

OVERVIEW:

HOWA M-1500 .243

Daryl Crimp

Howa rifles are proving very popular as dependable and accurate throughout a range of calibres. A versatile performer worth considering for a range of applications is the Howa M-1500 .243. It is a very popular calibre for young hunters and newbies because of the light recoil, while retaining good killing power for small to medium game. Seasoned hunters enjoy the flat trajectory and accuracy of this calibre, which, when coupled with low recoil, makes it a good tool for precise shot placement.

NEW AMMO BOOST CAPABILITY

A really nice feature of all the Howa short action calibre rifles is the new detachable magazines: these polymer body magazines turn a four round box magazine into a high capacity detachable, with five round and 10 round options. Conversion is straight forward and only takes minutes. The conversion kits also work on all older Howa models. The new magazines come with a special trigger guard housing that replaces the existing floor plate of your Howa.

Exclusive distributor of the ammo boost kits, Cameron Sports, also offer Ammo Boost



For the average hunter or newbie, Howa packages with bipod, suppressor, and Terra Scope or Nikko Stirling Gameking, are priced very competitively, but it is also a good rifle to 'pimp' for those who have other gear preferences. Howa are solid rifles of rugged construction, so perfectly suit New Zealand conditions. Stock finishes come in a range of options, but the Hogue over-moulded is popular. It is basically a fibreglass chassis with a rubber moulded finish, giving it a nice feel and firm grip. It also softens any knocks of rocks, trees, or pack structures, which is a minor point but important in close stalking situations.

I have shot the .223 and found it to group tightly, good subMOA at 100 yards. This would be expected across the range. The trigger is factory set at 2 1/2 pound, which should deliver crisp release and aid accurate shot placement.

detachable magazine kits and spare magazines to fit Remington® 700 rifles, in short action calibres of: .204, .223, .243, 7mm-08 and .308. Long action magazines and conversion kits for the Remington 700 long action rifles are available in .25-06, .270, 30.06, 6.5 x 55, .300 Win. Mag., .338 Win. Mag. and 7mm Rem. Mag. calibres. These magazine conversion kits will work in all Remington Model 700 rifles except the ADL model.

All kits and magazines are made of tough polymer construction and are priced well below many competitive products. Short action and standard long action kits and magazines are available in five or 10 round capacities, while long action magnum calibres will only be available in five round capacity. These are marketed as 'drop-in ready - installed in minutes' and pitched as a DIY magazine conversion kit.

Young fellow's fallow first

Daniel Crimp (12 years)



Daniel, fully equipped with his Browning X-Bolt .223 and Ridgeline hunting clobber, takes his first wild fallow.

Having shot two fallow deer at Fairmead and learned some skills from Richard, I was now ready to shoot one in the wild. Dad organised a hunt with our mate, Karl, so evening found us shouldering our rifles and heading across the paddock toward a farm track that led up the hill. I was carrying my Browning X-Bolt .223, which I like because it is not too heavy but deadly accurate. I had already shot three deer and four goats with it, almost all neck shots.

Stumbling our way up the hill, we looked over the bank and saw a wild fallow. We dropped low and crawled to a spot where we could get a better look. Suddenly there were four deer there, not one. Dad said to take the yearling hind and

while I was waiting for the deer to turn side on, I spotted a spiker closer.

Dad said to shoot it, because it was what we were after.

"Shall I shoot it in the neck?" I asked.

"If you think you can hit it," Dad said nervously.

I dropped the crosshairs down to the base of the neck, took a deep breath, breathed out and squeezed the trigger.

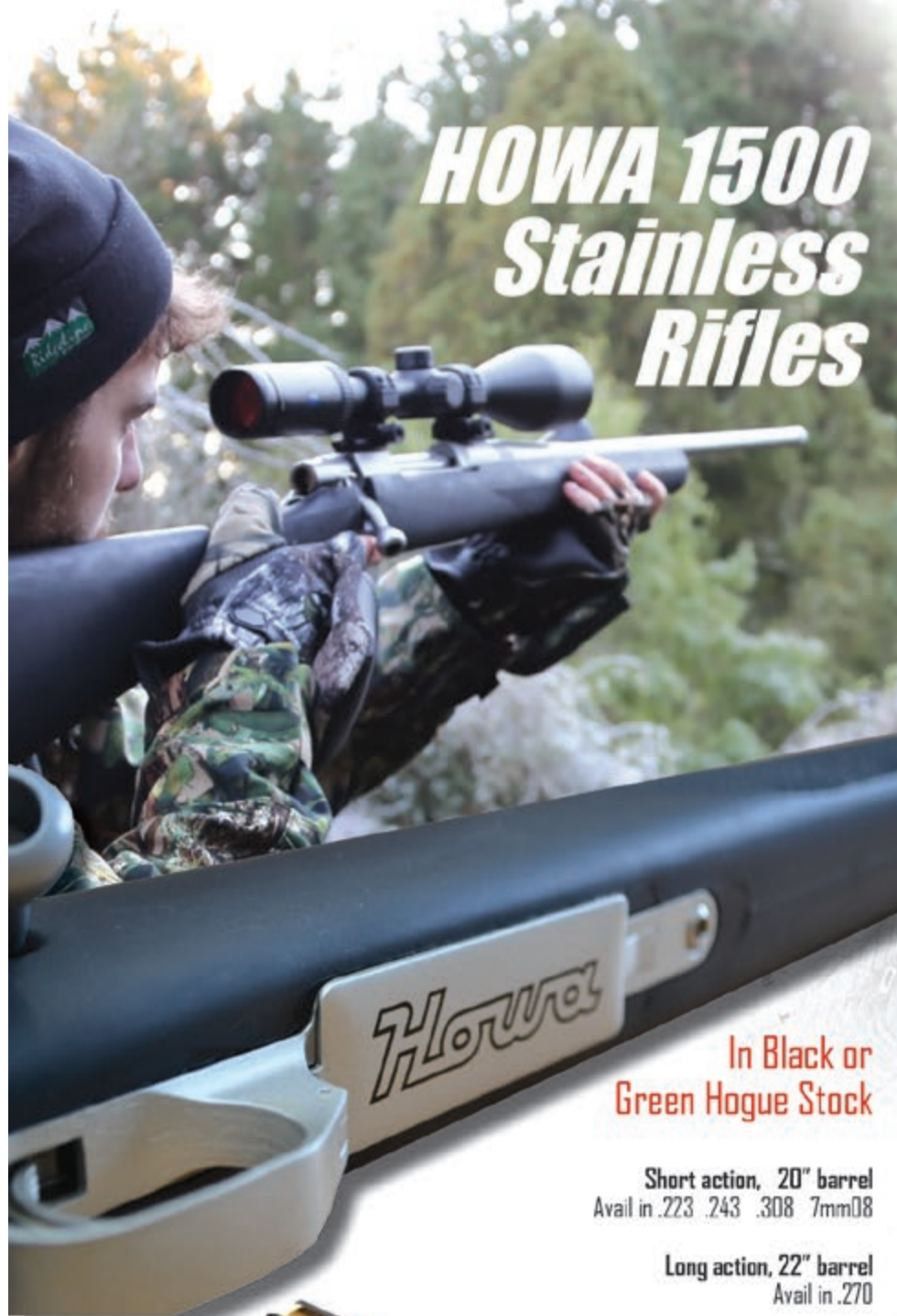
"Bang!"

The animal dropped to the ground, dead as a dodo (as Dad always says!).

I was ecstatic - my first wild fallow! Good luck Dad - now it's your turn.

Howa

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HOWA 1500 Stainless Rifles

In Black or
Green Hogue Stock

Short action, 20" barrel
Avail in .223 .243 .308 7mm08

Long action, 22" barrel
Avail in .270

Long action, 24" barrel
Avail in 7mmRM (mid 2016)



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