

## SPECIFICATIONS

- MODEL: FABARM AUTUMN
- CHAMBER: 3-INCH
- CHOKES: 5 – INNER HP™
- LENGTH OF PULL: 14.5 INCHES
- DROP AT COMB: 1.5 INCHES
- DROP AT HEEL: 2.25 INCHES
- CAST AT HEEL: 0.125 INCHES
- CAST AT TOE: 0.25 INCHES
- PITCH: 4 DEGREES
- WEIGHT: 5 POUNDS
- 11 OUNCES AS TESTED WITH 28-INCH BARRELS

# The Fabarm Autumn 20

When the topic of shotguns with two barrels comes up, a good hunting buddy and side by side aficionado pops in with his famous quote on the good lord's disposition towards over and under shotguns. "If the good lord wanted you to shoot an over and under shotgun, he would have stacked your eyes on top of each other instead of side by side." While I admire his adherence to the traditional orientation of a double barrel, I will admit the nostalgia and tradition of a side by side is almost romantic.

Many connoisseurs of fine shotguns have an affinity for side by sides, and collect them like baseball cards. I have that very affliction, but it's not limited to side by sides only. I also like to shoot everything in my gun safe. While some of my older pieces require gentler ammunition than is available, it is convenient to have a modern production side by side available that handles anything you can feed into it. Some manufacturers are making modern side by sides, but most of the market for two-barrel guns seems to prefer the over under.

## FABARM

Enter Fabarm, an Italian firearms manufacturer with roots in Brescia, Italy, the proverbial womb of firearms manufacturing in the world. Started around 1900 by the Galesi family, this company now is part of the Caesar Guerini group of manufacturers. However, they retain their independence and operate with a dedication to maintain 100 percent

Italian manufacturing for all their products. On their website they pull no punches and clearly state that they do not subcontract components out to other countries where lower labor costs are available. They are committed to providing their customers with a superior firearm.

## MADE JUST FOR US

One of the most intriguing offerings in their line-up is the Autumn. Fabarm developed this as the first side by side, specifically built for American hunters. Although classic side by sides are available on the secondary market, most have measurements that would not fit modern hunters. The Fabarm Autumn solves that problem by featuring current stock dimensions and various options including a left-handed stock and double triggers for the traditionalist.

Supplied with a handsome INTEGRALE™ case featuring the maker's name and containing adequate space for the necessary accoutrements. Inside at first glance you'll notice wonderful color from the brilliantly executed color case hardening on the receiver. Floral and scroll engraving decorate this receiver, accentuating the flame dancing within the finish. The maker shows their pride in this model by placing their name prominently, but not obnoxiously on the side of the receiver in yellow gold. Even the trigger guard is embellished with floral engraving which forms a frame for the famous Lion logo which is synonymous with the Fabarm brand. Wood to





metal fit is excellent with superb checkering to ensure positive grip and complete with a classic hand-fitted walnut butt plate. The Autumn is supplied with deluxe grade oil finished Turkish walnut which brings out the striking figure within the wood.

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The mechanics of the receiver stand out as unique and clever. The Autumn's monolithic receiver, machined from a steel forging locks up tight like the door on an M1 Abrams, but with the precision of a fine Swiss watch. The primary reason for this is the four-lug locking system. The floor of the receiver has four deep recesses which accept four barrel lumps from the bottom of the monoblock. This design is exceedingly strong and can withstand the greatest of force, and exhaustive use.

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### THE BARRELS

The Autumn's barrels are constructed using high temperature solder to ensure strength and achieve maximum heat resistance. The rich high polish bluing compliments the color case hardening of the receiver and is topped with a swamped style rib which is heavily textured in order to reduce the potential for glare. This model comes with five INNER HP™ chokes for

maximum versatility from the goose blind to the grouse woods.

Fabarm employs TRIBORE™ technology in its barrels. The science behind this design is quite convincing and the test data it produces supports the effectiveness of the design. Fabarm fashions the barrel with three internal profiles. The forcing cones are significantly lengthened, resulting in a slow transition to the main bore, then prior to



the shot reaching the choke, there is another slightly tapered section, 205 mm long, which slowly reduces the bore diameter to that of the choke. Fabarm claims that this innovation has the same effect as the over-bored barrels produced by other manufacturers (reduction of friction thus less pellet deformation), without the reduction in velocity which occurs because of rapid gas expansion into a larger chamber. The relevant factor is the slow step down to the choke constriction diameter. This eliminates the “shoulder” of the screw-in choke, which is where it meets the bore once fully threaded into the barrel. According to the testing data, on a 30-inch target at 30 meters, the TRIBORE™ barrels achieved a 13 percent higher rate of pellet strike with a modified INNER HP™ choke, than their competitors.

**CONFIGURATIONS FOR ALL**

Fabarm offers this model in 20-gauge and with options to customize the style as a purchaser sees fit. Both the 28- and 30-inch barreled models are available with either the traditional English stock or a more contemporary pistol grip stock. The pistol grip option comes with a semi-beavertail forearm, while the English stock option is supplied with a splinter forend. As mentioned above, a left-handed stock is available for the “south paw” hunters, and, for an upgrade fee, double triggers can be installed to satisfy the

traditionalist. The price tag on this offering is far below that of the traditional custom double gun, yet the customizability available from the factory approaches the same level as a bespoke shotgun.

**SHOOTING THE AUTUMN**

The subject model with 28-inch barrels weighed in at five pounds-eleven ounces and balanced just a little behind the hinge pin. The barrels were swift and lively, as appropriate for a field gun. Testing occurred on a local 5-stand offering presentations consistent with bird hunting situations. The Autumn moves effortlessly, with the majority of the weight between the shooter’s hands. From the low ready position, where any self-respecting side by side shooter would start their gun, this model mounted and moved to the target with great speed and grace. Recoil with 7/8-ounce standard field loads was very manageable with negligible muzzle flip. This handsome devil is a pleasure to shoot and looks great doing it. 🕊

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING A NEARLY BESPOKE SIDE BY SIDE, WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND CLASSIC STYLE, VISIT FABARM AT: [HTTPS://FABARMUSA.COM/](https://fabarmusa.com/)**

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