

WEIGHT IN OUNCES BY WHICH ACTUAL MODEL 1100
WEIGHT EXCEEDS OTHER ACTUAL REMINGTON
AND COMPETITION'S PUBLISHED WEIGHTS

26 INCH PLAIN BARRELS

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>12 Ga.</u>	<u>16 Ga.</u>	<u>20 Ga.</u>
11-48	1	8	8
58	6	8	8
Browning Standard	(5)*	3	Not Manufactured
Browning Light Weight	5	13	16
Winchester 1400	12	10	Not in Production

* Browning 12 gauge Standard exceeds 12 gauge M-1100.

The status of efforts to reduce weight are as follows:

Mahogany Stocks - Applicable To All Gauges

A pilot lot of 500 mahogany stocks in 20 gauge will begin being processed the week of February 10 and will begin assembly the end of February. These are for an initial field test in 20 gauge. However, mahogany stocks and fore ends may be a means to reduce the weights of all gauges.

Mahogany is both weaker and softer than American walnut and will be more prone to breakage, especially of the fore end, and to dents. It is Research's opinion that mahogany offers some risk of more split stocks and fore ends. However, actual experience awaits more testing of product from the pilot lot.

Research displayed a sample 20 gauge Model 1100 with mahogany stock and fore end. They asked Sales opinion on whether the stocks should be stained mahogany red or walnut brown. Sales questioned the adequacy of the checkering. Both points will be resolved before processing the pilot lot. Sales also suggested only 200 of the pilot lot be assembled and they will advise the method of disposition.

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