



## Rizzini BR240 Cole Special

### SPECIFICATIONS

- MODEL: RIZZINI BR240 COLE SPECIAL
- GAUGE: 12 GAUGE (20-GAUGE AND TWO-BARREL SET AVAILABLE)
- BARRELS: 32" (TESTED) (30" AVAILABLE)
- LOP: 14.75" (TRIGGER BLADE ADJUSTABLE FOR GRIP LENGTH)
- DAC: 1 1/2" (AS TESTED) (ADJUSTABLE)
- DAH: 2.25" (AS TESTED)
- WEIGHT: 8 LBS. 11OZ
- CHOKES: 5 - COLE PRECISION XL BORE EXTENDED (CYL, IC, M, IM, F)
- SUGGESTED RETAIL: STARTING AT \$5100.00
- RIZZINI LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY
- COLE'S GUNSMITHING IS A RIZZINI WARRANTY SERVICE CENTER

The BR 240 Cole Special comes stashed in a high-quality break-down ABS case marked with the Rizzini logo and fitted for perfect protection during transport. The receiver and barrel set are further protected by their own Rizzini socks and secured in place. This shotgun is the culmination of much research and development in association with Rich Cole of Cole's Gunsmithing. The stock measurements are per Rich's design parameters and specifically tailored to the modern American shotgunner. When pulling the receiver from its sock, the engraving in gold is starkly contrasted by the high gloss blackened base of the receiver. The Turkish walnut stock was beautifully figured and very well executed with wonderful checkering and very clean lines. The accessories compartment held the five extended choke tubes, a choke tube wrench, and a manual with warranty card.

### The Stock

As mentioned above, the stock on the BR240 is specifically designed with modern

measurements. It features a longer length of pull, slightly increased pitch, a very comfortable right-handed palm swell (left-handed stocks available) and a solid adjustable comb (as an option). The checkering is cut at 20 lines per inch and generously proportioned, providing a secure and comfortable grip. The buttstock comes supplied with a sporting style recoil pad.

The Turkish walnut on this sample is very well figured with nice marbling and sporting an elegant glossy oil finished sheen. The sporting style forearm is rightly checkered and well-covered, promoting excellent control and security. It locks solidly in place employing the Rizzini Anson style push button mechanism which latches securely to the barrel lug.

### The Receiver

The receiver on this model is designed for both beauty and durability. Built on the boxlock action originally conceived by the brilliant mind of John Moses Browning, this underlug design is capable of round counts well into the six



digits. The embellishments on the receiver can be most accurately described as simply elegant. The semi-gloss black Ceracote™ receiver is sharply contrasted by profiled borders inlaid with gold. The side of the receiver bears this model's designation in brilliant script while the bottom of the receiver is decorated with the Rizzini crest and "Cole Special." The receiver coating provides maximum resistance to corrosion while maintaining a handsome finish.

The barrels pivot on trunnions installed in the ears of the receiver and lock solidly into battery engaging the monoblock at multiple points within the receiver. The BR240 receiver has some additional width to it, adding strength and durability to all stress points. The single selective inertia trigger had nearly zero creep and broke at just over three pounds on both the upper and lower barrel. Reset of the well radiused trigger blade was quick with very little return necessary to engage the second sear. The trigger blade on this model is adjustable to perfect grip length, a measurement which is often overlooked by some.





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The safety and barrel selector is done in the traditional Italian style, located on top of the manual safety switch. Once the safety is moved to the fire position, the barrel selector locked securely into place.

### The Barrels

When it comes to any sporting gun, barrel construction and design is absolutely critical to a model's performance and reputation. Regulation is the test performed to determine that both barrels effectively and evenly distribute the shot in the correct place. Think of it as the geometry that ensures both barrels are not only symmetrically built to deliver the payload to the same place down range, but also the element of putting the patterns consistently where the shooter is looking. The BR240 had excellent barrel regulation and when in a vice demonstrated a 50/50 point of impact (POI). For shooters who prefer a higher POI, the adjustable comb option will give the shooter full versatility to customize POI to their specific requirements.

The chrome lined barrels on this sample measured 32 inches and were well constructed with a gloss blue finish. Various rib options are available depending on the model chosen. The standard models are provided with a 10mm-8mm tapered vent rib. The "X" models come with a 4mm ramped vent rib. This rib is well executed and outfitted with a white Bradley style front bead and a small silver mid-bead.



The BR240 barrels are designed with the proprietary XL Bore. The bore diameter measures .732 with 5.25 inch long forcing cones. The geometry of this bore profile produces more consistent patterns and reduced felt recoil. Working synergistically with the XL Bore are the five Cole Precision choke tubes supplied in the kit and a speed wrench. These choke tubes delivered great pattern density and uniform distribution.

### Shooting the BR240

A shotgun that does not shoot where you look is problematic, so the first thing necessary with any new gun is to conduct a test fitting on the pattern plate. The adjustable comb was simple to move and locked tight into place when adjusted. This test sample was set up with a 60-40 point of impact, which is this writer's desired configuration. This step is vital to building confidence when shooting a new gun.

The test range for this excursion was the Michigan Trapshooting Association home grounds where they now have not only multiple skeet fields, but also a 5-stand and 16-station sporting clays course. The BR240 performed well with one ounce, 1250 feet per second loads. Recoil was quite manageable with the Cole Special's stock measurements. The operation was flawless, and the gun balanced about an inch in front of the trunnions. This model is supplied with ejectors which are well timed, and the controls all function perfectly.

The weight of this model at 8 lbs. 11 oz is right in the sweet spot. It's just enough to mitigate the recoil of heavy sporting loads without making the gun move sluggishly. The trigger pull was crisp and just over three pounds when measured on both barrels. This is a nice shooter and looks at home on any gun rack. The BR240 comes in at the mid-range level and offers a refined look and exceptional functionality at its price point. For anyone looking for a purpose-built sporter with American design characteristics, legendary Rizzini reliability and blessed with Rich Cole's expertise, visit Cole Fine Guns and Gunsmithing at: [www.colegun.com](http://www.colegun.com)

