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# ELOS N2 SPORTING



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Fabarm's first four AXIS over and under sporting models were called the Axis Grey Sporting, the Axis RS 12 Sporting, the Axis RS 12 Trap, and the Axis Allsport QRR – a few of which have been reviewed in the pages of this magazine. The newest Fabarm O/U in the line is the Elos N2 Sporting.

Fabarm, along with Caesar Guerini, are testing their new guns at the Italian proof house for pressure – reportedly more pressure than any other gun maker in that country. The proofs are for 1630 BAR (more than 23,000 psi). In small lettering on both receiver sides is “Forged chrome molybdenum steel – Overpressure 1630 BAR proof tested.” Evidently, these barrels are very strong, as these high pressure tests verify, showing these two shotgun makers are going the extra mile to prove the safety and strength of their products.

Let's now look at the N2 Sporting cosmetics. The stock is done in hand-rubbed oil. The grain shows well – and is very straight.

Straightness reduces cracking potential, especially in the wrist area and around the grip. The adjustable comb stands out, since it's different – black with an impervious coating, but Turkish walnut underneath. Adjustments are the same as those on all Fabarm adjustable combs. Loosen the two screws with the supplied hex-head tool, then adjust the comb up and down until you have the drop at comb suited for you. If you need right or left cast, you take the adjustable comb off, loosen the two posts under the comb, and move them right or left. Retighten, then put the comb portion back on – adjusted to the perfect height for you.



ADJUSTABLE COMB HARDWARE

The recoil pad is thick at ¾-inch – and made of Microcell – a very recoil absorbent material. The pad, with Fabarm and the company logo inscribed, is set off from the stock with a thin black spacer. The cut checkering is very well done on both sides of the pistol grip at 24-lines-to-the-inch. There is a right-hand palm swell. Wood to metal fit at the top and bottom tangs and receiver is excellent, with no gaps. Length of pull is 14.75 inches. With the comb down as far as it will go there's 1.5 inches drop at comb, and 2.25 inches drop at heel. Left hand stock available.

RECEIVER BOTTOM



This is a trigger-plate action, as I think all Fabarm over/unders are. The receiver has no engraving, but there is stippling on the opening lever and near the top

test of time for countless other over/unders, so it's a strong one. The forend is Schnabel in shape, with a bit of taper. Like the butt stock, the fore-end grain is

with these extensive features; adjustable comb, adjustable trigger, competition-style chokes, and five-year warranty. Further, the N2's stock can accept our 180-

didn't see any recoil difference – this compared to another 8 pounds plus O/U we were shooting. This says a lot for the lighter recoil experience, as the N2 is no



of the receiver, just above the pressure test inscription. Triggers are of the inertia type. On my Lyman Digital Trigger-Pull Scale the bottom barrel went off just over 3.5 pounds, the top barrel at 3.75 pounds. There was a bit of creep, but not much.

The steel receiver wears a very deep blue finish – almost black. The trunnions have a red dot in the center. The receiver sides have Elos N2 Sporting in red and white letters. The receiver bottom is similarly marked. The sliding button safety is non-automatic, and the barrel selector switch is located there. Lock-up is typical for most of today's over/unders. Barrels pivot on trunnions. A sliding bolt at the base of the inner receiver moves forward upon closing – to engage two lugs or “bites” milled into the bottom back of the monobloc. Further, the monobloc has two milled recoil lugs that dovetail into machined areas in the base of the receiver. This locking system has stood the

straight. Similarly, cut checkering is well done at 24-lines-to-the-inch.

Barrels are nicely blued with vented mid rib. The vent top rib tapers slightly – 10mm to 8mm. There's a metal mid-bead, and a white bead out near the muzzle. This is a low-rib gun. The barrels are TRIBORE HP™ that start wide at .730 inch in front of the chambers – then gently taper to .725 inch. Four Exis HP™ Competition Chokes were provided in my package – but there were no real “open” chokes. Provided were Improved Cylinder at .717”, Modified at .705”, Improved Modified at .697” and the Full at .690”. These are very long extended chokes at 3 ¾ inches – bright chrome-plated, knurled on the end for finger tightening.

Fabarm says this about the N2, “No other over and under sporting clays gun in this price range exists

gram Kinetic Recoil Reducer. These are easy to install – i.e. no gunsmith needed. The adjustable comb portion is Turkish walnut but with an impervious black coating that is scratch and water resistant. This is the complete package for the target competitor looking for all the bells and whistles – plus an over and under with amazing fit and finish.”

This N2 12 gauge Sporting is lighter than many on the market. The website suggests 7 pounds 5 ounces. On my digital postal scale the test gun with 30 inch barrels (32 inches also available) weighed 7 pounds, 11.5 ounces. The 30 inch barrels were 3 pounds, 3 ounces, the Schnabel-shaped forend 9 ounces. The barrels and the forend are lighter than many over/unders. The shooting? I shot this gun on four extensive gunning days – each day with other members of our gun club invited to

heavyweight sporting gun at the above reported weight of 7 pounds, 11.5 ounces. No malfunctions were expected – and none were experienced. As Fabarm suggests above this is a lot of gun for the money.

Maker/Importer: Made by Fabarm in Brescia, Italy, imported by Fabarm USA – [www.fabarmusa.com](http://www.fabarmusa.com)

#### SPECIFICATIONS

**GAUGE:** 12-GAUGE

**ACTION:** OVER & UNDER – SEE TEXT FOR LOCK-UP DETAILS

**BARRELS:** TRIBORE HP™ – 30” AND 32”

**CHOKES:** I4 EXIS HP™

**STOCK:** 14.75” LOP X 1.5” X 2.25” – BUT ADJUSTABLE COMB

**TRIGGER:** ADJUSTABLE BACK AND FORTH

**CHAMBERS:** 3 INCH

TOP RIB: TAPERED 10MM - 8MM

**CASE:** HARD, IMPACT-RESISTANT

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:** \$2795



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