

CZ-USA 712 G3 Target

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A big thanks goes out to the folks at CZ USA for making a sample of this new target breaking machine available to Clay Shooting USA for a review. The 712 G3 came packaged in a heavy-duty ABS break-down case branded with the maker's name. Each section was safely

packaged and fit well into the case. The stock was quite well figured for a gun at this price point, with an adjustable comb...meaning it has been purpose built for sporting shooters. The accessories case held three additional extended choke tubes and tools for the adjustable comb. A manual, warranty card, stock

shims and a second piston for field loads were also contained within the case.

The Stock

The Turkish walnut on this sample sported an elegant oil finished satin



and easily confirmed on a pattern plate. The importance of this cannot be overstated. When a shooter knows exactly where their shotgun is shooting, confidence follows. The factory installed sporting style rubber butt-plate is well fit and measured about 7/8 of an inch thick.

The Receiver

The 712 G3 receiver has modern styling and has been updated from the G2 model to cradle the forearm more securely. The aluminum receiver is finished in a matte black with a series of grooves on the top for glare reduction. The trigger had a slight amount of play and broke at just over five pounds. Reset was quick with no overtravel and could be felt clearly when shooting this model. The trigger assembly is secured with a single pin and features an oversized triangle shaped crossbolt safety button placed at the front of the trigger guard. Specifically designed for the sporting shooter, the bolt release, magazine lever and bolt handle are all oversized for easy operation.

It should be noted that the G3 is chambered for three-inch shells and provided with a second piston that can be easily swapped out for ammunition stouter than typical target loads. This model has been designed as a sporter with utilitarian capabilities.

The Barrel

The barrel on this sample measured thirty inches and were well constructed with a matte black finish. The ventilated rib was well installed to the barrel, providing great capacity to dissipate the heat of those high-volume shooting days. The seven-millimeter ventilated top rib on this model is best described as flat in orientation. The barrels are finished with a white Bradley style front bead and a small silver mid-bead. The G3 is provided with five extended choke tubes (CYL, IC, M, IM and Full). The chokes are threaded using the CZ Active-Choke system which is optimized for the .735 bore diameter found on this model. The bores are chrome lined and very durable for even the highest volume shooter and hunter.





Shooting the SCTP Sterling

I took this shotgun through its paces at the Michigan Trap Shooting Association's home grounds on their new 5-Stand layout. With the target piston in place, ejection and function of this model was flawless with 1250 feet per second one-ounce loads. The oversized controls were wonderful to operate, and the gun functioned flawlessly. Although a little lighter than my standard over/under sporter, this shotgun pointed and moved very well. The 30-inch barrel offered an excellent sight plane.

In order to fit the gun correctly, additional comb height was required. With the tools supplied in the case, about a half inch was all that was necessary to get perfect eye alignment and put the shot where I was looking. The comb locked securely into place and did not move after it had been set. Recoil was extremely manageable, particularly when running a couple of 32-gram 1250 feet per second rounds through it. The gas system efficiently mitigated recoil and made this model pleasant to shoot.

As we continuously seek to increase the ranks of the shooting sports, cost to enter the sport is always a concern. CZ USA did their homework and created an excellent option at a perfect price point for both the new shooter just getting into the sporting disciplines and the seasoned shooter who may want a backup for those miserable weather days where one may not want to take their prized sporter out in the rain. Additionally, the ability to simply swap out a piston and take the G3 into the goose blind offers another dimension of utility to this model. For shooters looking for an excellent option for

everything from clay targets to waterfowl, the CZ-USA 712 G3 Target must be a consideration.

For additional information or to find a dealer near you visit CZ-USA at cz-usa.com ■



Specifications:

<i>Model:</i>	<i>CZ-USA 712 G3 Target</i>
<i>Gauge:</i>	<i>12 Gauge</i>
<i>Barrels:</i>	<i>30"</i>
<i>LOP:</i>	<i>14 1/2"</i>
<i>DAC:</i>	<i>1 1/2" (as tested) (Adjustable)</i>
<i>DAH:</i>	<i>2 1/4" (as tested)</i>
<i>Pitch:</i>	<i>7 degrees</i>
<i>Weight:</i>	<i>7lbs 5 oz</i>
<i>Chokes:</i>	<i>5 extended (CYL, IC, M, IM, F)</i>
<i>Suggested Retail:</i>	<i>\$799</i>

