

case of a hang-fire and then lift the bolt handle to re-arm the firing pin. The second try always resulted in the cartridge firing.

The Optronics BuckRidge 3-9x scope was cranked up to 9 power and worked very well, giving a sharp and well focused field of view. I especially liked the Mil-Dot reticle. There was no loosening of the scope throughout the firing of almost 200 rounds, a testament to the Weaver bases and Redfield rings. Oh, don't forget to clean the barrel well. I tried a new gun cleaning product called Forrest Professional Copper Remover Foam from Clean Gun, LLC. Spray the foam down a cool barrel, wait 15-30 minutes and remove the foam with a rod and patch. The bore will be bright and shiny.

Final Notes

The Remington Model 700 Classic in 8mm Mauser is a Limited Edition for 2004 and won't last long, so you'd better get down to your Remington dealer and check one out before they're all snapped up. I predict the marriage of this fine rifle and time proven cartridge will be extremely popular with hunters and shooters.

Specifications: Remington Model 700 Classic

Caliber: 8mm Mauser (7.92x57/8x57)

Barrel: 24 inches, 1:9.5 inch twist rate

OA Length: 44.5 inches

Weight: 7.25 pounds

Stock: Checkered American walnut stock w/ swivel studs and recoil pad

Sights: None, drilled and tapped for scope

Action: Bolt action repeater

Finish: Blued with "jeweled" bolt

Capacity: 4 + 1

Price: \$683

Performance: Remington Model 700 Classic 8mm Mauser

Load	Velocity	Best Group	Accuracy Average of Groups
Federal 170 JSP Power-Shok	2246	1.78	2.10
Remington 170 JSP Express	2358	1.69	2.13
Czech Military Surplus 198 FMJ	2488	1.31	1.75
Ecuador Military Surplus 198 FMJ	2575	2.43	2.72

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in feet per second (fps) by Oehler 35P chronograph for average of 5 rounds 10 feet from muzzle, accuracy in inches for four 3-shot groups fired at 100 yards from mechanical bench rest. Temperature 79 degrees, wind from the south at 15-20 MPH.

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