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Syren Tempio

On the Bench

Syren USA is the division of Caesar Guerini USA that specializes in producing shotguns for women. To that end, Syren engineers guns to fit women's anatomies and builds them with their body configurations in mind. One such gun, the Tempio field model, is elegant, balanced and soft hitting. At the same time, it is a serious shooting tool that doesn't cut any corners with quality.

The Tempio has a highly figured Turkish walnut stock with a Schnabel forearm. The standard, 13 ¾-inch length of pull is ideal for most women, who typically will have shorter arms than men. The stock is finished with a wooden butt plate for quick presentation: Unlike a tendency of a rubber pad, the wood plate will not grab at shooters' clothing as the gun is being mounted.

The receiver features a beautiful, corrosion-resistant, hand-polished coin finish. It's adorned with roses and an ornate classic scroll and bouquet engraving motif throughout.

For variable use, both in the field and on the clays course, the Tempio uses top rib, 28-inch barrels. The overbored barrels take the edge off the recoil and, additionally, improve the shot pattern. The choke tubes are nickel plated. This makes them easier to clean.

The gun is easy to take down with a front button forearm release. An auto-safety is available as an option.

It comes with a hard case, five chokes and accessories. It's covered by Caesar Guerini's lifetime warranty.



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At the Range

As with all Syren shotguns, this field model of the Tempio was designed and built for women. The best way to gauge the success of this design is to see how it performed for our three novice shooters. The women started out with a "regular" shotgun, built for men, generally speaking. As

expected, they didn't hit many targets at all. Once they switched to the Tempio, however, each woman was easily breaking targets. One even broke four in a row! Here are some of their observations.

"Great length of pull. Better fit (than man's gun) at chin and shoulder pocket. Better target acquisition and results. Great accuracy. Comfortable grips."

"Good heft. The fit feels precise and comfortable."

"I felt like I had good control and was able to shoot accurately even with my lack of experience. Good weight."

At 5 feet 4 inches tall, she added, "It fits my small frame well." She especially noted, "The length of pull is more comfortable for a petite frame."

All three shooters appreciated the gun's optics.

"It's got a beautiful finish. Solid weight — sturdy but not too heavy. The high quality is immediately apparent."

"A beautiful gun with attractive engraving, wood grain and finish."

Only complaint? "Lose the flowers" in the engraving. One shooter felt that detail overplayed the "for women" aspect of the gun.

Just the Facts

- **Available Gauges:** 20, 28
- **Barrel Length:** 28 inches
- **Weight of 20-ga. test model:** 6 pounds, 9 ounces
- **Length of Pull:** 13¾ inches
- **Chambers:** 3 inches
- **MSRP:** \$4,485

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