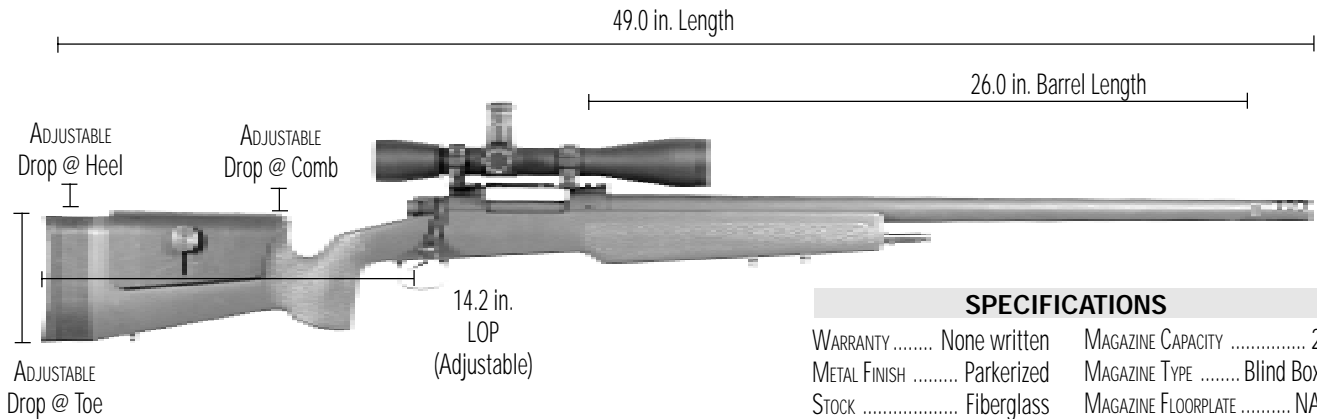


DAKOTA LONGBOW TACTICAL ENGAGEMENT RIFLE .300 DAKOTA

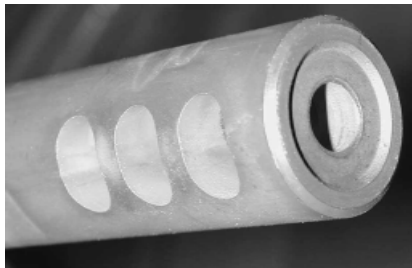
Price.....\$4,250



Our recommendation: It had some glitches that need to get worked out before it's right.

SPECIFICATIONS

WARRANTY	None written	MAGAZINE CAPACITY	2
METAL FINISH	Parkerized	MAGAZINE TYPE	Blind Box
STOCK	Fiberglass	MAGAZINE FLOORPLATE	NA
FINISH	Matte	ACTION TYPE	Bolt (Dakota)
WEIGHT	15.4 lbs.	TRIGGER PULL	1.9 lbs.



The muzzle brake of the Dakota Tactical .300 Dakota was both effective and very loud.



The box magazine of the Dakota held two rounds but would let only one out. The bottom round would jam the rifle and get dented severely in the process, as these two rounds show.



The .300 Dakota (left) has a lot more steam than the .308 at right. Dakota gets all they can out of the space in the big non-belted cartridge.

ed NP3 formula, an off-white electroless nickel finish. The bolt was extremely slick in the action, and anything plated in NP3 will never rust. The bolt lugs appeared to have full contact on their rear surfaces, as did the other two rifles.

The stock was painted dull black and nicely complemented the appearance of the metal work. The trigger pull was exceptionally clean, and broke at 2.5 pounds.

The barrel was free-floated for its entire length. There was an enormous gap between the barrel and the wide, rounded forend, which gives more room for air to circulate around the flutes to help cool the barrel. The buttplate was adjustable for position, and had a thin black rubber recoil pad. As on the other two rifles, the adjustable

cheek rest was locked in place by screws that could be installed from either side, making the rifle a bit easier to use by lefties.

The workmanship throughout the Robar rifle was absolutely first cabin. There were no shortcuts apparent anywhere. Even if this gun shot poorly—which it didn't—we'd be proud to own it. The rifle performed perfectly in every respect.

Accuracy, of course, is what this rifle intends to deliver, and we found that it did its job well. Any good match ammunition performed admirably in the Robar rifle. We got the best results with Winchester Supreme ammunition, loaded with the Nosler 168-grain boattail match bullet. On one target four shots (after the fouler) went into 0.19 inch. To our disbelief, the Federal match

ammunition gave a standard deviation of 5 fps in the Lilja barrel. We tried it again, and it again gave only 5 fps SD, with the average velocity only 2 fps different. It did not shoot that consistently in the Autauga.

Dakota Tactical .300 Dakota

Our recommendation: This rifle bore serial number 2, so we'd guess Dakota is in the process of ironing out some minor problems, and we look forward to testing another of their Tactical rifles in the future. They are willing to listen, which is greatly in their favor, and we believe they will succeed in their endeavor to produce a rifle that is in every way a pure winner. They're almost there.

This potent \$4,250 rifle was fitted