

COMMENTS:

BROWNING: The Browning approach to "Quality" is conservative - minimum essential embellishment with generally superior execution. The Browning finishing result is rated slightly superior to Remington.

WINCHESTER: The Winchester finish is quite dark and of medium gloss. This tends to hide deficiencies in labor-intensive operations such as blend sanding and finish smoothing. The wood finish material is considerably below Remington standards. It was judged inferior with respect to extent of open grain and film integrity. The positive cut checkering is a definite aesthetic and functional asset. Their automatic machine is apparently best suited to cylindrical surfaces (fore-end).

OVERALL SUMMARY:

BROWNING: Superior stock finishing inferior checkering.

WINCHESTER
SUPER X1: Inferior stock finishing. Superior checkering.

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