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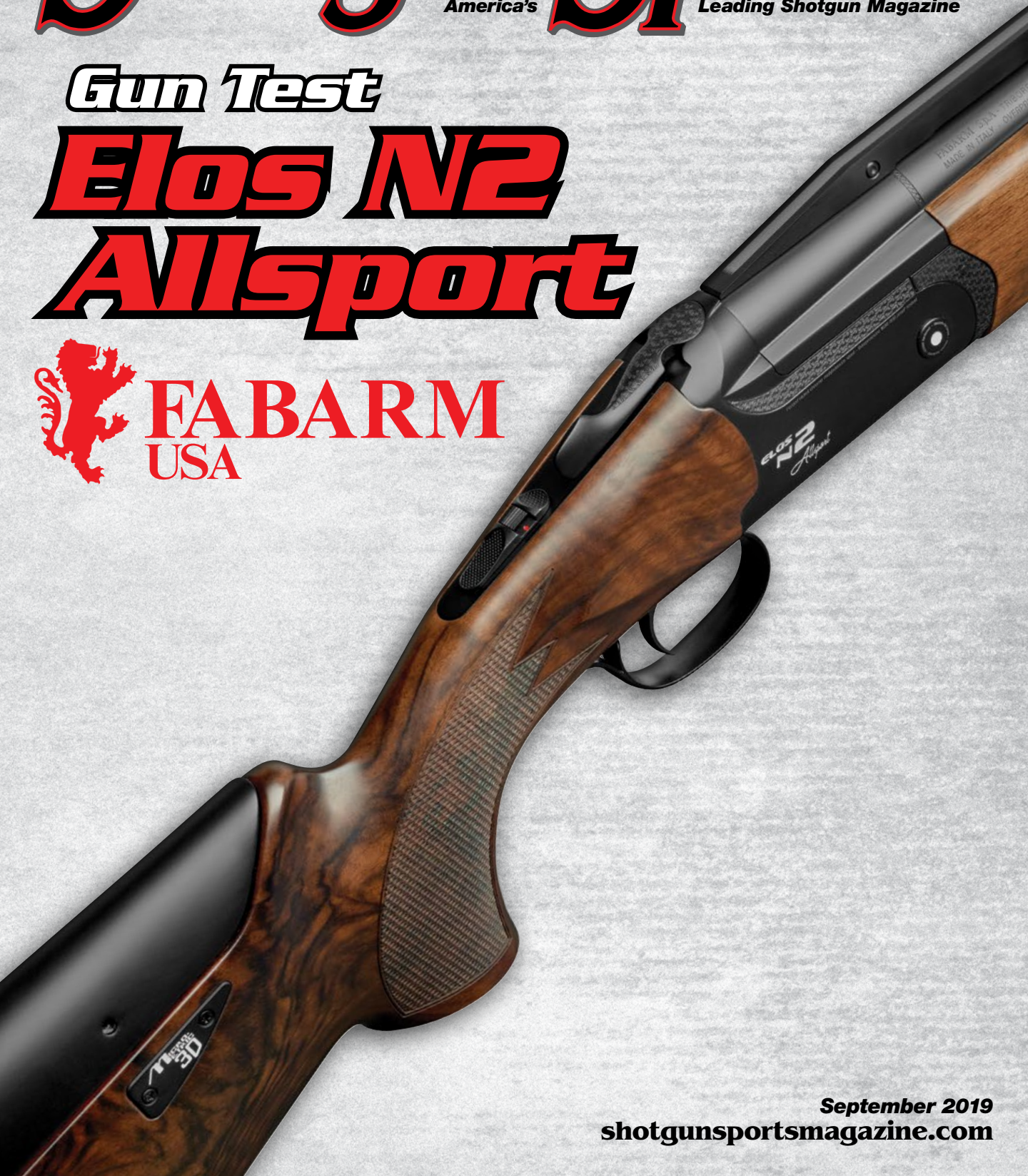
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With its adjustable features, exchangeable ribs and modified compact stock, FABARM's new Elos N2 Allsport makes an excellent choice for a youth shooter.



by Johnny Cantu

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Those of you who have read my reviews of the family of firearms from the stable of Caesar Guerini are more than casually acquainted with the FABARM guns. FABARM guns first grab your attention with their looks. I used to wonder whether priority one at FABARM was style, flair or performance. I can tell you one thing with certainty, it is really a healthy dose of all three.

The adjustable buttstock of the Elos N2 Allsport is one area where the growth of the youth shooter can be accommodated. The fit of the comb on the stock will maintain the desired sight plane, comfort and control under recoil.

When I received the demo gun of the new FABARM Elos N2 Allsport over/under, even before I opened the carton, I knew the gun was going to be a looker and a genuine shooter. The idea behind the Elos N2 Allsport is one quite popular these days with shotgun manufacturers — build a shotgun configured in such a manner that, with a minimum amount of adjusting, it can be shot successfully at any of the clay target disciplines. I have seen several efforts by other manufacturers on this premise. In this review, we will examine the features and benefits of the new Elos N2 Allsport by FABARM.



The new Elos N2 Allsport Competition over/under from FABARM. What is easy to notice about any FABARM gun is its flair and sense of style. That is what first gets your attention. But what keeps you paying attention to this beauty is its performance.

The receiver of the Elos N2 Allsport has gently rounded edges toward the bottom. I like the way it feels in my hands when I carry it.

My demo gun came to me in the 32" configuration. Bores of the 32" barrels are chrome-lined for maximum durability and corrosion resistance. The 30" barrels are also offered, as is a left-hand stock. The Elos N2 Allsport maintains, like all FABARM guns, the internal bore diameter system called Tribore™. This I.D. design goes hand in hand with FABARM's EXIS HP™ Competition choke tubes producing superior pattern performance.

The new Elos N2 Allsport uses a modified compact stock with a shorter Length of Pull. This makes the Allsport an excellent choice as a youth shooter's gun, for someone just starting out in one of the popular school-league shotgun programs. Generally, these programs have the kids expending shells in three and sometimes four of the most popular target disciplines: skeet, trap, sporting

clays and bunker trap, too, in some areas of the country.

Another feature of the N2 Allsport is its QRR (Quick Release Rib) system. Two ribs comprise the system. These ribs are 10mm x 8mm tapered in width: 8mm at the muzzle and 10mm at the rear. One rib offers the shooter a 50/50% P.O.I.; the other rib gives you a 65/35% P.O.I.

Exchanging one rib for another is easy and quick. Simply punch the single retaining pin out the side of the rib at the rear. Then set the replacement rib onto the barrel, so the retaining ears at the rear are engaged as the rib gets positioned a little more to the rear. Then return the retaining pin into its hole at the rear of the rib and...*voila!* Rib replacement done easily and quickly just like it's stated in the brochure.

The FABARM shotguns have always been known for a sense of style and flair



The fit of the Elos N2 Allsport can be adjusted when the time comes in several areas. One of these areas is the Length of Pull. For this adjustment, FABARM can take care of your needs with new recoil pads of varying thicknesses.

that is as distinctive as any other feature of the gun. When you see a FABARM, you know what it is by the shapes and the often-times exaggerated lines and the unique overall look of the gun.

The Elos N2 Allsport over/under is a lovely shotgun. The wood of the butt and forearm are what FABARM calls TRIWOOD™, an enhanced finish for lasting beauty. This process increases the intensity of the color and grain of the wood. It looks great and will continue to for a very long time.

The receiver of the Elos N2 Allsport has gently rounded edges. It fits comfortably in your hand when you carry it. I like the shape and smaller feeling it gives you. The finish of the N2 Allsport is a black matte with a slick surface treatment.

If you enjoy a good, crisp trigger pull on your competition shotgun, you will not be disappointed with the trigger of the Elos N2 Allsport. I checked my demo gun's trigger, and it routinely and consistently let off at 3¾ lbs. on the first trigger (bottom) and 4.25 lbs. on the second (top) trigger. The safety on the Elos N2 Allsport is the typical one seen on the majority of Italian-made guns in the last 20 or so years. It shows one red dot exposed indicating the bottom has been selected to fire first, and two red dots when the top barrel has been selected to fire first. It is positive to engage and to take off of the On or Off positions.

Chokes of the new FABARM Elos N2 Allsport are the 3¾" long EXIS HP™

Competition choke tubes. There are five screw-in chokes that come with the Elos N2 Allsport: Skeet, Improved Cylinder, Modified, Improved Modified and Full. By the way, bore diameters of the Elos N2 Allsport are .728.

The internal diameters of the five chokes are as follows:

Skeet: +.008.

Improved Cylinder: .013 constriction.

Modified: .024 constriction.

Improved Modified: .028 constriction.

Full: .039 constriction. Nice chokes.

They do smoke 'em!

The stock of the Elos N2 Allsport is a Modified Compact stock. It has no dis-



The two replaceable ribs that come with the new FABARM Elos N2 Allsport are simple, easy and quick to swap out. Just a small punch like the tip of a small Phillips-head screwdriver is the only tool you will need. Photo by Johnny Cantu

cernible palm swell. Length of Pull is 13.75" with a 1" black rubber recoil pad.

As time goes by, and the youth shooter starts needing a better fit, thicker recoil pads can be mounted onto the buttstock to accomplish this. The comb is adjustable for height and cast. The trigger blade can be adjusted for the shooter's finger length within the trigger guard. For the youth shooters, this could be valuable as they grow and their hands and fingers get longer and bigger, particularly with the boys.

At the range the new FABARM Elos N2 Allsport was impressive. At first heft of the N2 Allsport, I thought the gun was a bit heavier than what I thought a young shooter could comfortably carry around in a day-long competition. How-

ever, when I weighed the Allsport back at my office, the Allsport with both barrels stuffed with chokes, the gun's total weight proved to be less than 8 lbs. — 7.8 lbs. to be exact.

I first tried a skeet round with several pairs of Doubles thrown at Stations 3, 4 and 5. I missed a couple. Not bad for a 67-year-old and a new gun being their first time at the range together. Second and third rounds were from farther back behind the skeet stations. Most shots were taken at about 33 to 37 yards with the Elos N2 Allsport starting at a low-gun position, like FITASC. This proved a little bit more of an effort for me but not the FABARM. When I made the right move, the FABARM came and wiped the sky clean of target dust.

I became curious as to the value of the replaceable rib. So, before I began the fourth round, I removed the 50/50 rib and swapped it out for the 65/35 rib. I did notice a minor change in how hard the targets were being hit, but they were still impressive.

The next day I began to seriously figure out a way I could hold onto this rascal and make it a Father's Day gift to myself.

With an MSRP of \$2,985, the new FABARM Elos N2 Allsport is ready, willing and able to get any job done that your youth shooter might have in mind as well as any practice program he or she may have in their minds, too. Don't forget, because of its ability to grow with your youngster, the new Elos N2 Allsport will be their one and only gun for a long time. **SS**



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