

MARLIN 980S 22 LR, \$298

Gun Tests grade: A

We liked the clean, full-size lines, decent performance, and reasonable cost of the stainless-synthetic Marlin. The 12X Leupold scope helped its performance, but looks out of place on this rifle.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 41 IN.
BARREL LENGTH 22 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS 18.9 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT (SCOPED) 8.0 IN.
LOP 13.5 IN.

WEIGHT UNLOADED 5.6 LBS.
WEIGHT SCOPED 6.6 LBS.
CAPACITY 7
ACTION FINISH MATTE STAINLESS
ACTION TYPE BOLT
BARREL FINISH MATTE STAINLESS

MAGAZINE TYPE DETACHABLE BOX
STOCK BLACK SYNTHETIC
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT 4.3 LBS.
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The checkering was excellent, and the finish on the stainless was outstanding. We would have liked an aperture sight, but there were no provisions for one. Ejection was strong, positive, and worked all the time. The rifle could have had a lighter trigger pull.



The trigger guard was plastic, but matched the stock well and seemed to be very durable. The left side of the rifle was uncluttered. We thought the magazine was unsightly, though it worked perfectly. It required two hands to remove, a feature we liked.



The rear sight was the old "buckhorn" type with stepped wedge for elevation adjustments against the spring of the sight leaf itself. The button on the step made this sight easy to use for elevation changes. We also liked the bright-orange front sight, which worked well against most backgrounds.