

**WEATHERBY MODEL PA-08 SYNTHETIC
NO. S1228PGM 12 GAUGE, \$399
GUN TESTS GRADE: C+**

This pump's workhorse appearance and rough action caused us a little concern from the beginning. Even after firing several hundred rounds through the shotgun, it just was not as smooth as the other two, and its performance on the range and at the patterning board was disappointing.



The action release on the front of the trigger guard requires more hand movement than a release at the back of the guard but was considered a minor inconvenience. We did find that the release was a little stiff, even after several hundred rounds had been fired through the new shotgun.



The Weatherby's small forearm is typical of a quite a few slide-action shotguns on the market today. We also encountered more short-shucking (failure to feed a second round) with the Weatherby than with the other two models.



Action Type.....	Pump
Chamber Size	2.75 to 3 in.
Overall Length	48 in.
Overall Height	6.75 in.
Capacity.....	3+1 or 4+1
Weight (Unloaded).....	7.25 lbs.
Barrel Length.....	28 in.
Barrel.....	Matte Black
Choke Tubes	Internal Black;IC, M, F
Buttstock	Black Synthetic
Buttstock Length of Pull	14.0 in.
Buttstock Drop @ Comb.....	1.5 in.
Buttstock Drop @ Heel	2.25 in.
Forearm	Black Synthetic
Forearm Length	9.0 in.
Front Bead.....	Brass
Trigger Pull Weight	8.5 lbs.
Warranty	Unwritten
Telephone.....	(805) 227-2600
Website.....	Weatherby.com
Made In	Turkey



The Weatherby's takedown was simple and quick, just like the other two shotguns. The extended lug at the end of the barrel reached well into the PA-08's chamber and provided a solid lock-up.

Standard and plain, we felt the stock was adequate for a bargain-priced pump. The very hard recoil pad did not provide a lot of recoil relief, particularly with waterfowl loads.