

INVICTUS I SPORTING M-SPEC

GUN

REVIEW

We were highly-impressed with the Invictus V from Caesar Guerini that we tested last year - but how does it compare to the Invictus I Sporting M-SPEC?



RATINGS: Value for money: 9

Handling/balance: 10

Specification: 10

Build quality: 10

Mechanical function: 10

CAESAR GUERINI INVICTUS I SPORTING M-SPEC

RRP: £4,200

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As with the Invictus V, the Invictus I benefits from the huge amount of research, design and development that Guerini invest in. With input from world-class shooter Richard Faulds MBE, this gun really is set apart from many of its competitors in the market.

Opening the branded ABS case gives you the first glimpse of a very special looking gun, the black action with delicate scroll engraving and Guerini logo in gold is both timeless and classic, and coupled with some exquisite walnut woodwork, it's a very attractive gun.

Shooting the Invictus is a real pleasure. The 5in DuoCon (long forcing cones) and Maxisbore systems have been developed to produce

better shot patterns, and also to reduce felt recoil. Normally, the Invictus I ships with fixed chokes as standard (3/4 and Full), but the test gun came with a set of Teague chokes. This combination resulted

in some very satisfying breaks – even at long ranges. Guerini UK has begun to offer guns with Teague chokes as standard. If you'd prefer this option it's an additional £275 to the cost of the gun (for three chokes) – in our opinion it's definitely worth the investment.

At this level of gun you'd expect quality as standard, and this gun does not disappoint. The quality of the figuring in the wood was exceptional and the palm swell on the stock comfortable. The wood to metal fit was excellent and the oil finish on the stock was fantastic. The Anson-style push rod action on the fore-end is a pleasing feature.

MAKE	Caesar Guerini Invictus I Sporting MSPEC
GAUGE	12g
ACTION	Over & Under
CHAMBER	2 3/4in
BARREL LENGTH	32in
CHOKES	Fixed - 3/4 & Full (standard) or Teague m/c option at £275 (three chokes)
STOCK FINISH	Turkish Walnut
WEIGHT	8 lb 1oz

The 32in barrels handled long range targets with ease. We found it very well-balanced and incredibly easy to swing. Even close range targets were easy to deal with – a testament to the balance and pointability of this gun. Ventilated barrels and rib are standard, with the latter tapered from 10mm down to 6mm (at the muzzle), giving a lovely sighting plane when shooting. My only minor criticism of the gun was the rubber recoil pad, which seemed to snag a little on my shooting vest a

couple of times during the test.

Guerini guns come with a ten-year guarantee as standard, to give you peace of mind when buying. Aside from that – it's a beautiful and thoroughly enjoyable gun to shoot, offering you years of service at a competitive price.

OVERALL RATING

9.8/10