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No changes. Thanks Linas.

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Morning,

Please verify the technical details of Stan's article for an upcoming annual. The article has been enclosed and pasted below. As always, thanks!

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Complete Book of Guns

Title: Gun Test:
REMINGTON 673 GUIDE RIFLE 308

Blurb: A born again revival of a classic!
Bline: By Stan Trzoniec

From its introduction in 1964 the Model 600 introduced a number of "break the mold" features, among them a very unusual top rib (similar to a shotgun ventilated rib), a rather unique bolt handle, a custom checkered American walnut stock, and a unloaded weight of five and a half pounds! Soon after came the Model 600 Magnum chambered for both the 6.5 and .350 Remington Magnums. The gun featured a distinctive laminated stock, monte-carlo comb and a slightly longer 18.5-inch barrel. Both Model 600s were soon discontinued although Alaskan guides swore by them, and throughout the years until 1979, various additional models and chamberings were introduced on a limited basis. The door finally closed on the Models 660, 660 Magnum and the Mohawk and they have been relegated to collector status ever since. In 1983, the Model 7 (then it was the Model 7, now it is the Model Seven) was introduced and deemed a suitable replacement for the Model 600 and 660 series of guns.

Gun Details

Well, Remington has reintroduced the gun two years ago. Based on the same idea of a short, fast acting carbine type of rifle, the new Model 673 (the 6 is for the original Model 600, the 7 is for the

Model Seven action and the 3 is for the year of introduction) has been updated in both style and modern chamberings.

The new Remington is a very close copy of the famed Model 600 with some exceptions to bring it up to date. The Model 673 does have the famous two-color laminated stock that's done in light and dark brown with a twin band of natural laminates, which keeps the flavor of the older gun. More recently Remington has been leaning towards more classic designed stocks. We first saw it on the Classic Deluxe (CDL) with all the features of the Model 700 without the fancy, high-combed stock. This Guide Rifle also has straight-combed stock with a cheekpiece on the left side.

Even with a shorter than normal barrel length, the gun has man sized proportions. The overall length is almost 42 inches, and it checks in at 7.5 pounds without a scope, rings, bases or ammunition. Length of pull is 13.37 inches over the soft, KickEz type recoil pad and the pistol grip is swept back in almost English style. Made for hunting this rifle has no fancy pistol grip caps or fore-end tips to mar its lines.

Further detailing of the stock includes an intricate checkering pattern that follows the older style. A traditional point pattern, on each end there's an arrow styled pattern that goes rearward into the checkering as it did on the Model 600 series. This is included on both front and rear checkering sections and even with the hardness of the wood and finish, the checkering is done clean and neat.

The outside finish on the gun is polished smooth and a satin finish is added for weather resistance. Areas around the ejection port, pistol grip and bolt handle are smooth and free from burrs sometimes associated with a hard, laminated stock.

The Guide Gun is built on the Model Seven action, which seems odd since it was the Model Seven that took away all the thunder from the original Mohawk rifle. Gone is the dog leg on the bolt handle, instead it comes down straight from the bolt then turns rearward and is capped off by a checkered bolt knob for additional handling qualities. Behind the bolt handle is the safety lever, traditional in operation, forward is fire, to the rear is safe. When on safe, the mechanism allows the bolt to be opened for removal of live rounds, but the sear remains locked. Trigger pull went off my trigger pull gauge, but I'm assuming it is right around 6 pounds.

This is a short action gun, but retains all of the qualities of the larger Model 700 family. Inside the bolt face is both the blade type extractor and the plunger ejector. The gun is locked up at the breech via twin locking lugs and from here back the bolt retains the same diameter for ease of feeding and general operation. On the right hand locking lug there is an anti-bind slot and it works in conjunction with a rail on the inner raceway of the action for smooth cycling of the bolt whether loading a round or ejecting one. For additional access to the ammunition, the floor plate drops down with just a push of the button ahead of the triggerguard. To remove the bolt, push in the small lever that's neatly hidden away under the gun and in front of the trigger.

The 22-inch barrel doesn't exactly fit into the carbine status of the older model. On top of this new gun there is a ventilated rib that is supposed to cut down on rising heat waves much like that of a hunting or competition grade shotgun. It is secured at five different points along the barrel and finished off at the muzzle with that original look-a-like front sight that reminds one of a shark fin or a raptors beak.

On top of the front sight there is a white insert which when lined up with the white arrow marking on the rear iron sight, gives you a more than adequate sight picture. The rear sight is adjustable for windage by a screw within and below the rear notch and elevation via an Allen screw in front of that.

The receiver is drilled and tapped for scope mounting. On our test gun, I mounted a Burris Compact 3-9 scope that not only was installed without a hitch, it looks good on this "carbine" type rifle.

Overall appearance of the gun is top rate with the finished stock and blued action complimenting each other. The metalwork, save the floorplate, is polished and blued to a deep luster. With the matte finished scope, rings and bases, the gun is a very handsome rifle to have in your gun rack.

Our test .308 turned out to be just the right combination of power and recoil. For a hunting cartridge there is hardly a better one. While some call it a shortened .30-06 or a stepchild to the .35 Whelen, the .308 proves itself in a shorter gun. Factory ammunition is abundant, and handloaders can rejoice in the amount of components to include bullets, powder, primers and brass.

Shooting Impressions

Remington is famous for out of the box accuracy and this gun continued that tradition putting all the test rounds going into very tight groups. With loads from Remington, Hornady and Winchester in bullet weights of 150, 165 and 180 grains, the .308 is a versatile, do-everything cartridge.

The Guide Rifle is a pleasant change from the norm and with some new chamberings there's going to be a gun/cartridge combo for most everyone. For those who wanted this rifle back into the fold, it's here and with bells on!

Specifications: Remington Model 673

Caliber: 6.5mm Rem Mag, .308, .300RSAUM, .350 Rem Mag

Barrel: 22 inches

OA Length: 41.18 inches
Weight: 7.5 pounds
Stock: Wood laminate with satin finish
Sights: Iron, drilled and tapped for scope
Operations: Bolt-action
Safety: 2-position
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 4 + 1
Price: \$859

Performance: Remington Model 673 .308

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Remington 150 Soft Point Core Lokt	2801	1.50
Homady 165 Spire Point	2638	1.75
Winchester 180 Silvertip	2586	1.75

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in feet per second (fps) by Shooting Crony chronograph, accuracy in inches for three 3-shot groups at 100 yards. Temperature: 65 degrees

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Photo Captions:

- 1/2 Our test Remington Model 673 Guide Rifle with a Burriss Compact 3-9 scope.
 - 3 The action of the Guide Rifle is based on the Model Seven.
 - 4 Note the two-position safety located right behind the bolt stem. Bolt knob is checkered for a secure grip.
 - 5 Typical of the older Model 600 series, Remington carries on traditional features such as this distinctive checkering pattern.
 - 6 DONOT USE.
 - 7 Remington has included the ventilated rib that was part of the older rifle.
 - 8 DONOT USE
 - 9 The "sharks fin" front sight blade is also a carry-over. It contains a white bead, which matches up with white arrow on the rear sight.
 - 10 The rear sight blade has a white reference point for easy acquisition in all kinds of weather.
 - 11 DONOT USE.
 - 12 With no monte-carlo comb the comb has a cheekpiece to help support the face.
 - 13 DONOT USE.
 - 14 Just forward of the trigger is the bolt release. Pushing it up, allows the bolt to be removed
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 - 15 A soft recoil pad will come in handy for shooting magnum calibers.
 - 16 The pistol grip is swept back almost English style to make the gun even handier in the field.
 - 17 The new Model 673 has no fore-end tip as on the Model 600. Sling swivel studs are standard.
 - 18 The trigger pull needs to be adjusted downward for best accuracy. Floorplate release is just forward of the trigger guard.
- 19/20/21 The author at the range testing the new Remington Guide Rifle. He found the gun easy to use and very accurate.

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