

In addition to the fire control safety, the Model 710 comes equipped with Remington's new Integrated Security System (ISS). Located on the left side of the bolt shroud is a small, unobtrusive button that can be rotated by means of a special, J-profile, metal key on a small green plastic handle. When the key is inserted in the button and rotated, the button exposes a white dot or red dot. The former indicates the bolt will not close while the latter indicates the bolt can be closed for firing. When activated, the button simply rotates a metal pin locking the cocking piece so the bolt cannot be closed.

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<TD>Molded of gray, fiberglass-reinforced polymer with a non-slip, pebbled finish, the one-piece stock of the 710 requires no inletting, fitting or finishing. The aluminum recoil lug (arrow) engages a slot cut in the bottom of the barrel.
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<P>Stock</P>

Molded of gray, fiberglass-reinforced polymer, the stock combines strength, stability and light weight with ease of manufacture and low cost. The pebbled surface finish of the one-piece stock is claimed to never crack, chip or peel. It is of conventional styling with no checkering, a fluted pistol grip, integral trigger guard and cheek piece for right-handed shooters. Steel quick-detachable sling swivel studs, a black plastic pistol grip cap and a soft black rubber butt pad are standard equipment.

As it comes from the mold, the Model 710 stock has all the proper cutouts for bedding the receiver without the need for machining or hand fitting. The only components that must be installed are the recoil lug and the magazine release lever. The receiver is secured to the stock by three socket-head screws two large screws in front of the magazine well and a smaller one behind the trigger guard. When the barreled action is properly secured in the stock, the barrel is not free-floated.

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<TD>A molded polymer receiver insert features raceways for the bolt locking lugs and holds the fire control unit. Openings on its side and bottom are for the ejection port and magazine well.
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<P>Magazine</P>

The Model 710 uses a detachable, four-round, staggered-column box magazine. Made with a blued steel body, it features a follower and floorplate molded of black polymer. When the magazine is positioned properly in the well, the floorplate is flush with the lower surface of the stock. For this reason, the stock is relieved on both ends of the magazine well to allow finger purchase on the floorplate to aid in removal. The release lever is in front of the well as the magazine fits only in the stock there is no metal liner in the magazine well or other attachment to the receiver.

We found the magazine provided faultless feeding and was easy to load. Cartridges are inserted easily from the front (not the top) position. Another feature we liked was the ability to quickly and easily unload the rifle by removing the magazine (and removing the cartridge from the chamber if any). We do have one complaint, however the magazine may be inserted backward.

<P>Sights</P>

Our test rifle came factory-equipped with a one-piece, aluminum alloy scope base, aluminum alloy 1" scope rings and a bore-sighted Bushnell 3-9X variable Sharpshooter rifle scope with 40 mm objective lens and a Multi-X reticle. Built on an hard-anodized, 1"-diameter aluminum tube, the scope features fully coated lenses and 1/4-minute click adjustments for windage and elevation. For those who prefer their own scope, Remington may in the future offer a Model 710 without the scope.