



HENRY .30-30

Henry Repeating Arms Company has made a reputation for itself by offering consumers high-quality, reasonably priced sporting rifles made right here in the United States. In fact, the company's motto of "Made in America and Priced Right" sums up its entire philosophy.

Although Henry offers interesting semi-automatic, slide- and bolt-action rifles, the majority of its offerings are lever-actions chambered in rimfire and handgun cartridges ranging from .22 LR to .45 Colt. To complement its line, Henry recently introduced a new lever-action rifle that chambers a full-power rifle cartridge—the .30-30 Win.

The new Henry .30-30 is available in two configurations—a steel-frame model with a round barrel and a brass-frame model with an octagonal barrel. The steel receiver variant, Model H009, was received for testing.

The rifle struck our testers as being a well-made and attractive lever-action rifle that was somewhat hefty and sturdy. The rifle is similar in appearance to Henry's "Big Boy" series of center-fire lever-actions with its stepped receiver and beefy dimensions. The greater overall length of the .30-30 Win. cartridge, however, results in a longer receiver.

The fit and finish of the Henry .30-30 received for testing was

quite good, with the receiver featuring an evenly applied matte-blue finish. Although the flats of the receiver were smoothly finished, there were some faint grind marks along the flats on its top. To ease mounting a scope, the top of the receiver was drilled and tapped. The cylindrical bolt of the test rifle was left in the white, although production model bolts will be blued. The barrel, magazine tube and lever of the Henry .30-30 sported a glossier polished finish than the receiver.

The stock and fore-end of the rifle were of nicely figured American walnut with a satin low-glare finish and no checkering. The metal-to-wood fit of the gun was good, with no noticeable gaps or unduly uneven areas. The rifle features a checkered plastic buttplate.

The round barrel of the steel-frame Henry .30-30 is 20" long (the octagonal barrel of the brass-framed version is the same length) and features what appears to be a near-bull barrel profile, with a diameter of 0.85".

For sighting, the Henry .30-30 features a set of Marble's sights—specifically a fully adjustable semi-buckhorn rear sight and a front sight featuring a brass bead. The rear sight features a white diamond insert that can be flipped to expose either a U-notch on one end or a V-notch on the other. Elevation adjustments are accomplished

by sliding a stepped elevator that is captured under the rear sight assembly forward or back. Windage adjustments are accomplished by drifting the entire sight assembly left or right in its dovetail slot.

Close examination of the muzzle reveals a feature of the Henry .30-30 that is rare on a rifle in this chambering, but appropriate for a Henry. Rather than employing a loading port on the side of the receiver, the Henry .30-30 instead uses a removable brass inner magazine tube.

To load the rifle, one needs to release the under-barrel magazine tube by rotating the knurled knob 1/4" and pull it out of the steel magazine tube. Once done, six .30-30 Win. cartridges can be dropped either through the open top of the outer magazine tube or through a cartridge-shaped slot on the underside. The Henry .30-30 is designed to work with all .30-30 Win. factory ammunition, including the Hornady Lever Evolution load.

Mechanically, the Henry .30-30 is relatively simple and straightforward—a desirable trait in just about any mechanism. The rifle is locked into battery by an extension on the lever that raises a

The dual-option rear sight and the drilled and tapped receiver (r.) with a side-ejection port provide the shooter with a variety of sighting options.



SHOOTING RESULTS (100 YDS.)

.30-30 WIN. CARTRIDGE	VEL. @ 15' (F.P.S.)	ENERGY (FT.-LBS.)	GROUP SIZE IN INCHES		
			SMALLEST	LARGEST	AVERAGE
FEDERAL POWER-SHOK 170-GR. SP RN No. 3030B	2052 Avg. 25 SD	1,590	1.98	2.87	2.63
REMINGTON EXPRESS 150-GR. CORE-LOKT SP No. R30301	2137 Avg. 17 SD	1,521	1.87	2.64	2.34
WINCHESTER 150-GR. SILVER TIP No. X30302	2199 Avg. 31 SD	1,611	2.27	3.03	2.96
AVERAGE EXTREME SPREAD					2.64
MEASURED AVERAGE VELOCITY FOR 10 ROUNDS FROM A 20" BARREL. RANGE TEMPERATURE: 41° F. HUMIDITY: 55%. ACCURACY FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE, FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 100 YDS. FROM A SANDBAG. ABBREVIATIONS: RN (ROUND NOSE), SP (SOFT POINT ROUND NOSE), SD (STANDARD DEVIATION).					



By interlocking with the rear of the bolt, a rising locking block holds the cylindrical bolt (l.) in battery. The loading port for the magazine tube (center) gives access to the six-round magazine, and the dovetailed front sight (r.) features a brass bead.

spring-loaded, vertically-sliding locking block into its locking position at the rear of the bolt.

To ensure the rifle will fire only when the trigger is pulled, Henry incorporated a transfer bar safety. A firing pin extension pivots down and away from contact with the firing pin itself. When the trigger is fully depressed, an L-shaped transfer bar pushes the extension up into proper alignment with the firing pin.

This results in the rifle not having any sort of half-cock position for the hammer. One simply eases the hammer down and leaves it in its fully decocked position. The rifle also features a trigger lock that blocks movement of the trigger until the lever is fully closed and the action locked.

We tested the Henry .30-30 with three types of ammunition. Unfortunately, early on in the testing extraction proved to

The *American Rifleman* has used the phrase "Dope Bag" since at least 1921, when Col. Townsend Whelen first titled his column with it. Even then, it had been in use for years, referring to a sack used by target shooters to hold ammunition and accessories on the firing line. "Sight dope" also was a traditional marksman's term for sight-adjustment information, while judging wind speed and direction was called "doping the wind."

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CALIBER: .30-30 WIN.

ACTION TYPE: LEVER-ACTION, CENTER-FIRE, REPEATING RIFLE

RECEIVER: MATTE-BLUE STEEL (TESTED), BRASS

BARREL: 20", BLUE

RIFLING: SIX-GROOVE, 1:10" RH TWIST

MAGAZINE: TUBULAR, SIX-ROUND CAPACITY

SIGHTS: SEMI-BUCKHORN REAR, BRASS BEAD FRONT

TRIGGER PULL: SINGLE-STAGE, 3 LBS., 8 OZS.

STOCK: LENGTH OF PULL, 13¾";

DROP AT HEEL, 2¼"; DROP AT COMB, 2"

OVERALL LENGTH: 39"

WEIGHT: 8 LBS., 5 OZS.

ACCESSORIES: OWNER'S MANUAL

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$750, STEEL (TESTED); \$970, BRASS



be very difficult due to apparent bulges in the fired cases. We returned the rifle to Henry for repair and they installed a new barrel. The returned rifle exhibited no malfunctions, but we did note that with the magazine tube completely filled, the lever had a tendency to resist fully closing. Downloading it by one round mitigated this.

The trigger of the Henry .30-30 was clean and crisp—a trait common to all Henry rifles. The rifle was tested with open sights at 100 yds., and the results were quite good; however, we suspect the results could have been even better with an optic.

For a company so well known for lever-actions, it was probably just about time for Henry to offer one chambered for the .30-30 Win. cartridge. It now has yet another appealing offering to add to its stable of lever-action rifles. 