

CZ - Ceska Zbrojovka 457 Royal 16" .22LR (D008739) .22 Rifles

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With this original model, Česká zbrojovka a.s. is returning to the roots of the creation of rimfire rifles. The premium walnut stock has a cheekpiece, the tip is from a fine material.

The main advantages of the new CZ 457 family include the so-called positive safety on the right side of the receiver, a striker status indicator, a separate control for the bolt removal, an option to open and extract the bolt even when safety is engaged, a new adjustable trigger mechanism, a significantly lighter striker, a new type of bedding, improved ergonomics, exceptionally durable anti-corrosion finish on steel parts and a reduced turning angle of the bolt handle. The long stock for the CZ 457 Royal is made of premium walnut, with decorative details at the tip. The beautiful grain is accentuated by an oil finish. The design of the stock is based on the shape of traditional stocks popular in the Commonwealth, it has a straight comb, rounded cheekpiece, slim forend and loops for a Safari style sling. The thin-walled hunting style barrel with no iron sights is either 412.5 or 525 mm long.

CZ 457 – the new paragon of a modern rimfire rifle

When it comes to rimfire rifles, Česká zbrojovka a.s. is traditionally one of the world leaders in the manufacture of these firearms. But our company is more than that – in this field we are also the trendsetters. Following in the footsteps of the famous CZ 452 series and its successor, the CZ 455, a new generation of CZ repeating rimfire rifles will raise the bar for the genre – the CZ 457 family.

The new CZ 457 family is distinguished by its highly sophisticated modular design. In comparison with existing models and rival products, it brings considerable improvements in all key parameters, whether we are talking about user safety, precision or lifetime.

To a greater or lesser extent, the concept of many of the new CZ rimfire rifles returns to the original reason this category of firearms was created in the first place and why they have enjoyed great popularity for such a long time. Rimfire rifles are often sought by owners of hunting rifles, especially for practice, fun or for teaching the younger generation the basics of shooting and hunting. In this respect, the design of the new CZ 457 family is remarkable. The partial integration of the design and some parts with the successful CZ 557 rifle series has been a great move, particularly with respect to the fully adjustable trigger mechanism with exceptional properties.

It is also worth stressing that this series has retained the successful CZ 455 magazines and barrelled action which means that owners of these weapons have an option of an easy and affordable generational modification.

The advantages of the CZ 457 can be divided into three main areas:

Safety first

Today, the prevailing way of operating long firearms is the so-called positive safety which also features on the CZ 457 guns in the form of a lever on the right-hand side of the receiver. The safety is released by moving the lever forward, exposing a red dot on the side of the receiver that indicates

that the rifle is ready to fire.

A new element in CZ rimfire rifles is the striker status indicator, which visually and by touch shows the status of the striker mechanism: when the striker is cocked, a small red indicator protrudes from the rear of the bolt.

An additional benefit for safer handling is the separate bolt extractor control on the left side of the receiver. It is therefore not necessary to depress the trigger at all when stripping the gun for basic maintenance.

Last but not least, once again in keeping with the current preferences of most shooters, the CZ 457 guns allow the bolt be opened and extracted with the safety on.

Improved accuracy

In general, CZ rimfire rifles are highly accurate, however, the truth is that the design legacy of the CZ 452 ZKM limited the options to modify the trigger mechanism parameters. CZ has already managed to solve this problem in several variants of the CZ 455 family. As a result, the company has introduced a new trigger mechanism for the CZ 457 family. It allows the user to adjust the trigger pull weight within a very favourable range of 8 to 15 N, the trigger travel may be adjusted between 0.5-7 mm. Basically, the shooter has the option to use the gun for ordinary training as well as a target special in its category.

One element which is often overlooked but which plays an important role in accuracy is the weight of the striker. In comparison with previous models, the weight of CZ 457 rimfire rifle strikers has been reduced by more than 60%, resulting also in a faster strike and at the same time less shock when fired.

Where stocks are concerned, there has been a great improvement in all long guns from CZ, which has also been reflected in the new rimfire rifles. For the CZ 457 series, Česká zbrojovka has developed a new type of bedding which allows constant tightening of the screws in the barrelled action within the stock. Improvements have also been made with ergonomics, this new series therefore has an extremely comfortable and reliable grip.

In the CZ 457 MTR in .22 LR cal. target model, a so-called 'Match' chamber has been used with dimensions on the tightest limit of allowable parameters. In combination with the other upgrades, this rifle guarantees 15 mm groups at a distance of 50 m!

Improved user properties

In the past few years, CZ has considerably advanced its technologies, such as procedures for the surface treatment of metal parts. The company's new products, including the new CZ 457 series, are thus treated with one of the most durable anti-corrosion surface treatments on the market.

In addition, users will undoubtedly appreciate the improved trigger travel, which has been achieved by redesigning the receiver and the bolt. Another advantage is the notably reduced turning angle of the bolt handle (30° less than previous CZ models). Thanks to this, the gun enables comfortable handling even with a riflescope as well as the ability to fit scopes with large ocular bells with lower ring heights.

While focusing on this generational upgrade, CZ has also taken the opportunity to incorporate upgraded smaller parts, such as the trigger guard, magazine frame, rear part of the bolt, new Weaver rail interface, etc.

As has already been mentioned, the important benefits of the previous CZ rimfire rifle generation have been retained: the modular system allowing an easy replacement of barrels and changing of calibres, and compatibility of the barrels and magazines with the CZ 455 series.

Generational upgrade

The CZ 457 rimfire rifles in .22 LR, .22 WMR and .17 HMR will gradually replace the CZ 455 series in the company portfolio. In addition to the models being replaced, the advantages of the new design will

also be applied to completely new models with unique parameters, which CZ has not offered before. The following pages offer the basic overview of the first wave of new models.

We believe that after you get acquainted with the new CZ 457 family, you will agree that these guns constitute the new paragon of a modern rimfire rifle in its price range, and that they have no equal rival on the current global market.

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