

CZ MODEL 453 VARMINT .22 LR, \$530

Gun Tests Recommends: our pick

Like centerfire "varmint" rifles, the CZ 453 had a heavier-than-normal barrel, and a wide, flat forend with no checkering there. We liked the Turkish walnut, the single-set trigger, and most of all, the fine accuracy of this rifle. The looks may not appeal to everyone, but CZ has enough variants of this fine bolt rifle to appeal to just about anyone.

SPECIFICATIONS

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| OVERALL LENGTH | 39.0 IN. |
| BARREL LENGTH | 21.0 IN. |
| SIGHT RADIUS | N/A |
| OVERALL HEIGHT | 7.3 IN. |
| LOP | 14.0 IN. |
| WEIGHT UNLOADED/SCOPED | 7.1/8.1 LBS. |
| CAPACITY | 5 ROUNDS |

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| ACTION FINISH | DULL MATTE |
| ACTION TYPE | BOLT |
| BARREL FINISH | MATTE BLUED |
| MAGAZINE TYPE | DETACHABLE |
| STOCK | TURKISH WALNUT |
| TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT UNSET/SET | 3.5/1.1 LBS. |
| WARRANTY | 5 YEARS |
| TELEPHONE | (800) 955-4486 |
| WEBSITE OR EMAIL | WWW.CZ-USA.COM |

The little button in front of the trigger within the guard is the single-set adjustment. We left it alone. All the metal parts were steel, but the slick magazine was partly polymer. We liked the dull finish on the action, too. Note the bolt handle position, right above the trigger where it should be.



The big bolt knob made operation easy. Available options for the CZ include single-shot adapters and 10-shot magazines. This rifle worked well.



Right: The only checkering was on the pistol grip. The bordered checkering was well done and functional, though somewhat overprotected with the semi-gloss finish.



Left: The black rubber recoil pad would have blocked the kick of a .308, much less a .22 rimfire. But we liked the look, the traction, and the protection it offered. Mostly, it prevented the rifle slipping on a slick floor when stood in the corner.

