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THE TRADITIONAL “BIG GAME LEVER ACTION RIFLE” BY DAVIDE PEDERSOLI

After designing the “Guide Master”, Davide Pedersoli has returned to a traditional interpretation of the lever-action rifle.

Making its debut in 1886 the rifle, designed by J. M. Browning, its appearance impressed the audience who, even after just one glance, conveyed power, precision and robustness. Over the years, this rifle was to become greatly appreciated by hunters and shooting enthusiasts alike.

Looking back, this firearm reflected the possibilities offered by industrialisation through which the US was passing in during the second half of the nineteenth century with the resulting prosperity and development in almost all areas.

Again, looking back in time, the 1886 was the result of an excellent project, which unlike most firearms, survived the transition from black powder to smokeless powder. Therefore, it is unsurprising that this weapon should inspire one of the world’s best producers of replica firearms.

The decision to manufacture lever action rifles on the part of the management of Pedersoli is relatively recent, however, in the space of a few years they have produced a range of four rifles based on the mechanics of the original 1886.

The 1886/71 which is offered in both 45-70 Gov calibre as well as in 444 marlin which is characterized by a 20 inch cylindrical barrel and a tubular five round magazine. There is an orange coloured “Soft-Touch” butt for hunting in forests. The “Guide Master” which is entirely made from stainless steel with an 18 inch barrel with a “Soft-Touch” camo designed butt and a MILSTD1913 rail. Last but not least, the 1886, the most traditional of all, it is a faithful replica of the rifle that was so popular amongst hunters.

This rifle has a number of traits, which distinguish it from the other lever actions produced by the company based in Gardone Val Trompia.

The rifle is 45 inches long, weighs 9,81 lbs and is produced in 45-70 Gov caliber.

The barrel is 26 inches long, is part of the Premium Match Grade series, and externally has an eye catching octagonal shape. The rifling is composed of 6 right turning grooves with a 1 in 18 inch twist rate.

Unlike the other lever action rifles, this one has a magazine, which runs the length of the barrel, and accommodate an impressive 6 rounds.

The cartridges are kept under tension in the magazine with a strong spring so that as soon as the lever is operated, a round is pushed onto the carrier, which rises and loads the round into the chamber once the lever has been locked back into position under the receiver. The

extractor and ejector spring are part of the carrier, this allows for rapid ejection of spent brass and the further downward to load the next round before being locked back into a firing position and the rim being firmly grasped by the extractor.

The 1886 has the same type of loading lever as the original, made from a single block of steel. During the prototype stage of production, a lever action made from two parts: tested, with the rear part being removable and enlarged so that it could be actioned even when wearing gloves.

The 1886 is offered with a semi-anatomical stock, a pistol grip made from American walnut stained with oil and a tortoiseshell design on the receiver, and both barrel and magazine have a polished blued finish just like the original.

In conclusion, this rifle more than any other lever action rifle produced by Davide Pedersoli, reflects their design and manufacturing philosophy of an in depth study of the original design. Scrupulous planning of the entire manufacturing process, using both the highly advanced computerised equipment as well as the details to be worked by the artisans ensures that the commercial models all achieve an extremely high standard as an “out of the box” product.

Caption: S.738 1886 Lever Action rifle

