

THE IMPACT IS ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED MODELS OF FINE ITALIAN MADE SHOTGUNS FROM CAESAR GUERINI.

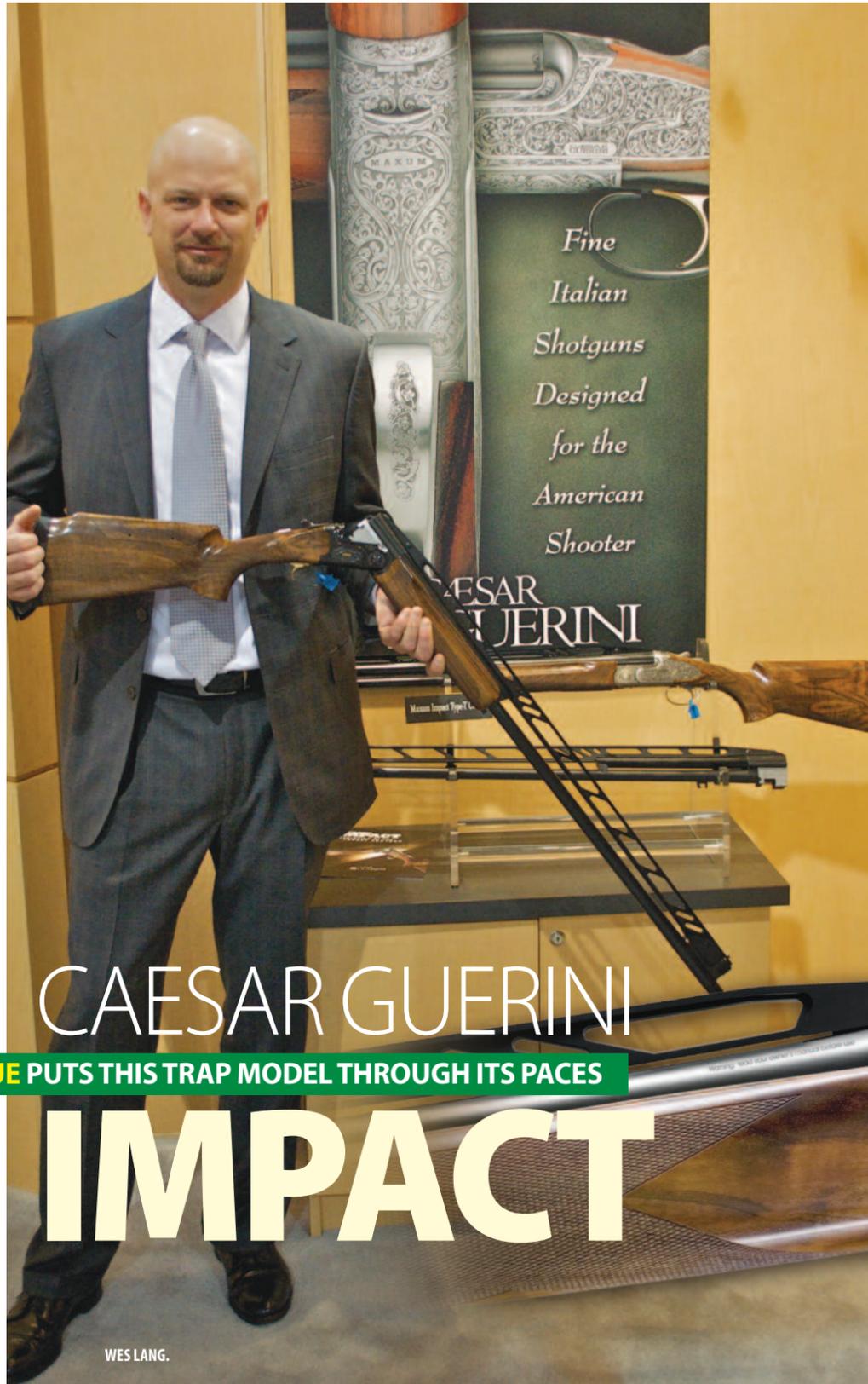
Based in a modern factory in Brescia, Italy, the company has, for several years now, established a reputation for offering some of the best value shotguns in the industry. It's well established that their design and quality makes the Caesar Guerini line extremely pleasing to the eye as well as offering a quality feel and terrific performance.

Knowing that trap shooters are always looking for the slightest edge, the Impact satisfies the demand for a mid-height rib (17mm vs. 25mm), a barrel weight balance system and the new DTS trigger (that will now be included on all trap guns).

"One of the key features of the Impact is balance," says Wes Lang, President of Guerini USA. The Impact includes our adjustable balance system using the new DTS Kinetic Balancer in the stock and optional interchangeable DTS rib weight rods that allows the shooter to adjust barrel weight. The

combination of the Kinetic Balancer and barrel weight rods ensures each individual can 'customize' the balance and feel they require during gun mount and swinging through the target."

When you handle the Impact Type T (stands for Trap), you cannot help but be impressed by the wood and wood to metal fit. But first things



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IMPACT

WES LANG.

first – it was my job here to dig into the changes and features of this shotgun and get a feel for the results of Guerini's development work. Since gun fit is pretty much the most important component of good shooting, my first step was to visit the patterning board at my club.

POINT OF IMPACT

I was pleasantly surprised to discover that when I mounted the gun I was looking right down the center of the rib and with cheek pressed hard to wood it felt good. Minimal adjustment for fit would be required – for me at least.

Without any adjustment of either the high rib or the comb, my first shots were almost centered at thirty yards with the pattern about 90/10. Since personally I prefer to have a 50/50 pattern, some adjustment was going to be necessary. The adjusting knob is simply a finger turn design.

The Unsingle barrel allows for point-of-impact adjustment from 50/50 to 120% high. Small graduation lines make it very easy to see how much adjustment you have made with each turn. This adjustment is only in the vertical and



ADJUSTABLE COMB

would not of course bring me to center – I would have to do that by changing my aiming point with a comb adjustment. I moved it up three lines and shot a further series of targets. This time my pattern appeared to be close to 70/30, so I adjusted one more time and quickly put the pattern just where I wanted it. The ease of adjustability on the Unsingle sighting platform was a pleasant surprise – and the fact that it does not require any tools is a huge hit for those of us who don't like to carry too much gear to the range.

ADJUSTABLE COMB

The DTS adjustable comb design was the brain child of Antonio Guerini – and is one of the most innovative designs available. When I initially put the gun through its

paces, I was not getting hard hits – so I made a slight adjustment to cast on to get me closer to center of the target. The multi-axis adjustable comb has four way adjustments for offset, cast, comb height and comb drop. It was not complicated to adjust and more importantly, the adjustments I made stayed put. Even the adjustment tool was simple and well made. (Guerini also offers an optional 'No Impact' soft comb if required.)

This DTS comb is certainly a huge advantage to anyone who wants to fit a gun for themselves, without going to the expense of a custom stock and butt plate configuration. (Left hand and custom stock dimensions available.) I was able to get what I believed to be a solid gun fit in a matter of minutes.

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL:	IMPACT
GAUGE:	12
BARREL LENGTH:	30" (76cm) 32" (81cm) 34" (86cm)
AVERAGE WEIGHT:	8 LBS. 4 OZS. – 8 LBS. 8 OZS. UPTO 9LBS. 4 OZS WITH DTS KINETIC BALANCER™ AND HEAVY RIB TORSION RODS
RECEIVER FINISH:	SATIN BLUED FINISH WITH INVISALLOY™ CLEAR PROTECTION
STOCK FINISH:	HAND RUBBED OIL
CHECKERING:	26 LINES PER INCH
RECOIL PAD:	BLACK RUBBER
CHAMBER:	2.75"
TOP RIB:	11-9.6 MM TAPERED. ADJUSTABLE FROM 5% LOW TO 90% HIGH ON OVER/UNDER 50/50 TO 120% ON THE UNSINGLE
CENTER RIB:	VENTILATED
FORCING CONES:	5" DUOCON
AVERAGE BORE:	.735, CHROME LINED
CHOKES:	6 MAXIS COMPETITION CHOKES
SIGHT(S):	WHITE BRADLEY STYLE FRONT, BRASS CENTER BEAD
FORE-END:	ROUNDED SEMI-BEAVERTAIL
TRIGGER:	NEW D.T.S. TRIGGER SYSTEM WITH TWO TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT OPTIONS, TAKE UP, OVER TRAVEL AND LENGTH OF PULL ADJUSTMENTS. FACTORY SELECTIVE RELEASE TRIGGERS AVAILABLE IN SINGLE AND DOUBLE RELEASE
SAFETY:	MANUAL (AUTOMATIC AS AN OPTION)
ACCESSORIES:	STOCK AND TRIGGER WRENCH, CHOKE CASE, FRICTION CHOKE WRENCH
CASE:	PLASTIC HARD CASE WITH FIT INTERIOR

BALANCER SYSTEM

The DTS Kinetic Balancer system in the stock is not a completely new concept – however, in this case, an important advantage is the ability to remove the stock without removing the balancer. (A center shaft allows the stock removal tool to pass through it to gain access to the stock bolt.) The DTS Kinetic Balancer is adjustable with multiple weights and micro adjustment. The system also includes kinetic recoil reduction. My Type T demo had this unit installed and while I felt no need to adjust it, the felt recoil was certainly comfortable.

wide selection of upgraded engraving available. A look inside reveals interchangeable trunnions and locking lug – and all machined parts are designed to last and perform. Hammers and sears are precision machined from billet steel to ensure crisp trigger pulls. I noticed that the trigger on my demo was just about perfect for me out of the box and I didn't feel any need to adjust it. The LOP was a very comfortable 14 3/4". For me, the grip to trigger is how I judge a good feel and this one was perfect at 4 1/4". The added feature of a palm swell really gives a solid feel of stability.

impact regulation. Bores are consistent at .735" Maxis (oversized bore) with chrome lining for optimal ballistic performance. The ejectors on this model are strong and quick as evidenced on opening.

Extended chokes are standard depending on which model and which discipline you choose to shoot. The Maxis choke system is of conical-parallel design and has a crowned exit radius for maximum pattern performance. (A friction wrench with thread cleaner is supplied.) Separate barrel

wanted a lower profile adjustable rib while sporting clay shooters wanted a raised rib with adjustability. No matter which discipline, the one common denominator of requests was adjustability. The result was the Impact – in my opinion they are spot on in every way.

The Impact brochure sums it up very well. *"This is the evolution of the target shotgun. The specialized trap, skeet and sporting clays guns are evolving into one ultimate target breaking machine. Never before has a shotgun had more ability to adjust to a shooter or target presentation. The Impact is the culmination of all Caesar Guerini's technical development in the D.T.S. philosophy. With a head up shooting position and increased visibility, this gun is highly competitive for all target shooting disciplines."*

It's clear that the Impact can and does deliver on all its innovation – however there is still one issue. How does a trap shooter feel about shooting a gun that can also be used for sporting clays and skeet and how does a sporting clays shooter feel about shooting a gun at his favorite clay layout that is also part trap gun? For myself, I enjoy shooting both disciplines, so this is ideal for me – and I would expect for many others. I like the idea of a truly versatile gun for just about anything I want to do. It sure is a handsome firearm and is clearly good value at its price point. ■



DTS KINETIC BALANCER.

TRIGGERS

The new D.T.S. trigger system offers two trigger pull weight options – take up, over travel and length of pull adjustment. Optional factory selective release triggers are available in single and double release. If you're a fan of release triggers you can have them from the factory – though I found the trigger on my demo to be very comfortable and crisp when fired. (Selective and non-selective safety are available.)

FOR-END

The Type T I was shooting came with a Trap style semi-beavertail which is standard on this model. The push button release has been proven to be the most reliable along with the interchangeable for-end inserts which allows the action to be tightened.

BARRELS

All Guerini barrels are tested and certified for correct point of

configurations include the O/U in 30", 32" and 34" barrels. The trap model Combo with the 34" Unsingle is ideal for the discerning trap shooter. Weight varies from 8lbs 5oz to the Unsingle at 8lbs 12oz.

HOW AND WHY THE IMPACT?

According to Wes Lang, the Impact is the answer to customer requests. Many trap shooters

RECEIVER

The satin blue finish of the receiver, with Invisalloy™ clear protection is elegant in its simplicity – with a

