

HK FABARM TACTICAL 12 GAUGE 3-IN., \$999

Gun Tests grade: C

Reliability is everything in this class of gun, and we had a bit of trouble reloading it under duress.



SPECIFICATIONS

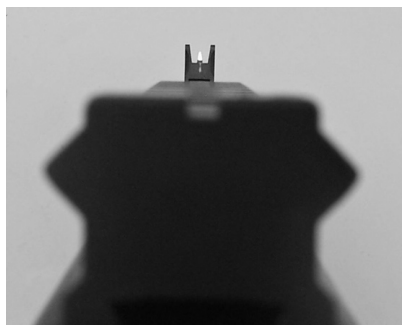
OVERALL LENGTH	40.0 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	20.0 IN.
LENGTH OF PULL	14.0 IN.
DROP @ COMB	1.5 IN.
DROP @ HEEL.....	2.5 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	7.9 LBS.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	8.5 IN.
CAPACITY.....	7+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH	2.5 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.7 IN.
WRIST CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX)	5.0 IN.
FORE-END THICKNESS (MAX)	1.9 IN.

RECEIVER MATERIAL/FINISH	MATTE-BLACK ALUM. ALLOY
BARREL.....	MATTE-BLACK STEEL
CHOKE TUBES	OPTIONAL
CHOKE.....	C
STOCK MATERIAL/FINISH	MATTE-BLACK POLYMER
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	4.5 LBS.
SAFETY	CROSSBOLT BEHIND TRIGGER GUARD
FRONT SIGHT	FLIP-UP WHITE POST W/EARS
REAR SIGHT	REAR NOTCH IN RAIL
SIGHTLINE DROP @ COMB.....	2.0 IN.
SIGHTLINE DROP @ HEEL	3.2 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	18-24 IN.

The Tactical's hard-anodized aluminum-alloy receiver encloses a bolt that locks into a steel barrel extension. The large bolt handle located on the right side of the receiver offered a good grasping surface. Behind the trigger is a cross-bolt safety (arrow).



This is the view of the Fabarm's pop-up front sight in its popped-up position. One of our concerns was that even though the sighting reference point was protected by metal ears, the entire sight might get caught on some material and be difficult to get free.



We weren't overly impressed with the HK/Fabarm's loading sequence. To get the bolt to lock open, the shooter pushed the carrier back into the gun at the arrow until it clicked. It's a smallish spot to press, in our view, and fairly difficult to do under stress.

