

Arms website. The stock on the test rifle is really good English walnut with lots of striping. I would have sworn it had to be an upgrade, but I am assured this is “standard” Luxus wood. The 22 lines-per-inch checkering is excellent. The buttstock is dead straight, and the fore-end is nicely rounded and sculpted from the action. Standard is a Pachmayr Decelerator pad in either black or red. On this particular rifle the fore-end is short with a barrel band forward swivel. The rear swivel is two-screw. This is perhaps a small touch, but I hate it when, inevitably, single-screw sling swivel studs come loose and start to rotate and twist the sling.

Luxus rifles come with test targets, and the test target was pretty impressive. Using Talley’s sturdy rings, I put a Minox ZA5 2-10X scope on the rifle. I didn’t have the 165-grain factory test load available, and I was not quite able to duplicate that excellent test target. I also found that, like many two-piece stock rifles and equally many rifles with fully-bedded fore-ends (which the Luxus M11 has), the rifle was a bit finicky. But it likes what it likes, and I had no problems obtaining groups from three-quarter to one inch with several factory loads. Of the ammo I had available, the best groups came with Black



Superb wood is a Luxus hallmark. The rifles have the look of a traditional falling block but are actually a break-open or tilt-barrel design.

Hills’ 180-grain AccuBond and Hornady’s 180-grain Interlock Spire Point.

With the cocking lever on the right side, the action isn’t intended to be am-

bidextrous, but it seems at least equally user-friendly for lefties like me. A right-handed person will cock the rifle with the right thumb, probably while the hand is coming up and back toward the pistol grip and triggerguard. A left-handed person will reach over the top of the action with the left thumb to cock the rifle, then move left, back and down to the pistol grip. This sounds slower, but the position is such that a lefty actually has more leverage in the thumb, so I think it works out about the same. The trigger pull is crisp and clean and just right at about three pounds. The barrels are extractor-only, and operation is simple and efficient.

Although the wood is astonishing, the test rifle is absolutely standard. It isn’t exactly inexpensive; suggested retail is \$2,995. But considering what you’re getting, that’s still a pretty good value. Using the company website you can “build your own rifle,” not only selecting your wood, but choosing from a wide variety of options and upgrades. Additional barrels are \$595. At that price level, I don’t expect the Luxus to compete with any production single shots, but because of the cult-like appeal of the single shot, it’ll appeal to many shooters in search of a “special” rifle. **G&A**