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# Introduction

The Remington Tac-14, also called Remington 870 Tac -14, is an 870 pump action 12 gauge shotgun that works exactly like the standard Remington 870. In fact, the standard Remington 870 was the main inspiration behind the Remington Tac-14 pump shotgun. Although all the functionalities are the same, the main difference between a standard Remington 870 and Remington Tac-14 is its length.

This pump firearm is topped with a bead sight and has a 4+1 shooting capacity making it highly viable for home defense firearms. As Remington Tac-14 doesn't have a buttstock that allows it to shoot from the shoulder and an overall length of 26.3 inches, it is considered ***not a "Shotgun" but only a firearm.*** It means there's no legality surrounding it. In most states, you can just walk into a gun store and buy it. But, few states have put new restrictions on buying pump shotguns. So check with your state laws before you buy one.



Remington 870 Tac-14 12ga Pump Shotgun | Image taken from [Shockwave Technologies](https://www.shockwave-technologies.com/)

Pump shotguns are slightly slower than semi-automatics shotguns, but the pump-action offers excellent flexibility in selecting shotshells. It allows you to mix different types of low-power or specialty loads. Remington Tac-14 is small in size but an effective tool on home defense.

With the option to buy without an NFA tax stamp, No NFA registration, and ample upgrade options to customize it, this can be one of the best options for home defense. Like many of you asked me, **Can this be an ultimate truck gun?**

Well, yes. I think if you invest enough time to “LEARN” this gun properly, this can be the ultimate truck gun. It can be tucked away for backup for SHTF scenarios. Oh, shoot! Did I refer to it as a “gun”? Well, it is neither a gun nor a shotgun. **It is legally a firearm. But, if I slip calling it a gun or shotgun, pardon me.**

As a proud owner of both the Remington and Mossberg, the two most popular shotguns in the US, I prefer the Remington due to its smoother action, a loud boom, and better pistol grip. It is so fun to shoot with. Also, with a myriad of aftermarket accessories, you can customize this Remington from a turkey killer to a home defense gun!

Trust me, this gun is loud and proud. Its aggressive front, short barrel, and loud boom have won me over so many times. If you have a loving heart for loud boom and action like me, then this firearm is for you! With a solid hardwood grip and fore-end, this pump firearm is the absolute finest. A loaded Remington will be your trusted friend and always get your job done.

But, the loud bang with teeth-rattling recoil can be a mean sumabitch for beginners. So, if you consider only one shotgun, then this won't be the only shotgun to own.

**Pros:**

- + Handful to shoot with combat loads
- + Ultra-reliable and can be configured in thousands of ways
- + Super smooth that gives a seamless firing experience
- + No paperwork needed to buy one

**Cons:**

- May need stabilizing arm brace to aim long-range.
- Risk of slipping from hand and injuring yourself if your hands are sweaty
- Can't shoot mini shells
- Lower capacity than Mossberg shockwaves

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U54pC9L6hbY>

Remington Tac-14 in action

## **Background**

### **A Brief History of Remington:**

Founded in 1816 as E.Remington and Sons in Ilion, New York, the Remington is the oldest gunmaker in the US. The beginning of the Remington Company is very interesting. The founder of Remington, Eliphalet Remington II always believed that he could build a better gun than he can buy one. So, in 1816 at the age of 23, he participated in a shooting competition with his newly made gun.

And that was the first start of Remington. Even though he finished second, his newly made gun impressed other competitors, and soon he started receiving orders. Since then, Remington has

won the hearts of hunters and shooters. Whether at the Arkansas field used by the farmers or pioneering sportsmen, it gets the job done every time a trigger is pulled. Currently, Remington Rifles are incorporated into the flag and the national emblem of Guatemala.

## History of Remington Tac-14:

The Remington 870 model, which was developed in 1951, became an instant hit in America. Its sleek design, rugged reliability, and low price gained notoriety among American outdoors people and police agencies.

In response to the Winchester Model 12, which was very popular at the time, Remington decided to introduce its 870 Tac-14. The newly introduced tac-14 was able to challenge Winchester due to its capacity to perform despite absorbing abuse.

So, it is a natural firearm selection for gun lovers for its horse-like dependability for home defense. Whether you want to shoot in narrow halls or moving vehicles, it provides high accuracy and is easy to handle. By the end of 2009, the total sales of Remington 870 were recorded at 10 million, an unprecedented hit among any firearm.

## What is Remington Tac 14 Considered?

Firearms generally are categorized into two basic qualifications: Long guns and Handguns. Shotguns and rifles fall into the first category, whereas pistols and revolvers fall into the later ones. Remington Tac-14 doesn't fall in either of the categories. **To be classified as a shotgun, the firearm needs to meet these three essential criteria:**

1. The barrel has to be smooth bore

2. Gun must not be less than 26 inches And
3. The weapon must have a buttstock

It is considered a pistol grip only firearm because the brand new receiver is fitted with a pistol grip in the factory rather than shoulder stock. If the firearm's overall length with the pistol grip and barrel installed is greater than 26 inches, then the barrel can legally be shorter than 18 inches.

The raptor grip of the Remington gives it an overall length of 26.3 inches that makes the tac-14 legally considered a firearm and not a shotgun. Due to its length, it is not concealable and therefore not a shotgun.

## **How many shells does a Remington 870 Tac 14 hold?**

The Remington 870 Tac-14 holds five shotshells of the 3 to 2.75 inches variety. I've used the following shotgun loads at the ranch, and all worked fine.

1. Federal 3-inch No. 4 Buckshot.
2. Remington 2.¾ inches no 1 buckshot
3. Fiocchi target 2 ¾ inches with .75 ⅞ ounces load

## Review



Breakdown of Remington 870 Tac-14 12ga Pump Shotgun

### Gun Specification and Key Characteristics

The Remington 870 Tac-14 features a raptor pistol grip built from a glass-filled receiver that ensures greater strength and rigidity than other polymers. Its 14-inch steel barrel and bird's head grip provides better recoil control. This shotgun is a real handful to shoot with combat loads. And with different buckshot round capacity, this shotgun is exceptionally unique and handy.

<b>Name</b>	Remington 870 Tac-14 12ga Pump Shotgun
<b>Gauge/Bore</b>	12 Gauge
<b>Model Number</b>	81230
<b>Brand</b>	Remington

<b>MAG Capacity</b>	4+1
<b>Overall Length</b>	26.3"
<b>Average Weight (LBS.)</b>	5.6
<b>Sights</b>	Bead Sight
<b>Barrel Length</b>	14"
<b>Barrel Type</b>	Cylinder Bore Barrel
<b>Receiver Finish</b>	Black Oxide
<b>Stock Material</b>	Synthetic
<b>UPC</b>	047700812304



Remington Tac-14 in a box



## **Unboxing/Appearance:**

The firearm arrived in a beautifully looking green box with custom-cut cardboard that gives a really cool finishing touch. So, If you are into recycling, then keep the cardboard for another usage. The black oxide finish of the Remington is quite impressive too.

They have sent the owner's manual, gun lock, and warranty information along with the gun. Also, you can find a plug to reduce the number of rounds to fit in a magazine tube.

## **Ease to use and handling:**

This gun has an ergonomic design. The pump release is easy to reach. With each trigger, the gun tosses shells aggressively and smoothly from the chamber. Given that, mini shells may not work with 100% reliability. Sometimes, they pop up and get stuck in the chamber. Mini lead subs didn't work well with it. In the range, it was constantly jamming the chamber.

This firearm weighs 5.65 pounds, which is surprising for something that is this powerful. The long steel receiver of 14 inches makes the recoil good enough to balance. The raptor grip makes it much more comfortable to shoot than any standard vertical grip. So, you won't feel much abuse on your wrist.

This pump-action beast is hard not to be reliable. You can quickly fire 5 rounds in one go, and there had been no issue for me to use the cheapest buck and birdshot. I've had a great experience using Federal game load, federal slugs, and recoil buckshot.

I really like the Magpul forend. It's comfortable in your hand and has a good amount of grip.

That being said, this gun has a lot of power in a tiny package.

## Remington Tac-14 Safety:

Like I mentioned earlier, this gun is definitely not for beginners. It wouldn't be a good idea to pick up this gun and start blasting right away. The only risk of using this firearm is either losing your teeth or your finger. Be very cautious and follow the instructions. **Nobody wants to pay a visit to a doctor, right?**

1. **Have a good grip:** In action, boom, boom, you may be oblivious that your fingertip has run close to the barrel; even if it is completely not in front of it, the blast generated will put bruises on it for sure. Also, you risk slipping the firearm from your hand that will hurt you or others.
2. **Pause:** If you are blasting with mini shells in a pump-shoot-pump shoot pattern, you risk the chance of jamming the chamber. So, it is better that you ensure your safety in a pump-shoot-pause-pump pattern.
3. **Safety button:** The safety button on the Remington is a standard cross-bolt safety. This is fine for shotguns with a buttstock. But, if you are holding it near your hip to shoot, it sometimes becomes problematic to operate.



Taking Remington Tac-14 apart for maintenance

## Maintenance Needs and Taking it apart:

Cleaning your Tac-14 at a regular interval will make your gun safe and ensure you don't jam the chamber. It's better to see first-hand Remington maintenance rather than reading a long text paragraph.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rh1xSbDza5w>

## Shooting the Gun

### Accuracy:

I think tac-14 is a 30-yard gun. But, if you are a good marksman, you can aim successfully up to 40 yards. With its 14 inches barrel and lack of stock, there will be a lot of pressure generated with each trigger. So, if you don't have a solid grip, you will easily miss the target.

### Recoil:

I can clearly remember my first shot with Remington tac-14 at the range. Honestly, the recoil startled me at first. I felt like my teeth rattled with each trigger, but this beast is really fun to shoot with. So, if you are not using the arm stabilizer, I'd recommend extending your left arm a bit and having a solid grip. **Extend your left arm, have a solid grip, aim and shoot! Bang!**

It's so much fun. But, make sure while shooting you have at least 1 foot gap between you and the firearm. Else, you risk injuring yourself.

## Ease of Use:

While shooting at the range, I didn't have any issue with aiming at a particular target. At first, it was unnatural to raise the gun to the height to look down and line up the target. It has to do with the angle of the bird's eye grip. But, you can raise the gun to your eye level and aim using the bead sight. These guns are most comfortable to shoot from the hip. So, for absolute beginners, an arm stabilizer will provide better aiming, stability, and less recoil.

## Competition

One good alternative to Remington Tac-14 is Mossberg Shockwave. Though Mossberg Shockwave provides ideal control locations and can shoot mini shells, it can be clunky at times. On top of that, the Mossberg doesn't have superior smooth action and excellent upgraded furniture options that you will find on Remington. That is why I have a personal preference toward Remington Tac-14 over Mossberg.

## Accessories

If you want to customize your Remington Tac-14, here are a few of my recommendations.

### Affiliate Links:

#### Product 1:

<b>Product Name:</b>	SB TACTICAL REMINGTON TAC-14 SBM4 PISTOL STABILIZING BRACE KIT - BLACK
Shortened Name:	REMINGTON TAC-14 PISTOL STABILIZING BRACE KIT
Image URL:	<a href="https://www.rainierarms.com/media/catalog/product/cache/f356af1300">https://www.rainierarms.com/media/catalog/product/cache/f356af1300</a>

	088f34e63e2b0cfeb0768/i/m/img_1690-1_1.jpg
<b>Affiliate Partner Name ## 1:</b>	Rainier Arms
Link:	<a href="https://www.rainierarms.com/sb-tactical-remington-tac-14-sbm4-pistol-stabilizing-brace-kit-black/">https://www.rainierarms.com/sb-tactical-remington-tac-14-sbm4-pistol-stabilizing-brace-kit-black/</a>
Price:	\$159.99
<b>Affiliate Partner Name ## 2:</b>	Brownells
Link:	<a href="https://www.brownells.com/shotgun-parts/stock-forend-parts/buttstocks/remington-870-tac-14-sbm4-stabilizing-brace-prod114416.aspx">https://www.brownells.com/shotgun-parts/stock-forend-parts/buttstocks/remington-870-tac-14-sbm4-stabilizing-brace-prod114416.aspx</a>
Price:	

Product 2:

<b>Product Name:</b>	GG&G REMINGTON 870 TAC-14 QD REAR SLING ATTACHMENT WITH ANGULAR SWIVEL 1996
Shortened Name:	REMINGTON 870 TAC-14 QD REAR SLING ATTACHMENT
Image URL:	<a href="https://cdn11.bigcommerce.com/s-q9ptxvukwz/images/stencil/650x800/products/5160/124211/ggandg-remington-870-tac-14-qd-rear-sling-attachment-with-angular-swivel-1996__00215.1599181567.jpg?c=2">https://cdn11.bigcommerce.com/s-q9ptxvukwz/images/stencil/650x800/products/5160/124211/ggandg-remington-870-tac-14-qd-rear-sling-attachment-with-angular-swivel-1996__00215.1599181567.jpg?c=2</a>
<b>Affiliate Partner Name ## 1:</b>	LA Police Gear
Link:	<a href="https://lapolicegear.com/ggg-1996-remington-870-qd-rear-sling.html">https://lapolicegear.com/ggg-1996-remington-870-qd-rear-sling.html</a>

Price:	\$28.99
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Product 3:

<b>Product Name:</b>	GG&G REMINGTON 870 TAC-14 QD REAR SLING ATTACHMENT WITH ANGULAR SWIVEL 1996
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<b>Affiliate Partner Name ## 1:</b>	LA Police Gear
Link:	<a href="https://lapolicegear.com/ggg-2004-870tac14sidesaddle.html">https://lapolicegear.com/ggg-2004-870tac14sidesaddle.html</a>
Price:	\$48.39

## Conclusion

When the Remington Tac-14 first came out in the market, I was a little apprehensive of its performance and versatility. I'm not a big fan of reducing the length of long guns. But, as I started practicing with Remington tac-14 on the range, I realized that there's a place for this firearm in certain circumstances. It provides superior firepower in close quarters, along with mobility and maneuverability. So, it is practical to use in tight hallways or moving vehicles.

For absolute beginners, competency to operate successfully will depend on serious training. I'd recommend customizing it with stabilizing arm braces because it will provide better accuracy in long-distance, control, maneuverability, and less recoil.

Lastly, for those of you who want a dynamic thrill and an exciting challenge, then this gun is made for you!

You can also check out our [8 best home defense shotguns in 2021](#) to know more about the best shotguns available to buy.