

which will be standard on all of their bolt action rifles as well as a sister system for autoloading and pump action firearms.

Easily disassembled for cleaning, the bolt can be maintained in the field. Even the bolt head is removable for thorough cleaning or degreasing as required. The fact that the locking lugs do not have to be head spaced to a screwed in barrel means that bolts are interchangeable between rifles, or can be replaced with out gun smithing if for some reason one becomes lost.

The removable box magazine is constructed from steel with the exception of a synthetic box cover that carries the Remington logo. It sits flush with the bottom of the stock, and is held in place with a convenient front latch system. Once again, it can be quickly disassembled for easy cleaning and maintenance.

The dual stack, center feed system holds the cartridges at the rear of the case and provides for straight line positive feeding. It also eliminates the problems that can cause feed malfunctions due to bent or damaged magazine lips. The downside is that it cannot be charged through the open action, and must be removed to be reloaded, but a spare magazine rectifies that problem. The capacity is four rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber for a total of five.

The stock, the final component, is an attractive medium dark grey fully textured Remington synthetic. A cheek piece is molded in for right hand shooters, and features a black rubber recoil pad and grip cap with the Remington Arms shield. It comes with mounted sling swivel studs, and is contoured to fit the shooters hands providing a comfortable secure grip. The trigger guard is incorporated into the stock as well, and while that may seem to be a bit unattractive, I found that it was so unobtrusive that I really didn't even notice it during our try out.

The 710 measures 42 1/2 inches overall, and weighs in at 7 1/8 pounds. It looks great, balances nicely in the hands, and looks like it knows why it was created. It's a truck rifle, a beginner's choice, a professional's dream, and the perfect first choice or back up rifle for that hunt of a lifetime. What more could anyone ask for, and at the right price as well.

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Sidebar: Integrated Security System:

The brand new Integrated Security System (ISS), which will eventually become standard equipment in the Remington line-up is a very neat package that works very well. The current push by legislators to try to make firearms safer is responsible for this development, but good firearm handling is the first line of defense against accidents. The ISS provides a second line of defense, especially when a firearm is stored.

If you look very closely at the bolt shroud, you will see a small metal disk in the side with a "J" shaped slot cut into it. Insert the special Remington key, turn it, and the bolt is locked in the open and safe condition so it will not fire. This puts the rifle in a "non-operational" mode. It is a very slick system that does not compromise the clean looks of the rifle in any way. The ISS does not interfere with, or replace the normal safety operation.

If, for some reason, you prefer not to use this system at all, just make sure the bolt is in the unlocked condition, throw the key away, and use whatever other means for security that you might prefer. I would recommend that it be used as it was intended, and just be sure you never leave home (especially on a hunting trip) without the key. As a Canadian subjected to rigorous storage legislation, I can attest that you will soon become very