

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: PUMP SHOTGUNS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Remington SPS-Turkey Camo Thumbhole No. 25189, \$799</b>	June 2007	<b>Grade A:</b> Loaded with 3- or 3.5-inch tungsten-alloy loads, the gun is absolutely lethal out to 60 yards and beyond.
<b>Harrington &amp; Richardson Pardner NPI2C8 12-Gauge, \$200</b>	August 2010	<b>Grade A:</b> For the price, we could not register a complaint. Superior safety and recoil pad, well-fitted wood.
<b>Benelli SuperNova No. 20115 MAX-4 3.5-inch 12 Ga, \$599</b>	Sept. 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> Shot flawlessly, comfortably, swung smoothly and steadily.
<b>Ithaca Model 37 Defense Gun Eight Shot 3-inch 12 Gauge, \$469</b>	May 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> The Ithaca Model 37 was the best-built, smoothest, best-balanced shotgun in the test.
<b>Browning BPS Special Steel 12 Gauge, \$550</b>	Feb. 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> Pleasantly surprised with the overall handling ability of the Browning BPS.
<b>Browning BPS No. 012211813 3-inch 20 Gauge, \$566</b>	Nov. 2008	<b>Grade A:</b> Surprised at how light and crisp the factory Browning trigger was. Comfortable to shoot.
<b>Browning BPS Micro Trap 3-In 12 Gauge, \$759</b>	January 2010	<b>Grade A-:</b> Multiple buttpads ease critical part of the fitting process. Browning Invector Plus chokes a big plus.
<b>H&amp;R Topper Trap SB1-30T 2.75-Inch 12 Gauge, \$360</b>	January 2010	<b>Grade A-:</b> For anyone thinking of trying out Trap shooting, we think this is an "A"-rated gun.
<b>Remington 870 Express Syn. 3-Inch 20 Gauge No. 81100, \$397</b>	July 2008	<b>Grade A-:</b> A very fast-handling gun. A good defense choice for most households.
<b>Mossberg 500 Persuader/Cruiser 3-In. 20 Ga. No. 50452, \$388</b>	July 2008	<b>Grade A-:</b> Hard to separate these two. Mossberg holds one fewer round, but supplies a secondary buttstock.
<b>Ithaca Model 37 Trap 3-Inch 12 Gauge, \$995</b>	January 2010	<b>Grade B:</b> Quality wood, solid construction and a properly machined barrel add up to a formidable shotgun.
<b>Maverick Model 88 12 Gauge Shotgun, \$170</b>	August 2010	<b>Grade B:</b> Didn't like the crossbolt safety in front of the trigger guard. Low-cost production showed, we thought.
<b>Mossberg 535 ATS Thumbhole Turkey No. 45110, \$456</b>	June 2007	<b>Grade C+:</b> The stock comb was just a hair too high, had to scrunch the cheek down to align with the sight.
<b>Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight 3-Inch 20 Gauge, \$859</b>	Nov. 2008	<b>Grade C:</b> 10+ pound trigger out of the box, replacement trigger broke crisply and cleanly at 4.1 pounds.
<b>Mossberg 590A1 No. 51670 3-inch 12 Gauge, \$693</b>	May 2009	<b>Grade C:</b> Stock issues overshadow the things we did like about it.
<b>Remington 870 Express Magnum Folding Stock 12 Gauge, \$505</b>	May 2008	<b>Grade C-:</b> Though it looked rough and tough, the 870 with its folding stock didn't please us in the least.

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