

BERETTA AL 391 URIKA 2 GOLD NO. J39TB26 3-INCH 20 GAUGE, \$1550

GUN TESTS GRADE: F

The Urika 2 Gold 26-inch-barreled model is the upscale version of the 391 field gun line, featuring oil-finished walnut and a bit of gold-filled inlays. Our sample had long take-up and creep in the trigger, was a jam-o-matic with one common hunting load, and it punished us when we shot 3-inch shells. More than half a dozen calls and emails to customer service failed to get the problems addressed.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	45.6 IN.	WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	6.4 LBS.	BARREL FINISH.....	HIGHLY POLISHED BLUE
BARREL LENGTH.....	26.0 IN.	MAGAZINE TYPE	TUBE	STOCK ..	OIL-FINISH WALNUT, PISTOL GRIP, BEAVERTAIL FORE
SIGHT 1/4-IN. VENT. RIB, NICKEL-SILVER SINGLE FRONT BEAD		MAGAZINE CAPACITY.....	3	END	
LOP.....	14.25 IN.	STEEL SHOT CAPABLE	YES	CHOKE.....	MOBILCHOKE FLUSH MOUNT: C, IC, M, IM, F
DROP @ COMB	1.3 IN.	SAFETY	CROSSBOLT	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	4.5 LBS.
DROP @ HEEL.....	2.4 IN.	ACTION.....	BLACK ANODIZED ALUMINUM ALLOY	WARRANTY	1 YEAR
BUTTPLATE.....	HARD RUBBER	ACTION TYPE	GAS AUTOLOADER, SIDE-EJECT	TELEPHONE	(301) 283-2191

Right: We feel the Urika 2's gas action is of no tangible improvement over the prior 390 system (currently available in



the Beretta 3901) and can be considered a negative for many shooters. Case in point: This improvement failed to stop the action of our test gun from jamming. Far right: The evolution of the current compensating AL391 Urika system was introduced as an "improvement" upon Beretta's 390 gas array, the 390's system essentially the 300 series



Beretta gas drive with a secondary gas bleed added in an attempt to handle a far wider range of gas pressures past the barrel's gas ports. Where the 390 system has a spring loaded disc held against the newly ported barrel ring by the forearm nut, the 391 version makes the secondary bleed spring system integral with the barrel itself. The "why" Beretta went this route remains a bit unclear. Beretta has touted the thinner forearm of the 391 vs. the 390 as being desirable. That is a matter of taste, but it is hard to fathom that the 20-gauge 390 forearm was bulky.