

= Winchester Model 1200 =

The Model 1200 and Model 1300 are two pump @-@ action shotguns that are manufactured by the Winchester @-@ Western Division of Olin Corporation . It was produced in 12- , 16- and 20 @-@ gauge . The military version of the 1200 has the ability to have a bayonet fixed on the end of the barrel to be used in close quarter combat .

= = History = =

The Winchester Model 1200 was introduced in 1964 as a low @-@ cost replacement for the venerable Model 12 . A small number of these weapons were acquired by the United States Army in 1968 and 1969 . The military style Model 1200 was essentially the same weapon as the civilian version , except it had a ventilated handguard , sling swivels , and a bayonet lug . The Model 1200 was succeeded by the Winchester Model 1300 in 1983 when U.S. Repeating Arms Company became the manufacturer of Winchester firearms . Production of the Model 1300 ceased in 2006 , when USRAC went bankrupt .

= = Description = =

The Winchester Model 1200 came in barrel lengths of 30 @-@ inch , and 28 @-@ inch with a fixed choke or the Win @-@ choke screw in choke tubes system and is a 12 , 16 , or 20 @-@ gauge , manually operated , slide action shotgun . The slide action , also known as a pump @-@ action , means that the shotgun has a moving bolt system which is operated by a " wooden or composite slide called the fore @-@ end " . The fore @-@ end is located on the underside of the barrel and moves front to back . The weapon can hold a maximum of five rounds total with four in the tubular magazine and one in the chamber . It has a hammerless action which means that there is no external hammer spur . There is only a firing pin which strikes the primer on the shell to ignite the powder in the round .

The Model 1200 was the first shotgun to utilize a rotary bolt with four locking lugs secured within the barrel extension . The 1200 was Winchester 's first shotgun to incorporate the company 's patented Winchoke system , a quick change tube to allow the easy replacement of chokes .

= = Bayonet = =

A bayonet could be attached to the front end of the barrel of the Military version of the Model 1200 . The primary uses of the bayonet on the model 1200 are for close combat , guarding prisoners , and riot duty . The most commonly used bayonet with the Model 1200 was the M1917 bayonet . After World War I ended , there was a large surplus of the M @-@ 1917 bayonets because the Army decided to keep the M1903 Springfield as the standard issued rifle . The M @-@ 1917 bayonet did not fit the Springfield rifles so instead of just getting rid of them , the Army decided to make newer shotguns compatible with the bayonets . Model 1200 shotguns with bayonet lugs and ventilation ribs were still in U.S. Army inventories as late as the invasion of Iraq 2003 . During the Iraq war the Model 1200 shotguns were phased out in favor of Mossburg 500 shotguns .

= = Variants = =

Model 1200 : Standard capacity model with four @-@ shell tubular magazine

Model 1200 Defender : Increased capacity model with six @-@ shell tubular magazine ( Six 3 " Shells or seven 2 & 3 / 4 " Shells ) .

Model 1200 Police : Increased capacity variant of the Model 1200 Defender with an electrolysis nickel @-@ plated satin barrel and magazine tube .

Model 1200 Marine : Increased capacity variant of the Model 1200 Defender with an electrolysis nickel @-@ plated polished barrel and magazine tube .

Model 1200 Riot : Standard capacity model with 18 @. @ 5 " barrel and rifle sights . Blued steel barrel and magazine . Marked " Riot " on barrel .

Ted Williams Model 200 : Standard Model 1200 marketed by Sears

Model 1200 Hunting : 28 @-@ inch barrel with a built @-@ in choke and a five @-@ shell tubular magazine .

Model 1300 : Slightly updated version with five @-@ shell tubular magazine

Model 1300 Defender : Increased capacity variants of the Model 1300 with a seven @-@ shell tubular magazine .

Model 1300 Marine : Increased capacity variant of the Model 1300 with an electroless nickel @-@ plated barrel and magazine tube .

Various Model 1300 variants

Model 2200 : Model 1200 with full length stock and barrel , produced for the Canadian firearms market .

Model 120 : Budget version marketed at various department stores , such as K @-@ Mart . Birch stock , fixed choke , etc .

Ranger Model 120 : Budget version marketed at sporting goods stores , such as K @-@ Mart . Plain stock , Winchoke , etc .

= = Users = =

Czech Republic : The Model 1300 Defender is used in small numbers by the Czech Armed Forces .

Peru - The Model 1300 Defender is used by special forces

Russia - since 14 August 1992 until March 2006 Winchester 1300 shotguns were used in private security companies

United States

The Model 12 Ranger ( note correction in name order ) is a smaller / youth version of the Model 120

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