

SHOT Show 2018 - Shotgun Showdown

Magazine fed shotguns are coming into the mainstream this year with pump action offerings from Mossberg and Remington to go with the somewhat more exotic offerings from companies like Kalashnikov USA. In the past we've seen magazine fed shotguns but they were a niche market with few mainstream offerings and, for most consumers, they were just a bit too gimmicky to be relied upon. Now major manufacturers are putting their weight behind these guns and we are sure to see more in the years to come.

Mossberg 590M

First up lets talk about the Mossberg 590M. The 590 has long been a major contender for "Best Pump Shotgun Ever" and the 590M brings a double stack, 20 round, magazine to the already impressive feature list of this model. Whats better is that the 590 magazine, which itself seems built like a tank, locks into the receiver very solidly with little to no movement. Some might think this means it is finicky to lock in or difficult to master. This couldn't be further from the truth. The magazine locks in just like any AK style mag would by hooking the front of the mag into the receiver and then rocking the mag back to lock it in. Magazines are also available in 5, 10, and 15 shell capacities.

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The Mossberg 590M is definitely on the "want" list. It is conceivable that a reliable magazine fed pump shotgun could beat quite a few less reliable semi-auto shotguns in competition shooting. Sure pumping might be a little slower but a 20 round mag is a nice way to start off the stage and the smaller capacity mags might be perfect for reloading to slugs or buckshot on stages that require multiple types of shotgun shells. Are there any 3-gunners out there considering this?

The Mossberg 590 has been in use as a combat shotgun since 1960. With such a long history the 590 will certainly lend itself to the law enforcement and military communities.

You can read more about this impressive shotgun on [Mossberg's site](#). This video, also courtesy of Mossberg, provides an excellent overview of the guns function and features.

Remington 870 DM Tactical

Next up we have the Remington 870 DM Tactical. While the magazine and it's lockup were the heart of the Mossberg 590M they seem to be the downfall of the Remington 870 DM Tactical. The magazine has a lower capacity, feels less "substantial", and locks in a bit looser. That last bit may not matter as long as the function is there but the lower capacity is going to be a bit of a problem

for some people. Couple that with the fact that the Remington magazine is a single stack, so any really big magazines that someone might make are going to be really long and unwieldy, and you have an even less desirable setup.

All that being said though the 870 hasn't been around this long for no reason. Legendary reliability and durability have kept the 870 going for around 68 years now and it's fans are many. The 870 DM Tactical does come with some nice XS Ghost Ring sights, a rail for mounting optics, and a "Tactical REM Choke" that looks a lot like a breaching choke. So, while this gun may not make it onto a list of potential 3-gun shotguns, it is certainly well suited to law enforcement and military applications.

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You can read more about the Remington 870 DM Tactical [here](#).

Kalashnikov USA - Autoloading Tactical Shotgun, KS-12T

The Kalashnikov USA KS-12T looks like what it is; an over-sized AK47. That being said it looks like a well made shotgun with a smoothly operating bolt, decent (and also smooth) trigger, and a generally tight build that seemed of higher quality than most AK based shotguns I've held in the past. With the factory 10 round magazines this gun could easily be a contender for 3-Gun competition use but it screams for a drum or other, higher capacity, magazine. Optics can be mounted via the ubiquitous AK variant scope mount on the side of the receiver. If this gun runs and is durable it should be a force to be reckoned with.

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You can read more about the KS-12T [here](#).