

Mossberg 930 SPX Semi-Auto 12 gauge Shotgun

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Mossberg seems to make a multitude of different shotguns these days. And one of the hottest categories seems to be of the Tactical Shotgun variety. They make about five different variations of the venerable 590 pump that has been around for such a long time. Last year I got the HOTS for a Defense Tactical Shotgun. So in my search for Truth, Justice, and the American way I actually bought two. The First was a Tactical Remington 870 and the second was the semi automatic Mossberg 930 SPX on which this review is based on. You see I have this sort of disease that I have to working or playing on some firearm project at any given time of the year. Now you know why I own a gun shop. ☺

First of all what I was looking for was a semi automatic 12 gauge with an extended shot tube for 7 or 8 shells up the spout for added capacity and firepower. Naturally it had to have the TACTICAL LQQK for the cool factor. I wanted the raised front sight and a round rear peep in the rear. I also wanted reliability, ease of dismantling and putting back together, and it all had to be done at a reasonable price! I looked at and lusted after the Benelli's M4 but there price was just out of sight.

Well it seems that the Mossberg 930 SPX fits the bill, almost. In my travels across the web in search of demos and reviews I discovered that old Mossy was on its third variation of the 930 SPX. It seems the first two generations suffered from loose bolt assemblies, the wrong size loading springs and the goofiest of all, the cursed Canted Front Sight. That's right the front Sight was Canted to one side, not centered. When trying to adjust the rear sight say at 50 yards, it was moved all the way to the right and the shotgun still shot 4 inches to the left of the target, very frustrating. Ask me how I know.

You see when I decided I wanted the 930 SPX I couldn't find one anywhere. It seemed everybody and their brother was out of stock. So I did what any red blooded gun guy would do, I went on Gunbroker. And yes I found one and purchased it. Its manufacture date stated it was made just the previous month. This should have been after all the noted problems were supposed to have been fixed. The guy I bought it from reassured me that it did not have the cursed Canted front sight. When I got it, guess what, yep canted cockeye was with me. This shotgun was deadly accurate at 50 yards with Federal HP Rifle Slugs, muzzle velocity 1610 fps, F127 RS, shooting in about 1.5 in groups from the bench at 50 yards open sights. But it shot to the LEFT. I did send it back to Mossberg and they moved the front sight in the middle of the barrel where it's supposed to be at no charge.

There seems to be a lot of interest in the new 3 Gun Shoots today, and the 930 SPX seems to have a steadily growing following. On the range I ran about 100 rounds of birdshot through it just playing around. Then I bought 15 boxes of (5) Federal 00 Buckshot, 9 pellets, with flite control wads, at a muzzle velocity 1325 fps. I put my Zombie targets up and at 15 & 25 yards, this thing is truly devastating. As fast as I could pull the trigger this thing slammed them out. At 25 yards I was getting like 5 in groups of the pellets across the kill zone. Remington also has some 0 Buckshot loads with 16 Pellets @ 1250 FPS that isn't bad either. Federal just came out with a 0 Buckshot Load, with Flite Control Wads that supposed to be outstanding. There is nothing more deadly than a 12 gauge shotgun in close quarters. Add to that scenario a semi auto tactical that can fire as fast as you could pull the trigger and you have some serious firepower.

Breakdown and cleaning was pretty straight forward. But the best teachers are videos on You tube that actually shows you how they are dismantling it. There are a few quirky procedures that if you don't follow, the trigger assembly falls out in your hands in pieces. Yep it happened to me, but eventually I figured out how it all went back together with some help from the boys on The Shotgun News Forums. There are a 1001 accessories for these things and you can dress them up anyway you like. You can put on folding stocks, compressed tactical stocks, heat shields, Lasers, all kinds of pic rails and hand guards. You name it they got it. I personally like to keep it simple and put on a Tactical Light on my Pic rail for home defense, a TacStar Side Saddle for carrying five extra rounds, and a combat sling.

Is this a Benelli M4, nope, but it isn't \$1200.00 shotgun bucks either. I think they are going for between \$590 and \$650 at the present time. I have to check the availability of my wholesalers.

If you are interested please let me know and I will do my t best to get it for you. The one above in MINE and not going anywhere anytime soon, UNLESS you make me an offer I can't refuse... ☺

Regards... The Head Hunter J,C.P.