcheted across a series of indents beneath the cap, locking it firmly into place.



Gas for Browning's Active Valve System was bled from the barrel through the barrel hoop.