



GUN RACK

Stoeger Luger

Last year Stoeger Arms Corporation announced a .22 Luger pistol that was designed by Stoeger engineers and is made in New England. It is the Model STLR-4. Since 1929, Stoeger has owned the name "Luger" in this country. It is a registered trade name and is an exclusive property. The new pistol bears a faithful resemblance to the original German automatic, so far as exterior appearance is concerned. It has a 4½" barrel while the Parabellum had only a 4-inch tube, overall the Stoeger version is 8¾" while the Luger 08 is only 8¾ inches, weight of the original is 30 ounces, the new-comer is an ounce lighter. The action is a blowback but the toggle joint is retained.

The frame is an aluminum forging of 7075 T6, as used in aircraft fuse-



lages. The barrel is chrome moly steel, hammer forged, 6 lands and grooves, left hand twist of 1-in-16 inches, with a countersunk muzzle. It is fitted to the receiver with an interference fit, that is, an oversize cross pin to securely lock it in place.

The bolt moves on SAE 1050 boltways. These boltways also support the sear, hammer pin, and the magazine guide which in turn holds the hammer strut plate. The entire action can be removed from the frame by withdrawing the main frame pin and pushing in the take down plunger. The hammer and sear are heat treated. The takedown plunger hole in the rear of the receiver is exactly in line with the bore and after the bolt has been removed the pistol may be

cleaned from the breech end by running a rod through the plunger take-down hole.

The magazine holds 11 rounds and the pistol will handle either .22 long rifle standard velocity or high velocity. It will not function with long or short cartridges. The sights are partridge by type, the front post is ¼" in width. The front sight is movable for windage by the use of a brass drift and a hammer. There is no adjustment for elevation. A test of the trigger pull on the sample pistol submitted to me for field testing indicated a weight of 2 lb 14 oz. The pull was clean breaking. There is a lever actuated safety on the left side of the receiver and on special order this safety can be located on the other side of the receiver for the left-handed shooter. Stocks are of wood, and are nicely checkered. The grip-to-barrel angle of the pistol is exactly the same as that of the original Luger.

Fired at 25 yards with Federal standard velocity .22 long rifle cartridges, the pistol grouped 5 inches left. The front sight is movable for windage so it was tapped with a brass drift and hammer until it came to zero. Elevation was okay. Test fired with CIL .22 high velocity ammo, it grouped into the 10-ring very sweetly. A test was run with .22 long Remington and .22 Short Winchester Leader but neither round would function the action.

There were intermittent malfunctions with both Federal long rifle standard velocity and the Canadian CIL high velocity cartridges. The round would feed up out of the magazine and the point of the cartridge would strike at the 12 o'clock point on the chamber. This would cause a jam. Extraction was positive with one exception. The failure to feed may be attributable to a faulty magazine. This is being replaced and a second firing test will be made before final judgment is passed on this interesting new Stoeger development.

Loctite

Last fall I shot at a pronghorn at 250 yards and went plumb over the little buck's back. He ran out to 350 yards and stopped again and this time I creased his withers. It wasn't until he stopped at 450 yards that I nailed him. This was passing strange because the rifle had been perfectly sighted in for 200 yards. When I got back to camp I examined the scope and mount. I had 2 loose screws in the forward mount. That taught me a lesson right there. Now I use Loctite on those screws.

This preparation has been around for 10 years, so it isn't new. But it is the real huckleberry for scope mount screws. The company, Loctite Corpo-



ration, Newington, Conn., puts out a blister package which contains a tube of Loctite and a small can of what they call "Klean N' Prime". Before you use the Loctite you spray the mount screws with the solvent. This removes all greases and oils and also tends to make the polymer preparation set all the better. The screw is daubed lightly with the Loctite and then set in place. Within 30 minutes after it has been seated the gun can be fired. It sets just that fast. Whenever you want to remove the mount the Loctite breaks loose without too much difficulty. It is a sure guarantee against mount screws loosening as mine did on that pronghorn soiree!

Husqvarna Sporter

Tradewinds, Inc., Tacoma, Wash., the exclusive importers of the Swedish line of Husqvarna highpowered sporting rifles have a new one. This is an improved version of the Model 98 Mauser rifle. To be known as the Model 1974-07 Imperial, the rifle submitted for field test is a 30'06. It is a lightweight sporter going 7 pounds, 2 ounces, with a 24-inch barrel. The barrel measures .308, with 4 lands and grooves, left hand twist of 1-in-10. It goes 1.18" at the breech and tapers to .56" at the muzzle with a weight of 2

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