

Right: Top to bottom are a Browning Model 1885 High Wall .270, Browning A-Bolt II .30-06, Remington .308, and Brown .300 Win. Mag.



How We Tested

All our shooting was done from a concrete bench on an outdoor shooting range under ideal conditions—sunny skies, little or no wind, temperatures around 55 degrees, and no other shooters on the line to distract us. We selected the ammunition types to reflect many of the choices big-game hunters would have at the beginning of the upcoming hunting season, using calibers that are suitable for deer, elk, antelope, sheep and other big game. Muzzle velocities listed were the average of three shots fired through an Oehler Model 35P chronograph. Accuracy groups listed are the average of several three-shot groups fired



Above: All chronograph work was done on an Oehler Model 35P chronograph. Muzzle velocities were the average of three shots for each cartridge fired.



Above: All accuracy testing was done in three-shot, 100-yard groups. Before each group was fired, the rifle barrel was cleaned using Barnes CR-10, then two fouling shots were fired.

at 100 yards. Each rifle barrel was cleaned with Barnes CR-10 between groups, allowed to cool, then two fouling shots were fired before we shot a test group. Our test rifles were hunting rifles that represent those that many people take hunting each fall. They were the following:

- Browning Model 1885 High Wall single-shot. This .270 has a 28-inch barrel and was fitted with a 2.5-10X Bausch & Lomb Elite scope set in Browning bases and rings. It weighs 10 pounds.

- Remington Model Seven SS in .308. This gun has a 20-inch barrel and was fitted with a 2.5-8X Leupold

Vari-X III scope set in Tasco bases and rings. It weighed 7.25 pounds.

- Browning A-Bolt II Stainless Stalker in .30-06. This gun has a 22-inch barrel and a 3-9X Leupold Vari-X III scope set in Leupold bases and rings. It weighs 7.75 pounds.

- Brown Precision Pro Hunter in .300 Win. Mag. This gun was built on a Remington Model 700 action. It has a 22-inch barrel and was fitted with a 3.5-10X Leupold Vari-X III set in Conetrol bases and rings. It weighs 8 pounds.