



INVICTUS V TRAP UNSINGLE

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CAESAR GUERINI'S INVICTUS V TRAP

FEATURING AN UNSINGLE AND AN O/U COMBO

- The Invictus Block significantly increased the locking surface area between the barrel and the action, dramatically increasing durability. This part is also replaceable, multiplying the longevity of the action.

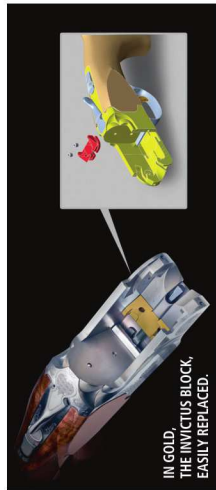
The recently introduced Invictus V Trap I'm testing is one giant step up from that original Invictus. One significant difference is the engraving. While the original Invictus

In 2014 Caesar Guerini introduced the Invictus over and under. Much has been written about this model that redefines 'durability' – up to and beyond one million rounds! Many other new features were designed into the Invictus that were immediately appreciated by competition shooters.

- An elastomer bushing was added to the fore-end assembly to reduce vibration between the pushbutton rod and wood.
- Invictus. Cams eliminate conventional hinge pins and trunnions. This system made the Invictus the first double gun to move the barrels toward the action to eliminate any potential 'off face' condition.



INVICTUS CAM IS THE NON-JEWELLED PART – EASILY REPLACED.



IN GOLD, THE INVICTUS BLOCK, EASILY REPLACED.

has extremely attractive engraving, it's a box lock. The Invictus V means added sideplates with virtually 100 percent coverage on the receiver sides and bottom. The flushing pheasant on the left and flying quail on the right, both in gold, are great enhancements, but it's the detail that catches the eye.

calls Deluxe. Wood pores are well filled. Finish is hand-rubbed oil. Length of pull (LOP) is 14.75 and on the company website (www.guerinusa.com) you'll find many more stock dimensions – such as comb to grip, cast at heel,



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cast at toe, pitch, breach to comb and reach dimensions.

All Invictus Trap models come with an adjustable comb. Adjust up and down, right and left and it's possible to adjust so that the back of the adjustable comb is slightly higher than the front of the comb, allowing the stock to better slide past the face upon recoil. This is a step-down comb with that Monte Carlo at the rear – with a 2.5 inch drop at the very back (heel). Drop at comb, adjusted all the way down, is 1.5 inches. The cut checkering is very well done – 26 lines-to-the-inch. The stock pad is ventilated, 3/4 inch in the middle, to a very thin black spacer. The fore-end is nicely rounded at 1.98 inches wide and 9.75 inches

long and finger grooved with checkering 100 percent on the sides and bottom. The fore-end iron has 100 percent engraving coverage. Guerini uses the classic push-button fore-end release. Fore-end weight is 11.9 ounces on my test gun. The fore-end fits both the unsingle and over and under barrels.

Both Invictus V unsingle and over and under barrels have DuoCon™ chambers – which means 5 inch long forcing cones. Chambers are 2 3/4 (not 3 inches). Both barrels have what I'll call a semi-matte finish – helpful in reducing or eliminating glare.

The unsingle rib is 'wheel' adjustable at the front. Before making any rib adjustments, read the manual instructions. Adjust from 50/50 to 120. In the close-up photo of the high rib on the unsingle, note the bright metal on the inner sides of the posts. This is aluminum alloy – adding to both cosmetic appeal and rib strength. The over and under rib also has these bright aluminum alloy additions.

Precision and Speed). How does Guerini accomplish all three? The hammers have been redesigned, with a different geometry, and are made to tighter tolerances. Further, these hammers are coated with an industrial chrome that Guerini says has a lower coefficient of friction, so providing better lubricity. My test Invictus V triggers go off at 3 pounds 4 ounces with no creep. Safety is automatic. As with all shotguns designed for competition, the safety never goes 'on' unless the shooter manually moves it to that safe position.

Guerini calls their Invictus chokes 'Maxis Competition'. They are long at 3 1/4 inches – providing plenty of room for extended taper and parallel sections. Five chokes were provided at .720 (all three barrels measured .731 internally). Modified at .715. Improved Modified at .710. Light Full at .705 and Full at .700 – all measurements accomplished with my Baker Barrel Reader.



BRIGHT ALUMINUM ALLOY ON THE INTER RIB OF THE INVICTUS V UNSINGLE BARREL.

Weight of the unsingle 34 inch barrel and rib is 3 pounds 15 ounces. That rib is tapered from 12mm. The set of over and under 32 inch barrels weighed 3 pounds 9 ounces. Both unsingle and O/U ribs have a metal mid-bead and a white bead at the front. The trigger is another major factor associated with the Invictus, dubbed the DPS (Durability,

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INVICTUS V MONOBLOC

ON TEST

How did the Invictus V perform on test? For starters there were four of us – Jeff Crane, John Smith, Dan Sanko and myself, shooting the unsingle at 16 yards fitted with Improved Modified chokes. In the clubhouse all four of us mounted the empty gun several times – then decided we’d move the adjustable comb up slightly. That accomplished, there was more gun mounting. Smith wanted the adjustable comb moved just a bit to the right. We all acquiesced.



JOHN SMITH

commented that they liked the trigger – very crisp. All three of my guests joined in saying the recoil was noticeably light. I agreed – perhaps it was the ‘wider’ receiver that is a bit heavier (a few ounces) between the hands?



JEFF CRANE

After a morning on the range I thought back to my high school Latin classes – Invictus means unconquered. Good name for a good gun. ■

Smith never missed from 16 yards, Crane missed the first two, but then knew how to hold on the escaping bird – then didn’t miss. After I was through shooting at 16 yards Crane offered, “That’s the best I’ve ever seen you shoot any trap gun.” That unsingle did feel good to me. After Sanko shot, we moved to the 27 yard line. Smith had a streak going, broke them all – then lost the last bird.

Shooting the over and under, we shot from 16 yards. Crane and Smith

SPECIFICATIONS

- GAUGE:** 12 GAUGE
- ACTION:** OVER AND UNDER. NEW LOCKUP
- WEIGHT:** 9 POUNDS 6 OUNCES WITH 34 INCH UNSINGLE. 8 POUNDS 15.5 OUNCES WITH THE 32 INCH O/U BARRELS
- CHOKES:** FIVE MAXIS COMPEITION CHOKES PROVIDED; LIGHT MODIFIED, MODIFIED, IMPROVED MODIFIED, LIGHT FULL AND FULL
- STOCK:** ADJUSTABLE COMB TO 14.75 LOP
- SUGGESTED RETAIL:** \$14,425 FOR COMBO SET OR \$11,225 FOR EITHER UNSINGLE OR O/U BY ITSELF (\$240 EXTRA FOR LEFT HAND STOCK OPTION). CG LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY
- MANUFACTURER/IMPORTER:** MADE IN ITALY BY CAESAR GUERINI, IMPORTED BY CAESAR GUERINI USA IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND
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