

# WINCHESTER 1886 LIMITED SERIES 45-70, \$1340

## GUN TESTS GRADE: A

Long and lovely is the Winchester 1886, a product of Miroku of Japan. The quality of work and finish were superlative. This was a very accurate rifle, and one we'd love to own.



Overall Length	45.3 in.	Action Type	Lever
Barrel Length	26 in.	Barrel Finish	Blued
Sight Radius	21.5 in.	Magazine Type	Tubular
Overall Height	7.8 in.	Stock	Walnut
Length of Pull	13.3 in.	Trigger Pull Weight	5.3 lbs.
Weight Unloaded	9.6 lbs.	Warranty	None Written
Weight Loaded	10.4 lbs.	Telephone	(800) 333-3288
Capacity	8+1	Website	WinchesterGuns.com
Action Finish	Blued	Made In	Japan



**Left:** The sides of the Winchester's action were as smooth and flat as each facet of the octagonal barrel. The wood was plain but had excellent grain direction and was very well fitted to the metal.  
**Right:** Loading eight rounds was easy. The tang safety permitted safe loading of one more round in the chamber, as desired. Everything about this rifle was very well done, we thought.



We've seldom seen inletting like this. This is essentially flawless fitting of metal to wood, whether done by computer (most likely) or by hand.



The deeply recessed curved crown gives great protection to the muzzle of the Winchester. This rifle shot the best of the three test rifles.

The enormous wings of the buckhorn rear sight on the Winchester hark back to an earlier time when for some strange reason these were popular. Yet if one tries them in the field, you'll see there is no justification for such a target-obscuring abomination on a good rifle, except that in this case it matches the historical look.

