



TOM CERETTO CHECKS OUT REMINGTON'S LATEST INTRODUCTION

MODEL 1100 COMPETITION

IN THE LATE FIFTIES, REMINGTON WAS MANUFACTURING THREE DIFFERENT AUTOMATIC SHOTGUNS — THE RECOILING BARREL BROWNING DESIGNED 11-48, THE GAS OPERATED SPORTSMAN 58 AND THE MODEL 878...

The powers that be decided that selling three different automatic shotguns did not make very good sense; especially when none of them could be projected as Remington's automatic shotgun of the future. A totally new gun was needed. Wayne Leek and his team were assigned the job of designing it. The criteria was that it must be dependable, comfortable to shoot, handle better than any other

automatic shotgun on the market, look attractive and appeal to a broad market. In the fall of 1962 Leek and his team introduced the new automatic as the Model 1100. The rest, as they say, is history.

Since its introduction in 1963, no other automatic shotgun has been produced in as many variations, configurations and gauges as the Model 1100. In the last forty-two years almost four

million have been sold around the world. No other self-loading shotgun has ever approached the sales of the 1100. It has been manufactured in skeet, trap, sporting clays, field, magnum waterfowl, fully rifled slug and English stocked upland game versions. It is the only automatic shotgun that has been manufactured in 12, 16, 20, and 28 gauges and .410 bore. You can still





SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER: Remington Arms, Iion, New York and Madison, North Carolina.
SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$1,265
\$1,449 with adjustable stock
GUN WEIGHT: 8 lbs.
LENGTH OF PULL: 14³/₈" inches
OVERALL LENGTH: 51"
RECEIVER: CNC machined of high carbon steel
BARREL: 30" 10mm vent rib
BORE : 0.735" overbore
CHOKES : Extended 2³/₄"
CHOKE CONSTRUCTIONS :
SKEET: 0.004
IMPROVED CYLINDER: 0.009
LIGHT MODIFIED: 0.014
MODIFIED: 0.019
FULL: 0.035
DROP AT COMB: 1¹/₂"
Optional adjustable comb
DROP AT HEEL: 2¹/₂"

purchase an 1100 in all of those calibers today. It's the only automatic shotgun manufactured in sporting clays and skeet configurations in four gauges. Last fall I hunted quail with the .410 bore sporting clays 1100 in South Carolina and had a ball. I loved shooting that little gun. I still believe the 1100 to be the best handling gas-operated shotgun ever produced.

One of the latest trends in the industry is the multi-purpose shotgun, one that can be used for all the shooting sports and in the field if the shooter so desires. With that in mind, Remington's newest variation of the 1100 is the newly introduced Model 1100 Competition. With its over-bored .735 30 inch ProBore barrel and an optional adjustable comb, the Competition allows the shooter to compete in sporting clays, skeet and trap with the same shotgun. There is a lot to be said for the concept – besides the obvious savings over having to purchase three shotguns for three different shooting disciplines. There is an old saying that "you should beware of the man that shoots but one gun for he probably shoots it very well." There is some truth in that – and Remington is catering to that shooter.

I thought that my personal 1100 had very handsome wood, but the 1100 Competition that John Fink, (Product Manager for Shotguns at Remington) sent me had outstanding walnut.

The gloss finish filled every pore in the stock and fore arm. The stock is equipped with a Remington R3 recoil pad made for them by Limb Saver. An adjustable stock with heavy duty hardware is available at extra cost.

The heart and soul of every model 1100 has always been it's all steel receiver machined out of a solid billet of carbon steel. The Competition's receiver is steel gray and the top and bottom of the receiver radius is glass bead blasted to a matte finish. It's a very nice looking shotgun. But what is completely new and most important on the Competition is what Remington has done inside the receiver – now honed, polished and coated with a nickel-teflon finish. The new process includes the receiver, action bars, action bar sleeve, action spring, trigger, magazine tube, hammer and sear. The coating on the magazine tube is most important. I have put several hundred rounds through my demo and have purposely not wiped the magazine tube off. It is still operating as well as it did when I shot it the first time. The number one problem with the standard 1100 has been eliminated on the Competition. Trigger pull is very tolerable and the best of any 1100 I have ever shot. The nickel teflon coating smoothes out the trigger pull very nicely.

The overbored barrel is as smooth as a

baby's backside and sports a 10mm competition vented rib. With the new larger bore, new chokes had to be designed. Remington calls them ProBore and five are included with the gun – skeet, improved cylinder, light modified, modified and full – about what any shooter might need for sporting clays, trap or skeet.

The few patterns I was able to throw were very nicely distributed within a 30 inch circle. The new overbored barrel evidently works very well. The Competition has a 2³/₄ inch chamber and is optimized for target and light field loads. Dove hunting with the Competition would be a pleasure.

With the available adjustable stock the Competition can be configured for any shooting sport. I only shot it at sporting clays and skeet because Remington needed the prototype demo back as soon as possible. I intend to ask Remington for a production model for further testing as soon as they are available.

As I have said many times, I think that model 1100 target guns are the best handling gas guns I have ever shot. Equipped with the new adjustable stock and much smoother operating action, the 1100 Competition is better than ever. I gotta have one! ■

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