

# Sauer 100

## Silver XT

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Founded in 1751, Sauer is one of the oldest gun-making firms in Europe

Originally based in Suhl, Germany, J.P. Sauer & Sohn have manufactured not only their own line of quality rifles and shotguns, but also the Weatherby Mark V series of rifles from 1958 to the 1970s, and in partnership with SIG arms of Switzerland, a range of semi-auto pistols – the latter branded as SIG-Sauer.

good thrashing on a big South Island Red roar trip. It performed well, but by the end of the trip it did have a small amount of surface rust that would soon have got ugly if not dealt with as soon as we got out of the bush. Well Sauer have recognised this need for a more all-weather firearm in some parts of the world, and released what they call a “Silver” version. This has an Ilaflon coating on all metal surfaces except the bore that totally eliminates corrosion. Since then they have also released a new model aimed at the more affordable end of the market called the 100 XT, and this is also available in the “Silver” version.

So what’s different from the 101 we’ve already reviewed to the new 100? It has a quite different action lock up design. It still has a full diameter bolt with a 60 degree bolt lift, but has three large lugs instead of the 101’s six smaller lugs in three sets of two. The barrel/receiver joint still appears to be the same as the 101 – that is the bolt locks up directly into the barrel, and the tenon is heat shrink fitted/not threaded into the receiver. The bolt face has a spring clip sliding extractor set into the front of the right hand lug, and there are twin plunger ejectors opposing it for very precise ejection. The safety system is a standard lever on the right



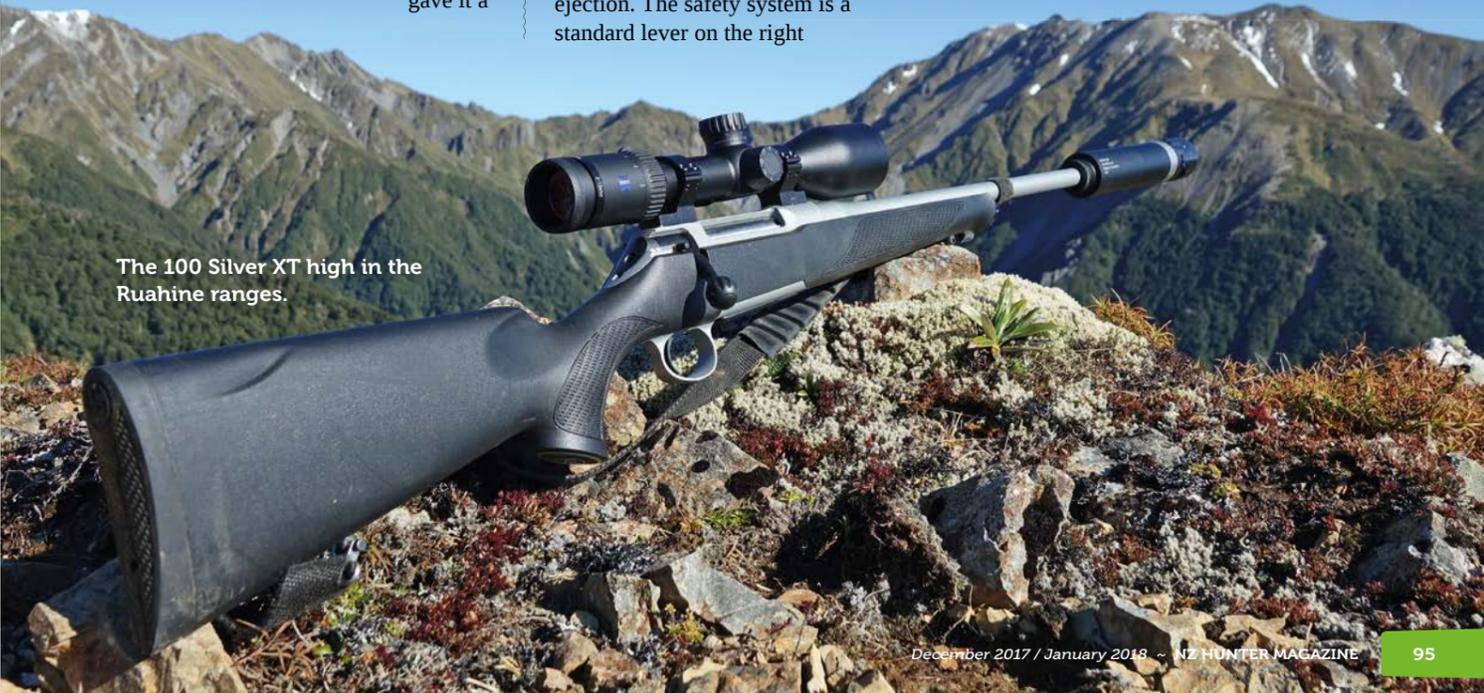
Simple trigger adjustment



3 stage safety



Ever-rest bedding system



The 100 Silver XT high in the Ruahine ranges.

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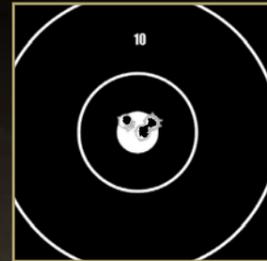
## MADE IN GERMANY BUILT FOR NEW ZEALAND!



**VERSATILE**  
Adjustable trigger from 2.2 to 4.2 pounds



**FAST**  
Detachable 5-round flush fit magazine



**ACCURATE**  
Sub-minute accuracy guaranteed

### SAUER 100 CLASSIC XT

Rugged ERGO MAX polymer stock with rubber recoil pad with Cerakoted Barrel (Shown here with Zeiss Terra 3-9x42 Scope)

THREADED  
**M14X1**

Technical Data

	Calibre	Barrel length	Weight
Mini	.223 Rem	56 cm	3.05 kg
Medium	.243 Win, 6.5 Creedmoor, 7mm-08, .270 Win, .308 Win	56 cm	3.05 kg
Magnum	7mm Rem Mag, 300 Win Mag	62 cm	3.15 kg

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A Sika yearling from 350 yards

side of the rear tang, but unlike most entry level models, it has three positions, to allow you to unload the chamber with the safety still engaged.

Like the 101, the detachable polymer magazine is a 5 round standard/ 4 round magnum staggered double row, set into the alloy bottom metal with the recessed push button release at the front. Lengthwise, it will take an OAL cartridge of 3.385 inches, so the same as a Tikka T3. But unlike the Tikka, the Sauer is throated shorter so most projectiles seated out where they shoot best still fit in the magazine. The stock is also the same as the 101 - synthetic with distinctive checkering and a schnabel forend. It is furnished with a firm rubber recoil pad and blued sling swivel studs.

The trigger pull out of the box was about 4 pounds, but was easily adjusted down just under 2 pounds, and it felt lovely, repeatable and crisp at that. The 24 inch barrel was threaded 14x1 at the muzzle, and so we fitted a DPT can to minimise the noise and recoil for the range work, and also to screw on when actually shooting while hunting.

The receiver takes standard Remington 700 long action mounts/bases, so we

	Powder/grains	Seating depth	Avg. muzzle velocity	Avg group size
Federal Vital-Shok 150gr Trophy Copper	-	-	2980fps	1.0"
Berger 168gr Classic Hunter	2225/73	.020" jump	3005fps	.45"

fitted the supplied Zeiss V6 2-12x50 scope in a set of our favourite Talley 7000 series alloy one piece ring base combos. On the range we tried Federal Premium Trophy copper first, and it averaged 1 MOA. Then we worked up a load with Berger 168grn Classic Hunter projectiles at a 20 thou jump and 2225 powder in Hornady brass with Federal 215 primers. Now this load really shot, averaging under .5 MOA!

With the scope mounted, load worked up and rifle sighted in, it was time to hit the hills! Over a couple of trips in the Ruahines and Kawekas during some very variable spring weather that went from superb to awful in a space of hours, a few deer were seen and a Sika yearling on a claypan 350 odd yards away fell to the Sauer 100. The mixed weather and a day spent tied to a packraft meant the 100 got a good wetting. The outside stayed spotless, but we did run a Kroiled (a USA manufactured penetrating oil available from Steve's Wholesale) patch down the bore after each trip just to be

sure the extremely good accuracy was maintained. As with any chrome-moly steel bore, it's just not worth the risk of corrosion and pitting by leaving it dirty in moist conditions, especially with a barrel that shoots as good as this one!

At just under 7 pounds bare for the 24 inch barrelled magnum model, I would class the 100XT as a medium weight hunting rifle. It's not as light as some offerings from Kimber and Tikka, but this does make it easy to shoot accurately – especially in the magnum calibres. It has a quality feel to it that also instils confidence. The new "Silver" models are an advantage over the blued models for our hunting conditions – but just remember you still have to clean the bore!

**RRP: \$1599**



Stock	Classic XT ERGO MAX polymer with neutral cast for left & right handed.
Bolt	3 locking lugs, 60 degree bolt lift
Calibre/rate of twist	7mm Remington Magnum / 9.5"
Overall Weight w/o accessories	24" barrel - 3.15kg/6.93lb
Barrel	Original Sauer cold hammer forged
Optical sight attachment	Suitable for all remington 700 scope bases
Magazine	Detachable staggered two row steel, 5+1 capacity for standard calibre, 4+1 for magnum.
Metal parts surface finishing	"Silver" Ilaflon® coating
Bedding	EVER REST action bedding
Trigger	Adjustable pull 1 to 2kg (2.2 to 4.2lb)
Safety	Three-position



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