

be borne in mind that any rifle will vary in weight due to variations in density of wood. The Model 760 RIFLEMAN contributing editor Phil Sharpe has been using weighs 7½ pounds loaded with 5 rounds of .30-'06 180-grain ammunition; empty it runs 7¼ pounds. Fully loaded and ready for action, the 760 balances about one-half inch in front of the receiver.

The entire receiver is completely streamlined and closed on top. It ejects straight sidewise, thus will not interfere with either the right- or left-handed shooter. A crossbolt, shotgun type safety in the rear of the trigger guard puts the safety on when pushed through flush with the left side of the guard, and off when the right-handed shooter pushes it flush with his trigger finger. The walnut stock has a neat pistol grip. At the rear end is something new in these days of plastic butt-plates—a neat plate of cast aluminum. The slide has a large walnut handle, reinforced inside with a metal liner for strength, and with vertical grooves on both sides to permit a good grip, even with gloves.

Inside, the action is entirely new. Remington fits the barrel into a forged and heat-treated breech ring, which in turn is screwed into the receiver. The bolt is a new version of the rotating bolt head construction employing an interrupted

Four sets of five lugs each should provide ample safe locking surface even for heavy loads in the .30-'06. The width of these lugs is .210 inch, the distance the bolt head rotates to lock full. The bolt face is recessed for the cartridge head and the same type of extractor and built-in ejector is used in the bolt head as in the bolt-action Models 721 and 722. Thus, when the action is closed and locked, the entire head of the cartridge is completely enclosed.

The unique feature is the detachable box magazine. It holds four cartridges, and is removed from the gun for loading. Note that the action must be closed when inserting loading magazines. Otherwise, the top cartridge may be jarred out of position when the magazine is slammed into place, resulting in a jam. For this reason the loading procedure is described as follows: 1) Insert a round in the chamber; 2) close the action, 3) insert a full magazine. The shooter now has five shots at his command.

To fire single loading without the magazine, invert the gun, drop in the cartridge, and close the action. If the magazine is in position, drop the cartridge through the ejection port with the action tilted, then close the bolt. Perfect feed in every case.

This gun comes equipped with a buckhorn open sight. However, the clean streamlines will permit of the use of any good receiver sight or an extremely low-mounted telescope. Considering the light weight of the rifle, recoil is pleasant.

There is no rattle to the fore-end on the model 760 as was true of the Models 14 and 141. Trigger pull is excellent—crisp and light, with no military take-up. The hammer has a long powerful throw, not a bad idea when such cartridges as the .30-'06 are used. In spite of the long throw, the lock time seems very fast. The rifle cannot be fired until the rotating screw type locking lugs are securely locked in place and the rifle will not fire if trigger is held back and the action worked. The trigger must be released and pulled or squeezed again before it will fire, a very good safety feature. Once locked, the action stays locked until fired, unless the action release is pressed.

We want to call attention to one point here. Occasionally the shooter may notice that the bolt of the new 760 is partly open after firing a shot. Some old-time bolt-action men may hit the ceiling, thinking that something is wrong. Not so, the gun is designed that way. The bolt is particularly easy to operate, and on firing the inertia of the fore-end bolt carrier assembly, working in combination with the counter recoil after firing, simply does part of the shooter's work for him.



Hunters experienced with slide-action rifles will be pleased that the Remington 760 is made in .30-'06, .35 Remington, and .300 Savage



Box magazine on new Remington 760 holds four cartridges. To avoid trouble in loading, the following procedure is suggested: 1) insert round in chamber, 2) close action, and 3) insert full magazine



Four sets of five locking lugs on bolt engage barrel extension on new Remington 760. Bolt is particularly easy to operate, often opening partly after firing from inertia of bolt carrier assembly and counter recoil

The new rifle is the southpaw's dream; a left-hander can functions this rifle as fast as he or she chooses. To our notion, this is the best action for the left-hand shooter short of the revamped left-hand bolt actions.

It seems a very safe rifle. The shooter's face and eyes are protected with solid steel of the receiver with only a small side port for case ejection. The recessed bolt head also supports the cartridge head properly, so it is hard to see how anyone could ever get any gas or brass particles in the face from this rifle.

We have been giving it a hard work out for some time now with all types of ammunition. All Remington-make ammunition from the 150-grain to the 220-grain bullet weights handles slick as grease and seems to shoot into a relatively small group for three different bullet weights. Elmer Keith gave it a good work out with service ammunition. It shot very well with standard M2 loads, giving around 2½-inch groups at 100 yards. He came to the conclusion it was just

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