

Accuracy Data

	Average	Best	Worst
Winchester Model 70 Synthetic Heavy Varmint	Group Size	Group Size	Group Size
PMC 55-gr. HPBT	0.38 in.	0.21 in.	0.58 in.
Winchester 50-gr. Silvertip	0.47 in.	0.35 in.	0.57 in.
Hornady 55-gr. V-Max	0.55 in.	0.36 in.	0.70 in.
Federal 69-gr. BTHP	0.55 in.	0.29 in.	0.80 in.
Remington 700 VS Varmint Synthetic	Group Size	Group Size	Group Size
PMC 55-gr. HPBT	0.47 in.	0.44 in.	0.56 in.
Winchester 50-gr. Silvertip	0.54 in.	0.43 in.	0.72 in.
Hornady 55-gr. V-Max	0.43 in.	0.34 in.	0.59 in.
Federal 69-gr. BTHP	0.79 in.	0.54 in.	1.10 in.
Ruger KM77VT MKII Target Rifle	Group Size	Group Size	Group Size
PMC 55-gr. HPBT	0.42 in.	0.33 in.	0.58 in.
Winchester 50-gr. Silvertip	0.45 in.	0.29 in.	0.66 in.
Hornady 55-gr. V-Max	0.50 in.	0.44 in.	0.62 in.
Federal 69-gr. BTHP	1.11 in.	0.93 in.	1.40 in.
Tikka Model M595 Master Continental Varmint	Group Size	Group Size	Group Size
PMC 55-gr. HPBT	0.64 in.	0.44 in.	0.80 in.
Winchester 50-gr. Silvertip	0.68 in.	0.48 in.	0.94 in.
Hornady 55-gr. V-Max	0.91 in.	0.75 in.	1.10 in.
Federal 69-gr. BTHP	1.61 in.	1.50 in.	1.66 in.

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ery brand of ammo, which makes picking an accuracy winner easy. Our results this time suggest that these guns are superbly accurate with the right load, and their down-range performance is only limited by the shooter's ability to pick a good lot of factory ammo or tune a handload for them. Thus, we feel compelled to make our buying recommendation based on features, flexibility, and price.

● We think the Tikka's lack of glass bedding or a bedding block may have made the difference in relative accuracy. We think that if the gun was pillar bedded, as the Remington and Winchester guns were, and shot with fine-tuned reloads, results would be drastically improved. The Tikka Continental Varmint Rifle, \$694, came in last in the accuracy rankings, but it also brought a list of impressive features: a partially adjustable trigger, good checkering, palm swells, adjustable butt pads, integral scope mounts, and free-floated barrels. If one of these features is a deal maker for you, you might want to look at the Tikka.

✓ The \$718 Ruger KM77VT MKII Target Rifle has a benchrest-shaped laminated stock and good trigger. We believe the gun still needs glass-bedding and pillars to realize its full accuracy potential.

✓ The \$705 Remington 700VS Varmint Synthetic features a topnotch bedding system the Ruger lacks, but its stock shape wasn't as appropriate for off-the-bench shooting. Also, though the Remington trigger is adjustable, the shooter must know his way around the trigger in order to modify it properly. A safer bet is to employ the talents of a trigger-savvy gunsmith, we think.

✓ The Winchester Model 70 Synthetic Heavy Varmint narrowly outshot the others, has a forend design built for bench shooting, and has a solid structural underpinning, including a bedding block and a glassed-in action. These features justify its \$764 price, and even needing trigger work, it's our first pick. ●