

MARLIN MODEL 1895GS 45-70 GOVERNMENT, \$837

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

Short and light, no fuss nor muss, just a handy big-bore rifle that won't rust easily, the Marlin 1895GS was a solid rifle. If it had a lighter trigger and better sights, we'd have liked it a lot more.



Overall Length	36.5 in.	Action Type	Lever
Barrel Length	18.5 in.	Barrel Finish	Matte Stainless
Sight Radius	14 in.	Magazine Type	Tubular
Overall Height	7.8 in.	Stock	Walnut
LOP	13.3 in.	Trigger Pull Weight	6.7 lbs.
Weight Unloaded	6.8 lbs.	Warranty	Five-Year Limited
Weight Loaded	7.1 lbs.	Telephone	(800) 544-8892
Capacity	4+1	Website	MarlinFirearms.com
Action Finish	Matte Stainless	Made In	North Carolina, USA



The 1895GS was easy to load, was smooth and sure in its function, and didn't rattle. Workmanship was pretty good throughout, too. The cross-pin safety just above the trigger permitted easy and safe lowering of the hammer.

The thick, heavy forend appealed to some shooters more than the slim one on the Henry. This rifle was half a pound lighter and could safely handle one round more, and that might make all the difference.



Left: The Marlin had a large gold-bead front sight that was easy to see. Our test sample was missing its hood, which was a slight handicap on the target range. Right: Some of us thought this sight was an abomination, though it was not as bad at obscuring the target as the Winchester's rear sight. It folded, if you choose to put a scope on the rifle. We'd have preferred a wide-angle V with center line, essentially a classic express sight. A clever man with a file might be able to alter this to one of those.