

Test Firing the XP-100

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A MODERNISTIC SAWED-off varmint rifle, the Remington XP-100 is a single-shot, bolt-action handgun that packs more long-range wallop and accuracy and flat trajectory than any other handgun built.

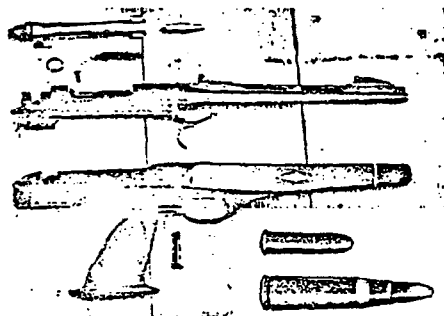
Weighing 3¾ pounds, and 16¾ inches long, the XP-100 shoots a 50-grain .221 bullet at 2650-f.p.s. muzzle velocity. With a Bushnell 1.3X telescopic sight, I shot six groups at 100 yards, and stayed under three inches for five shots.

Major difficulty was getting the hang of

controlling a 3¾ pound gun that will give the accuracy of a rifle. The least little twitch is embarrassing. But this was mastered with practice, and then I easily blasted quart oil cans at 100 yards as well as gallon cans at 150 and 175 yards. I shot a Florida buzzard, the first varmint target, at about 140 yards.

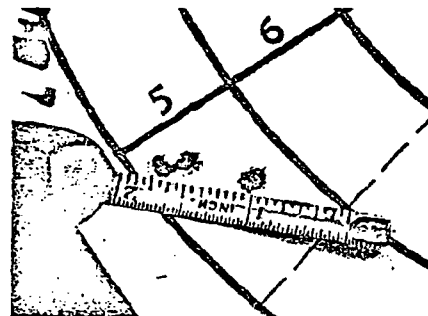
Though it's not as easy to hold as a rifle, it would take an excellent varmint rifle to match the XP-100's accuracy—an unusual quality in any handgun.

ONE-PIECE stock permits precision barrel bedding. Inset: large .221-cal. cartridge and .22 long rifle



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THREE SHOTS fired from bench-rest at 100 yards measure just under ¾ inch from center to center



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