

BERETTA EL GOLD PIGEON II SPORTING NO. J687526 12 GAUGE, \$5495

Gun Tests Recommends: conditional buy

We think this is an excellent buy for larger-statured shooters and those with some muscle who are looking to upgrade. A bonus: Since this gun chambers 3-inch shells, it's also a possible crossover gun for the hunting enthusiast.



SPECIFICATIONS

ACTION.....	Over/Under
EJECTORS.....	Yes
CHAMBER LENGTH.....	3 IN.
OVERALL LENGTH W/INSTALLED BUTTPLATE.....	49.5 IN.
OVERALL LENGTH W/OPTIONAL BUTTPLATE.....	49.35 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	32 IN.
WEIGHT EMPTY.....	8 LBS.
RECEIVER MATERIAL/FINISH.....	STEEL/STAINLESS, ENGRAVED
BARREL MATERIAL/FINISH.....	STEEL/POLISHED BLUE
TRIB.....	VENTILATED

STOCK MATERIAL/FINISH.....	WALNUT, GLOSS
FOREND.....	SCHNABEL
BUTTSTOCK.....	PISTOL GRIP
LENGTH OF PULL W/INSTALLED BUTTPLATE... ..	14.75 IN.
LENGTH OF PULL W/OPTIONAL BUTTPLATE.....	14.6 IN.
DROP AT COMB.....	1.5 IN.
DROP AT HEEL.....	2.36 IN.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT BOTTOM BARREL.....	3.75 LBS.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT TOP BARREL.....	4.75-5.25 LBS.
TELEPHONE.....	(800) 636-3420
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The high-profile bas-relief engraving style of the Beretta's receiver was beautifully done. We found it hard to stop looking at this pretty piece.



The barrels on the Beretta EL Gold Pigeon are separated from the block to about where the forend ends, contributing to the forward-heavy feel of this gun.



Left view of the Beretta barrel showing the white end bead. Note the low profile of the rib, which greatly enhanced target acquisition.



We thought the pad on the Beretta, though fitted well, could have been finished better, both on the pad's edges and in several places along the wood where a few more passes with the sandpaper would have evened things out.

