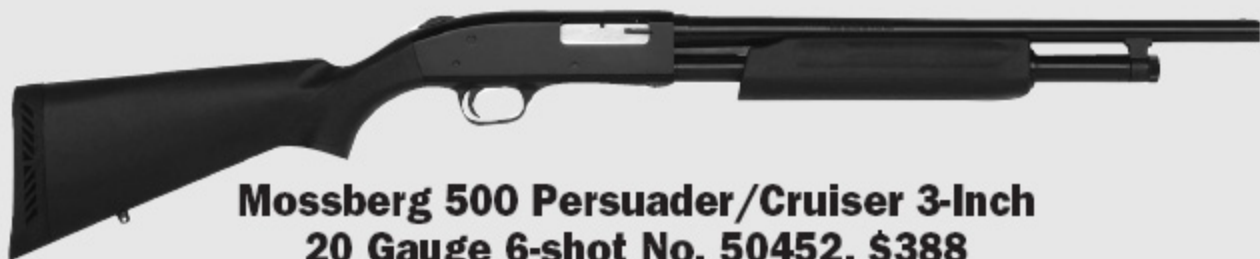


GUN TESTS REPORT CARD



**Remington Model 870 Express Synthetic
7-Round 20 Gauge No. 81100, \$397
GUN TESTS GRADE: A-**

This was a tough call, but we narrowly preferred the Express over the Persuader on the basis of the extra round it held. Positives included a fast, smooth action, good purchase on the stock, quick handling, and appropriate attachments for a sling. Downsides were its noticeably harder kick.



**Mossberg 500 Persuader/Cruiser 3-Inch
20 Gauge 6-shot No. 50452, \$388
GUN TESTS GRADE: A-**

We originally scored the Persuader a B+ because we liked the Remington better. But this gun is the equal of the Express in so many ways that we just couldn't mark the Persuader down a half-grade. This test is a coin flip, and though we would buy the Express, we recognize many will prefer the Mossberg for legitimate reasons. Those reasons include its handling recoil better, the easy upgrade path for better sights or optics, the inclusion of the Cruiser pistol grip, and its ambidextrous handling.

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