

manipulation is that the operator can pull the bolt out of the action and into his face at painful velocity. Lauck removes the Remington bolt stop and replaces it with one of his own design.

Lauck's MR-700's bolt stop is a machine screw located at the left rear of the receiver. To withdraw the bolt stop, lightly pull the bolt rearward until it gently engages the bolt stop. Keep very light rearward pressure on the bolt while unscrewing the bolt stop counter-clockwise with your fingers until the bolt can be slid out of the receiver. Do not unscrew the bolt stop completely out of the receiver to avoid loss.

The M700 is also prone to magazine problems. Thankfully, Remington eliminated detachable box magazines due to negative feedback from the law-enforcement community. This discussion is limited to the standard fixed internal magazine. Bolt over base and nose diving are the principal feeding problems. Lauck's MR-700 conversion eliminates these gremlins by eliminating the magazine. Is this throwing the proverbial baby out with the bathwater? Not hardly. Lauck sleeves the action when the magazine is removed, thereby increasing action rigidity and rifle accuracy.

Like Lauck's flagship line of precision rifles, the MR-30 PG series, the upgraded Remington MR-700 is fitted with D&L's proprietary aluminum rail stock. This stock features an adjustable cheekpiece and length of pull, full free-floating of the barrel, a rear monopod, and a much larger and more rigid stock-to-action interface than is provided by factory stocks. The Remington receiver is held by eight quarter-inch machine screws tying a massive top alignment block into the precision bedding surface in the stock. Accessory bars on both sides of the stock accept cartridge carriers.

This stock also fits a prone shooter to perfection. The stock's rear monopod can be deployed on the grip frame or the buttstock frame. End-users like this monopod. Lauck also adds a 20 MOA slant scope base to facilitate shooting at long range. The stock also features 2.5-inch MIL-STD-1913 rails on either side of the forestock that can be used for mounting tactical lights or a laser. The complete system used in this study (i.e., with optics) has an overall length of 39.5 inches and a weight of 20.2 pounds.

The MR-700 does look a bit odd with the optional roll cage and a 12.25-inch carry handle that sits 3.5 inches above the high point of the scope. Yet handsome it as handsome does. Besides the obvious protection it provides for the rifle's optics, the rifle balances really well on the handle. I found it addictively handy. Moreover, the roll cage makes a dandy support frame for a sniper veil. It is worth noting that, regardless of caliber, I tend to shoot my personal best with this stock.

Shooting Impressions

Both the MR-700 Remington conversion and the top-of-the line MR-30 PG are designed to be used in a load-one, shoot-one manner. With the bolt back, simply toss a cartridge into the feeding tray and close the bolt. There is never a failure to feed. Additional rounds are stored close at hand in single or twin 6-round cartridge carriers on the forestock. That's fast for lefties. An additional 10-round carrier can be attached to the butt stock, which is particularly fast for right-handers.

Reloading by hand from cartridge carriers is surprisingly fast and efficient. With practice, one can develop a comforting rapid-fire cadence while placing accurate hits on target. That is a skill everyone should cultivate, even in law-enforcement, where such techniques may be used very rarely. You can always shoot more slowly when skilled in rapid fire, but the reverse is not true. Using the MR-700 Remington upgrade, I had no problem placing 5 rounds into a tight group at 100 yards in 21 seconds. Lauck's load-one, shoot-one rifles have developed an enviable track record among armed professionals and serious sport shooters alike. This is a system that works in the "Real World."

A nifty option is that a small pouch may be added to the offside of the rifle for the