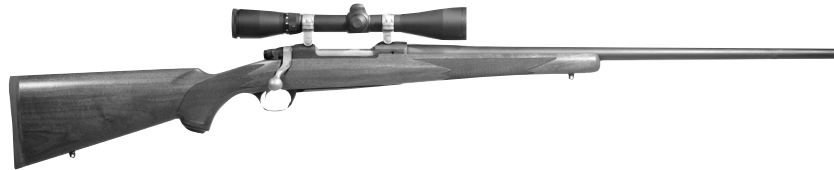


RUGER M77 HAWKEYE .300 WIN. MAG., \$779

Gun Tests grade: D+

Overall excellent workmanship, fine wood and a great finish didn't make up for the extra, needless weight of this rifle, in our estimation. With the 3-9X Nitrex installed, the weight was more than 9 pounds. The heavy trigger didn't help us like it, nor did the mediocre accuracy with heavier bullets.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 44.7 IN.
BARREL LENGTH..... 24 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT..... 9.5 IN.
LOP..... 13.6 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED..... 7.9 LB.
WEIGHT SCOPED..... 9.1 LB.
CAPACITY..... 3+1 ROUNDS
ACTION FINISH..... BLUED STEEL

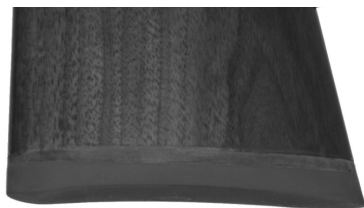
ACTION TYPE BOLT
BARREL FINISH..... BLUED STEEL
MAGAZINE TYPE BOX
STOCK WALNUT
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT..... 5.5 LBS.
WARRANTY NONE WRITTEN
TELEPHONE (603) 865-2442
WEBSITE OR EMAIL..... WWW.RUGER.COM



The bolt and trigger were Ruger Gray, an attractive glare-free finish. The checkering was superb. We used our Ruger-Gray scope rings, though the rifle came with blued ones. Note the full-length "controlled-feed" extractor. It worked well.



It's hard to get more classic lines than these on a hunting rifle. The massive barrel gave this one just too much weight. We don't know why it didn't shoot better. It liked only the 150-grain bullets.



Ruger's new, thin red pads work far better than it would appear, and cut recoil very well. Workmanship is as good as it gets, and the wood quality was decent, too.