

The exposed hammer is cocked via the lever on the right side (right). The cocking lever is accessible to right- and left-handers. Upward movement of the triggerguard lever unlocks the rifle and allows the barrel to tilt downward (far right) for loading and unloading and allows for simple barrel interchangeability.



exposed hammer rifles, whether lever action or single shot, is that manipulating the hammer can be a problem when a scope is mounted. Some companies solve this with a hammer extension. The Luxus avoids the problem altogether. The spurless hammer is manipulated by a side lever on the right-hand side of the action. Simple and effective. Upward pressure on the triggerguard extension unlocks the barrel, which tilts downward to expose the breech for loading and unloading.

In that regard operation is similar to the familiar T/C, but the appearance is

quite different. Part of this is the wood. Luxus Arms (www.luxusarms.com) has its genesis in the Luxus Walnut Stock Blank Co., for some years one of the top suppliers of really good gunstock wood. The company specializes in Turkish walnut, but has English and other varieties available as well. Using CNC technology, the company also manufactured aircraft components.

The Luxus Model 11 combines great wood, modern manufacturing and excellent metal finishing. The rifles are manufactured in Mount Orab, Ohio, with

initial offerings in 16 chamberings from .204 Ruger to .375 H&H. The top-grade barrels are sourced from premium manufacturers and are fully interchangeable.

The rifle sent for testing is a good old .30-06 with 24-inch barrel; weight without scope is a very pleasing 6.4 pounds. This rifle carried a quarter rib with no iron sights, the rib serving as a base for Talley rings. The matte bluing is very well done, and stock fitting is near perfect.

Great wood is standard, with upgrades available—and customers can actually select turned stock blanks via the Luxus