

Fabarm Elos D2

On the Bench

abarm sets itself apart from the competitors with its unique barrel and choke technology on this over-under.

The unique hyperbolic profile chokes on Fabarm's Tribore HP barrel allow for the use of steel shot within the entire range of choke tubes, even improved modified and full chokes.

Couple that design element with Fabarm's specific conical taper bore, which increases pellet speed by means of progressive bore constriction. This provides

the additional features of reducing pellet deformation and improving shot density.

A nickel-plated aluminum receiver is standard for the D2. It is adorned with flushing bird scenes and a leaf scroll engraving surround. The oil rubbed stock and forearm showcase the wood grain. The stock dimensions are oriented for field use, light and quickly pointable.

The mechanism is inertia operated, as is common in comparable, competitively priced models. Simplicity is certainly an advantage of an inertia system. It's comprised of fewer parts than a mechanically driven system. As a result, the gun's complexity is reduced.

The new Fabarm Elos D2 delivers expected brand reliability with varied features useful to the modern sportsman.



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Just the Facts

- **Available Gauges:** 12, 20, 28
- Barrel Length: 28 inches
- Weight of 20-ga. test model: 5 pounds, 8 ounces to 6 pounds, depending on wood density
- Length of Pull: 14.5 inches
- Grip: Pistol
- Chambers: 3 inches
- MSRP: \$2,665

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At the Range

andling the 20-gauge version of the Elos D2, Gilbert Holt appreciated its "appealing lines, shallow receiver and Schnabel forend." He added the wood was "plain but functional, common for a gun in this price range. And the slim recoil pad slid up nicely when mounting." Overall, he felt it was a comfortable gun to carry afield, one that feels "good between the hands."

Additionally, Rick Peters found the D2 to be "a nice-looking field gun, especially

considering its price range and the fact that it's an Italian-made gun. The nice etching on the receiver makes it look more expensive than it really is." Peters also loved how it was "light, light, light!"

After shooting several clay targets, Peters noted, "It didn't bounce around when I shot it, as I expected a light gun would. It had very nice balance."

Holt did not concur, saying, "The light weight seemed jumpy on the swing. The recoil was noticeable, and the gun seemed to want to whip ahead of crossing targets but then would be solid with more practice."

Clearly the weight of the gun will carry different appeal among individual shooters.

Holt did mention how solidly the gun was built and that he didn't feel any trigger creep.

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