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SYREN ELOS SPORTING

NICK SISLEY PUTS THE ELOS THROUGH ITS PACES



While the Tempio and Magnus Syren guns sported bright coin-finished receivers, the Syren Elos Sporting comes with a blued receiver. The engraving is nearly full coverage plus Fabarm is in gold on both receiver sides. There's 'Elos Sporting' in gold on the receiver bottom. On the trigger guard in gold are the Syren S-wings.

There is significant re-curve to the pistol grip – a feature many women have suggested. The cut checkering on the grip sides and wrap around

The Syren brand was introduced at the 2014 SHOT Show, beginning with five models – four over-and-unders and one Semi-auto. As of 2017, the Syren line has now grown to over 60 SKUs. No matter what you shoot, sporting clays, trap, upland bird or waterfowl – Syren has something for you. The brand was developed for women, by women, after years of research and development with top gunsmiths.

Syren is a product of two factories, Caesar Guerini and Fabarm in Brescia, Italy, who combined make the second largest exporter of firearms in Italy. This allows Syren to offer a wide range of products and price points from semi-autos to over-and-unders, all of which are produced using the finest craftsmanship, precise manufacturing tolerances and premium materials that Italian gun makers are famous for.

Elos Specifications

The gun I've been putting through its paces is the Syren Elos Sporting. It looks like another big winner for gal shooters.



RE-CURVE AND CHECKERING ON THE PISTOL GRIP.



TRIWOOD™ STOCK.

checkering on the fore-end is done at 22-24 lines-to-the-inch. I can't find a flaw. Above the grip checkering are engraved roses on both sides of the stock. These roses, engraved (cut) in the wood, are a part of Syren models. The walnut look is spectacular – called Triwood™. Every one of these stocks comes out looking a bit different. It looks great and the acrylic varnish finish should be a great wood protector from the elements.

Heads up

You will also note in the stock photo that there is a Monte Carlo-style step down at the very rear – allowing a more heads-up position for shooting. Stock dimensions are

1.375 inches drop at comb, 1.6 inches drop at the rear of the comb prior to the Monte Carlo, where drop goes to 2.25 inches at the heel. So, this is a fairly-straight stock which should allow the recoil to slide largely past 'milady's' face – and not up into it.

Other stock dimensions include cast at heel of .125 inches and cast at toe .375 inches. Both these cast dimensions are important to women. Pitch is seven degrees. The gold-plated trigger can be move back and forth to accommodate grip-to-trigger distance. There's a soft rubber recoil pad separated from the stock via a black spacer.

Barrels

Suggested retail is \$2650 – so significantly less than the Syren models based on the Guerini Tempio and Magnus. Barrels are 30 inches. The 10mm non-tapered top rib has a steel mid-bead and a white front bead with the rib top well scoured to reduce glare. Ribs between the barrels are vented. Inside the barrels are Tribore-HP™. Importantly, the barrel inner configuration helps minimize pellet distortion – which helps keep more pellets in the effective pattern. How is this accomplished? Right in front of the 3 inch chambers of this 12 gauge, the inner dimension is wide at .740 inches. Next, there's a gentle taper to near the screw choke threads to .725 inches tapering all the way.



SYREN ELOS SPORTING FORE-END.

So, there's no sharp step down of a forcing cone which in decades past used to be only about 1/4 inch. Reason for the old short forcing cones? To seal off gas escape from old-time fiber wads. With

Tribore-HP the pellets on the outside of the



ELIZABETH LANIER (L), WHO REGULARLY COACHES WOMEN, TELLS US THAT THE SYREN ELOS IS A GOOD OPTION FOR WOMEN. "IT'S MADE FOR WOMEN, IT LOOKS GREAT AND IT'S VERY 'SHOOTABLE'. SYREN HAS DONE A GREAT JOB WITH THEIR STOCK DIMENSIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR WOMEN AND THIS GUN COMES IN AT A PRICE POINT THAT IS ATTRACTIVE."

column don't encounter any forcing cone at all.

The screw chokes are Exis-HP™. Five are supplied – a Skeet at .721 for .006 constriction, an Improved Cylinder at .716, a Modified at .705, an Improved Modified at .699 and a Full at .690. These chokes are extended and nearly 4 inches long.

Fore-end width is 1.8 inches and is 'rounded' in shape. This Syren comes in 12 gauge only. Weight on my digital postal scale went 7 pounds 10.5 ounces – the fore-end was 9.5 ounces and the 30 inch barrels hefted 3 pounds 8.5 ounces. There's a five-year warranty.

The gun comes in a white plastic protective case with choke wrench and soft cloth gun sleeves.

The gun balances slightly in front of the hinge. Lock up is somewhat standard with barrels pivoting on trunnions, a sliding bolt moving forward from the base of the inner receiver to engage milled out lugs in the bottom of the monobloc and twin recoil lugs that dovetail into milled away areas in the receiver bottom.

On Test

On test, no malfunctions occurred during the firing of over 300 shells. Tested were 1 ounce # 7 1/2 reloads with a very slow burning powder (IMR 7625) and new Federal Premium Gold Medal 'Grand' shotshells that come in a number of different configurations. I shot the Grand 1 1/8 ounce of #8s at 1100 feet per second.

Overall, looking at the price, the good-looking engraving, the exceptional Triwood stock and fore-end appearance, the innovative Tribore-HP inner barrel configuration and the womanly stock dimensions and cosmetics – I'd say the shooting girls have plenty to look forward to with the Syren Elos Sporting. ■

SPECIFICATIONS	
GAUGE:	12 GAUGE
ACTION:	OVER AND UNDER
WEIGHT:	7 POUNDS 10.5 OUNCES
CHOKES:	FIVE EXTENDED EXIS-HP SCREW-IN CHOKES
STOCK:	LOP 13.75 x 1.375 x 1.6
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$2650
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