

RUGER NO. 1, 400 JEFFERY, \$1400
GUN TESTS GRADE: C

There is certainly nothing wrong with the looks of Ruger's No. 1 Tropical rifle. Our test rifle in 400 Jeffery (450/400 3" Nitro Express) was a pound too light, but we're told the latest versions have a heavier barrel, with a weight of about 9.2 pounds, which is all to the good. The lovely butt wood was not matched by the forend, more's the pity. The No. 1 has classic lines that have stood the test of time, but we think the rifle ought to have had some of its features refined since its introduction in 1967. We tried to do that.

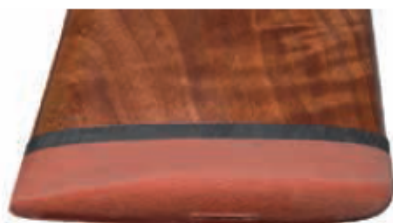


Overall Length.....	40.8 in.
Barrel Length.....	24 in.
Sight Radius.....	17.5 in.
Overall Height.....	7.5 in.
LOP.....	14.0 in.
Weight Unloaded (as tested).....	8.0 lbs.
Weight Loaded.....	8.1 lbs.
Weight Unloaded (new version)*.....	9.2 lbs.
Weight Loaded (new version)*.....	9.3 lbs.
Capacity.....	1 Round
Action Finish.....	Blued
Action Type.....	Dropping Block
Barrel Finish.....	Blued
Magazine Type.....	n/a
Stock.....	Walnut
Trigger Pull Weight.....	4.5 lbs.
Warranty.....	None Written
Telephone.....	(603) 865-2442
Website.....	Ruger.com
Made In.....	USA

The buttstock had some of the finest wood we've seen on Ruger rifles. The checkering was fine, the rifle worked perfectly, and did very well for accuracy, too.



That huge white diamond and all the sharp edges of the rear sight caught the glare of direct sun and gave a false sight picture that would have given hits way off target. We inverted the sliding plate and filled a vee where the square notch used to be. That was a huge improvement in the Ruger's sight picture over the U and the square notches.



We removed the old brick-like black-rubber pad (inset, below) and installed a Pachmayr



Decelerator recoil pad in our choice of classic red. This was a massive improvement on this too-light version of the rifle.