

ITHACA MODEL 37 FEATHERLIGHT 3 INCH 20 GAUGE, \$859

Gun Tests grade: C

While offering cosmetic features and attention to detail we appreciated, the Ithaca didn't shoot where we pointed it and had multiple roughs around its edges.

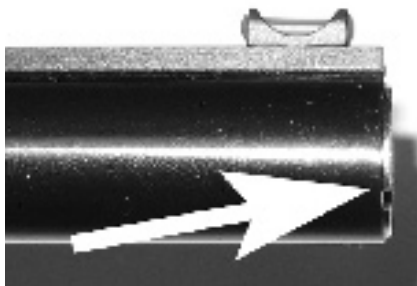


SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 47.6 IN.
 BARREL LENGTH..... 28.0 IN.
 SIGHT VENTILATED RIB
 TUBULAR FRONT BEAD, TRUGLO RED
 LENGTH OF PULL 14.25 IN.
 DROP @ COMB 1.4 IN.
 DROP @ HEEL..... 1.6 IN.
 BUTTPLATE.....PACHMAYR 752 RECOIL PAD

MAGAZINE TYPE TUBE
 MAGAZINE CAPACITY..... 5
 STEEL SHOT CAPABLE YES
 SAFETY CROSSBOLT
 ACTION FINISH..... MATTE BLUE
 ACTION TYPE SLIDE-ACTION, BOTTOM EJECTION
 BARREL FINISH POLISHED BLUE
 STOCK GLOSS FINISH WALNUT

GRIP TYPE.....PISTOL GRIP
 BORE DIAMETER......618 IN.
 CHOKE TUBES BRILEY; IC, M, F
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....4.1 LBS.
 WARRANTY 1 YEAR
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The Ithaca's "flush chokes" weren't always flush, as shown by the silver ring around the muzzle. While this was a cosmetic issue, the Model 37 did not shoot to point of aim, printing decidedly low.



We appreciated the Model 37's recoil pad, cut engraving, grip cap, and jeweled breechblock. It wasn't enough to overcome the stock-fit issues most of our shooters had, nor could it compensate for the shooting below point of aim. We are advised, however, that the stocks are being changed to 1.5-inch drop at comb and 2.25-inch drop at heel in the near future.



Though slide-finish wear is normal with pumpguns, the Ithaca showed us unsightly, almost instant scratching and blue wear, while the BPS and 870 both appeared as new after heavy firing. Though certainly no deal-breaker, we just didn't like it.