

## GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

CZ USA 527 American 03022, \$711

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

You might think we discounted the CZ to also-ran status, as we did with the Ruger. Well, not exactly. Despite the scope-mounting considerations and other action-specific potential issues, and despite the higher price that has deflated the great value we would have ascribed to the CZ just a couple of years ago, the single-set trigger was a feature many of our test-shooters adored. For those who want the set-trigger, weight savings, and diminutive dimensions of the CZ, it remains a choice worthy of your serious consideration. We put some time into debating how to grade it, the line between a A- and a B+ being a fine one. We decided it deserved the B+, but we would happily buy this rifle.



Ruger HM77R Hawkeye 07103 223 Rem., \$779

GUN TESTS GRADE: B-

Despite the great wood, strong action, and attempt at an improved trigger, the Ruger Hawkeye was just not competitive when compared directly with the Savage and the CZ in terms of accuracy, handling, or purchase price. Still a solid rifle, though.



Savage Model 25 Classic Sporter 223 Rem., \$616

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

There was a time when friends who are custom riflemiths held that light-profile, mass-produced centerfires shot with field ammo would do no better than 2 MOA or so. Well, things have changed, this time for the better. Several rapid-fire five-shot groups from the CZ gave us 1 MOA or better with bulk ammo. The Savage gave us rapid-fire groups in 3/4-MOA range with the same bulk field ammo. We believe they will do the same for you. In fact, we can say with confidence that with proper load development, consistent sub-1/2 MOA performance is realistic. Coyotes in Illinois should be worried.



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