

be very good to excellent, and it was an attractive rifle. The checkering was clumsy-looking at the pistol grip and not very even, but adequately sticky. The light-colored wood had some figure, and we liked the well-fitted black trestle-style recoil pad. The metal was well polished and blued, exhibiting none of the waviness that a high polish can bring out. The rifle came with iron sights consisting of a hooded front bead and U-notch, slide-adjustable rear.

The steel trigger guard was quite long. It incorporated a button at its forward end to release the magazine. The mag had an aluminum floorplate but steel sides and follower. The unit came out and went in easily, which was a good thing because we couldn't load the four-round magazine while it was in the rifle. However, it fed well. We were able to single-load the rifle by placing a round into the feedway and partly into the chamber, and then closing the bolt over it. Ejection was not all that

positive, and some of our empties stayed in the gun unless we worked the bolt briskly.

The bolt release was similar to that found on a Model 70 Winchester. The safety was a three-position right-thumb-controlled rocker located just aft of the bolt handle. Forward to fire, mid-position to cycle rounds out of the magazine, and all the way back to lock the bolt closed and cocked. It worked properly. There was a button on the left rear of the bolt sleeve that is used to disassemble the bolt for cleaning. With the rifle cocked, pressing on the button while lifting the bolt handle renders the bolt sleeve free to be unscrewed from the bolt body.

The biggest problem we found with this rifle was its weight. With the Artemis 3-9x scope (made in the Czech Republic by Meopta) installed in the solidly made scope rings and dovetail bases (about \$45 extra), the all-up weight was 9.4 pounds unloaded. That's too much for a .308, in our estimation.

We used the single-set trigger for our accuracy testing. The regular pull had a lot of creep, but it broke at a very acceptable 3.5 pounds. The adjustable single-set broke at about half a pound. There was a screw in front of the trigger to adjust the single-set pull, but we left it alone.

Our first five-shot group with Win-

chester Supreme Competition ammo (168-grain Nosler HPBT Match bullets) had four in 1.25 inches, plus a flyer. The next five-shot group measured 1.25 inches including a flyer. Four were inside 0.9-inch. All told, the average group with the Winchester match ammo was 1.2 inches. Unfortunately, the CZ shot well only with match ammo. Our two brands of hunting ammo didn't group at all well, which was a decided disadvantage of the gun.

### Blaser Model R93

**Our recommendation:** The \$1,795 Blaser offers interchangeable calibers and lightning-fast bolt

## ACCURACY & CHRONOGRAPH DATA

### Winchester Supreme

#### 168-gr. Nosler HP Boattail Match

	CZ 550 American	Blaser R93LX	Remington 700 ADL	Ruger M77
Average Velocity (10 ft.)	2,648 fps	2,634 fps	2,565 fps	2,617 fps
Standard Deviation	5 fps	14 fps	45 fps	18 fps
Muzzle Energy	2,620 ft.-lbs.	2,590 ft.-lbs.	2,460 ft.-lbs.	2,555 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group, 100 yds.	0.8 in.	0.6 in.	0.6 in.	1.0 in.
Largest Group	2.0 in.	1.2 in.	1.0 in.	1.8 in.
Average Group	1.2 in.	0.8 in.	0.8 in.	1.4 in.

### Remington Core-Lokt

#### 180-gr. Pointed Soft Point

	CZ 550 American	Blaser R93LX	Remington 700 ADL	Ruger M77
Average Velocity (10 ft.)	2,648 fps	2,593 fps	2,617 fps	2,608 fps
Standard Deviation	15 fps	9 fps	10 fps	22 fps
Muzzle Energy	2,805 ft.-lbs.	2,680 ft.-lbs.	2,740 ft.-lbs.	2,720 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group, 100 yds.	1.6 in.	1.0 in.	0.6 in.	1.6 in.
Largest Group	3.5 in.	2.0 in.	1.1 in.	2.8 in.
Average Group	2.8 in.	1.4 in.	0.9 in.	2.2 in.

### PMC/Barnes

#### 150-gr. X-Bullet

	CZ 550 American	Blaser R93LX	Remington 700 ADL	Ruger M77
Average Velocity (10 ft.)	2,753 fps	2,704 fps	2,672 fps	2,679 fps
Standard Deviation	24 fps	15 fps	11 fps	25 fps
Muzzle Energy	2,520 ft.-lbs.	2,430 ft.-lbs.	2,380 ft.-lbs.	2,390 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group, 100 yds.	1.6 in.	1.5 in.	1.6 in.	3.0 in.
Largest Group	3.3 in.	4.2 in.	2.1 in.	4.3 in.
Average Group	2.5 in.	2.8 in.	1.9 in.	3.6 in.

Notes: We included the Winchester Supreme Competition 168-grain Nosler Hollow-Point Boattail Match round as a gauge on how well the guns are likely to shoot with a well-rounded handload. We weren't disappointed. Two of the guns, the Blaser and Remington, shot under MOA with the round. The Remington Core-Lokt 180-grain Pointed Soft Point round shot very well in its namesake gun, almost on par with the Competition round. Disappointing was the poor across-the-board accuracy of the PMC/Barnes 150-grain X-Bullet, shooting the best in the Remington at 1.9 inches. That's just not very good.