

Taking Stock

THE LATEST GENERATION OF GAUGES TO MEASURE ALL YOUR SHOTGUN VITALS BY JIM CARMICHEL

Whenever a hardcore shotgunner waxes poetic about statistics, he's probably mooning about the combination of dimensions on a shotgun that make it possible for him to hit a winging target. The tools for these measurements are exotic instruments, and a couple of the best are Robert Lewis Co.'s BoreMaster Multi-Bore Gauge and Shotgun Combo Gauge.

Beyond the basic dimensions, these items can measure all sorts of additional things, including degree of cast, choke constriction and taper, chamber diameter and length, and barrel-wall thickness. These quality tools inspire pride of ownership. (\$270; shotguncombogauge.com)



DROP AT COMB AND HEEL The Combo Gauge, which looks like a draftsman's expensive measuring instrument, takes readings—in this case, drop at heel—by sliding the oversize indicators into contact with whatever it is about the stock you want to measure.



LENGTH OF PULL An accurate reading for length of pull is simple with the Combo Gauge.

BORE GAUGE
Precise calipers can measure the interior dimensions of even .410s.

