

RUGER MINI THIRTY M-30/20GBCPC NO. 5854 7.62X39MM, \$921

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

Shortening the Ranch Rifle made us long for a pistol-grip stock. Better-quality magazines are needed.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....36.75 in.
 Barrel Length/Twist.....16.12 in./1:10 in.
 Sight Radius.....18.6 in.

Overall Height w/o mag7.6 in.
 Length of Pull13.0 in.
 Weight Unloaded6.75 lbs.
 Capacity.....20+1
 Action Finish.....Blue
 Action Type.....Semi-Automatic

Barrel FinishBlue
 Magazine TypeRemovable Box
 Stock.....Synthetic
 Trigger Pull Weight7.5 lbs.
 WarrantyNone Written
 Telephone.....(603) 865-2442
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Above: The synthetic stock utilized a vented fore end. The forend was clamped hard onto the barrel at the front with four screws (arrow). There were eight vent holes measuring about 0.4 inch in diameter just rearward of the clamp, which also included a sling loop. We think heat and the rigid connection with the barrel may have interfered with accuracy.



Above: The 16.12-inch threaded barrel is the latest variation on the Ranch Rifle. We thought the shorter barrel would be more rigid and thus, more accurate. Instead, it made the somewhat generic stock seem less suitable, in our view. A makeover, including an effective compensator, could make this carbine a much better choice.

Right: Pulled towards the shooter from outside the trigger guard and moved forward from inside the trigger guard, the safety, shown in the Safe position, was controlled by the index finger. The lever located about 2 inches forward of the trigger guard is the magazine release. The rod at upper left is the bolt stop.

