

WEATHERBY SA-08 SYNTHETIC 3-INCH 12 GAUGE, \$565

GUN TESTS GRADE: D

Even if we give the gun the benefit of the doubt on its function, which we did, there's many things the Escort has that the SA-08 lacks. That makes it no better than average, in our view.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length 48.0 in.
 Barrel Matte black steel, vent rib, 28.0 in.
 Sights 0.1 in. front brass bead
 Choke Tubes Briley thread, F, M, IC
 Action Semiauto, matte-black
 aluminum alloy receiver

Magazine Type Under-barrel tube
 Capacity (Plugged)..... 2+1
 Capacity (Unplugged)..... 4+1
 Weight Unloaded 6.9 lbs.
 Weight Loaded (3*) 7.2 lbs.
 Weight Loaded (5*) 7.4 lbs.
 Buttstock Black textured polymer
 Buttstock LOP 14.4 in.
 Buttstock Drop @ Comb 1.5 in.
 Buttstock Drop @ Heel 2.25 in.

Buttstock Pitch 3.2 in.
 Buttstock Cast On, 0.5 in.
 Buttstock Buttplate Contoured ventilated rubber
 Fore-end Black textured polymer
 Trigger Pull Weight 8.2 lbs.
 Warranty No written warranty
 Telephone..... (805) 227-2600
 Website..... www.weatherby.com

*LOADED-WEIGHT SHELLS WERE 2¾-INCH, 1⅛ OZ., No. 8s

Here's the problem: The SA-08 wouldn't feed shells from the magazine cleanly.



We don't really like this solution: two valves for different shotshell weights. The other gun just shot what we fed it.



We got the pattern densities we expected from the IC choke, but 68% of the pattern blew to the left half of the target because of wind.

