

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: 7MM & MIDRANGE-MAGNUM BOLT-ACTION RIFLES

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Savage Arms 16FSS No. 17425 270 WSM, \$569</b>	June 2006	<b>Grade A (Best Buy):</b> Delivered at least one MOA group with all three test rounds. Liked the AccuTrigger.
<b>Savage 110 FP Tactical 300 Win. Mag., \$429</b>	April 2001	<b>Grade A (Best Buy):</b> It shot two brands of ammo under MOA and cost half what the other two guns brought.
<b>Dakota Classic Sporter M76 300 Dakota, \$4395</b>	December 1999	<b>Grade A (Buy It):</b> Fantastic rifle, very accurate, reliable, smooth, gorgeous, and well worth every penny.
<b>Browning A-Bolt II Comp. Striker No. 035012248 270 WSM, \$734</b>	June 2006	<b>Grade A (Buy It):</b> The A-Bolt II favored the heaviest loads. Bolt operation remained smooth and fast.
<b>Winchester M70 Classic Stainless w/BOSS 7mm Rem. Mag, \$788</b>	August 1998	<b>Grade B+ (Our Pick):</b> Slick feeding and great accuracy. Needed a better trigger. BOSS system hurt looks.
<b>Weatherby Mark V Sporter 300 Weatherby, \$949</b>	December 1999	<b>Grade B+ (Buy It):</b> Its accuracy was the best of the lot, but a few of the details could have been done better.
<b>Remington Model 700 Sendero SF 300 Win. Mag., \$852</b>	April 2001	<b>Grade B (Conditional Buy):</b> Nothing wrong with it, but we don't see why you'd buy it over the Savage 110 FP.
<b>Savage Model 16 FSS 7mm-08 Rem., \$556</b>	September 2003	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> With a good scope, the Savage became an acceptable rifle, if not an awe-inspiring one.
<b>Remington 700 BDL SS DM-B 7mm Rem. Mag. w/brake, \$789</b>	August 1998	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> Had a 25.5-in. barrel with muzzle brake. Fussy magazine, but we liked the looks and handling.
<b>Remington 700 BDL Custom Deluxe 300 Rem. Ultra Mag, \$600</b>	December 1999	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> This rifle performed as good as it looked, with acceptable, if not outstanding accuracy.
<b>Savage Model 116 FCSAK 7mm Rem. Mag. w/brake, \$650</b>	August 1998	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> Handy 22-in. barrel with muzzle brake. Light. But lost velocity of about 100 fps.
<b>Ruger KM77RFP MK II No. 17839 270 WSM, \$695</b>	June 2006	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> Handsome, but needed a wider-gripped stock, lighter trigger, and free-floated barrel.
<b>Remington 700 Titanium 7mm-08 Rem., \$1239</b>	September 2003	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> You're paying for lightness. This was in all ways except accuracy a fine, well-made rifle.
<b>Winchester Model 70 Stainless 300 WSM, \$813</b>	March 2002	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> Would we buy the 300 WSM? Not if we already had a 300 Win. Mag. or a good 30-'06.
<b>H-S Precision Pro Series 2000SA 7mm-08 Rem., \$3655</b>	September 2003	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> Everything worked well, great build integrity. However, way too heavy for average hunting.
<b>Blaser Prestige 7mm-08 Rem., \$2250</b>	September 2003	<b>Grade F (Don't Buy):</b> Rock-like buttpad. Great accuracy, good trigger, but had failures to eject.
<b>Winchester M70 Classic Laredo w/BOSS 300 Win. Mag., \$879</b>	April 2001	<b>Grade F (Don't Buy):</b> The Savage 110 FP Tactical is the Laredo's equal nearly any way you cut it, and for less.

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