

BROWNING GOLD SPORTING CLAYS SEMI-AUTOMATIC 12 GAUGE, \$1105

GUN TESTS RECOMMENDS: OUR PICK

The simple fact that this moderately priced, smooth-handling semiautomatic fits just about every shooter right out of the box and allows for easy target acquisition gave the Browning the edge in this test.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	50.5 IN.	RIB WIDTH	5/16 IN. TO 1/4 IN. (TAPERED)
BARREL LENGTH.....	30.0 IN.	ACTION FINISH.....	POLISHED BLUE STEEL
DROP @ COMB	1.5 IN.	BARREL FINISH.....	POLISHED BLUE STEEL
DROP @ HEEL.....	1.75 IN.	STOCK	GLOSS-FINISHED WALNUT
LENGTH OF PULL	14.5 IN.	FOREARM	GLOSS-FINISHED WALNUT
WEIGHT (UNLOADED).....	7.9 LBS.	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	6.0 LBS.
CAPACITY.....	4+1 ROUNDS	WARRANTY	NONE WRITTEN
ACTION TYPE	SEMI-AUTOMATIC, 2.75 IN. CHAMBER	TELEPHONE	(801) 876-2711
CHOKE TUBES	SK, IC, M	WEBSITE OR EMAIL	WWW.BROWNING.COM

Even the standard, internal set of chokes tubes provided with the Browning (a variety of well-designated extended chokes are also available) were much easier to read than those included with the Benelli. Patterns with the modified choke at 30 yards produced a nearly perfect 50-50 shot placement, which means there were an equal number of hits both above and below the target center.



Saying it provided both comfort and a non-slip surface, our testers favored the Browning pad over the Benelli's, although both pads performed well in reducing recoil.



Most shooters don't look forward to cleaning a shotgun after a shooting session, but the simple design and limited number of parts in the Browning action make the task more palatable.

