

**BROWNING BPS STALKER NO. 012212304 12 GA., \$700
GUN TESTS GRADE: B+**

The heaviest model of the three, the BPS handled well and performed flawlessly in our tests. Its heft and longer length of pull may be a little harder to handle for shooters of smaller stature, but the reduction in felt recoil is a good counterpoint to its size. This was the highest-priced model in the test, but we did not consider the extra cost to be a deal killer.



As noted in the review, the Browning featured bottom-ejection and loading that allows for ambidextrous use. Another plus to bottom-ejection is that spent hulls land near the shooter's feet, rather than sail off to the side — good for reloaders and hunters in a blind that don't want to ding empty shells off their companions.



We have wondered why more shotgun manufacturers do not offer a top-tang safety that is very easily operated by shooters, even with gloved hands. This is a very nice touch on this model.

Right: The forearm provided a decent grip even with gloved hands, but it was not as comfortable and secure as the Winchester forearm, we thought.

Action Type.....	Pump
Chamber Size	2.75 to 3.0 in.
Overall Length.....	48.5 in.
Overall Height	7.0 in.
Capacity.....	3 or 4 +1
Weight (Unloaded).....	8.25 lbs.
Barrel Length.....	28 in.
Barrel.....	Matte Black
Choke Tubes.....	Invector Plus Black; IC, M, F
Buttstock	Black Synthetic
Buttstock Length of Pull	14.25 in.
Buttstock Drop @ Comb.....	1.5 in.
Buttstock Drop @ Heel	2.5 in.
Forearm	Black Synthetic
Forearm Length	8.5 in.
Front Bead.....	Silver
Trigger Pull Weight	6.0 lbs.
Warranty	Unwritten
Telephone.....	(800) 322-4626
Website.....	Browning.com
Made In	Japan



The Browning's plain-Jane stock is like those found on many bargain pumps. We did not have any problems with its handling ability. Felt recoil was about equal to the Winchester, probably a factor due to the additional weight of the shotgun.

