

## Sportco Omark Serial Numbers



# What you should know about the Sportco 44

**Model 44: A single shot 7.62 mm target rifle.**

The exciting Sportco Model 44 7.62 mm target rifle that everyone has been talking about is now available. And here's great news: the A.C.S.R.A. has announced that the Sportco Model 44 is an approved rifle under the Standard Shooting Rules for Australian clubs.

The Model 44 features 3 sturdy front locking lugs, interchangeable bolt head in manual operation of .002" to take up headspace, and a trigger fully adjustable for trigger pressure, sear engagement and overtravel.

Optional foreights are provided in either Central blade, or Parker Hale model.

Mountings ONLY are provided for rear sighting equipment. Alternative mountings are available to suit Central, Lane, Parker Hale SC, or Ransom rear sights.

The barrel is of heavy weight chrome molybdenum steel, and is 26 1/2" long.

The stock is specially designed for comfortable shooting in the prone position and is fitted with a top hand guard for joint protection. Shout yourself into championship class this year with the new Sportco Model 44 7.62 mm single shot target rifle.



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## cleaning instructions:


Keep these instructions handy, follow them carefully and your rifle will give you years of trouble-free service.

**TO DISMANTLE FROM STOCK:**

1. Ensure that the rifle is safe to handle by checking that there is no cartridge in the chamber.
2. Depress bolt retainer and withdraw bolt assembly from receiver.
3. Unscrew hand guard retainer screw and remove retainer and hand guard.
4. Unscrew rear sling swivel take-down screw.
5. Unscrew trigger guard screws and remove trigger guard.
6. Unscrew rear take down screw under trigger guard.
7. Carefully remove barrel and action from stock.

**TO DISMANTLE BOLT ASSEMBLY:**

1. Ensure that the rifle is safe to handle by checking that there is no cartridge in the chamber.
2. Depress bolt retainer and withdraw bolt assembly from receiver.



**TRIGGER ADJUSTMENT**

1. The trigger mechanism is provided with adjustments for pressure, engagement and overtravel. If alterations are required to these adjustments, proceed as follows:
  2. Adjust the engagement screw to give the required amount of engagement with the sear. The amount of engagement is readily visible through the observation holes in the action housing. Note that too fine engagement is liable to make the safety adjustment unsafe.
  3. Adjust trigger over-travel screw to give clearance on the two sear edges when trigger is pulled. Note that too fine an adjustment here may prevent sear return.
  4. When the above two settings are satisfactory, adjust the trigger pressure screw to give the required trigger pressure with rifle cocked.
  5. When all settings are satisfactory, lock the screws by tightening lightly with a suitable punch.
  6. Finally, adjust the safety adjustment screw to prevent trigger movement but not tight enough to prevent safety operation.

**Note:** Information on additional stripping for maintenance purposes has been provided to Association Armourers through respective State Secretariat.

## specifications:

**MODEL:** Sportco M44 7.62 mm single shot target rifle.

**ACTION:** Bolt locking, bolt operated, 3 sturdy front locking lugs—60° bolt rotation. Bolt head locks into barrel. Extremely short firing pin travel (short lock time). Cock on opening. Coil springs throughout. Cam operated primary extraction. Cartridge aligns for ease of chambering.



**SIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

Foreight: Optional foreights are provided in either Central blade, or Parker Hale model. Rear sight: Mountings ONLY are provided for rear sighting equipment. Alternative mountings are available to suit Central, Lane, Parker Hale SC, or Ransom rear sights.

**STOCK:** One piece with top hand guard of specially selected timber. Fitted with front and centre sling swivels. Rubber butt plate. Receiver field to stock at front and rear. Designed to allow full flaring barrel. Provided with spacers to enable shooters to lengthen the stock to suit.

**BARREL:** 4 grooves, 1 in 12 inch pitch, length 26 1/2", breech diameter 1 1/2".

**SAFETY:** Adjustable for fine trigger settings. Locks trigger and sear only, ensuring safe unloading of cartridges with safety "ON".

**FINISH:** Oil finished stock and hand guard. Non reflective matt finish blue on barrel and receiver.

**BOLT HEAD:** Interchangeable for head space adjustment. Spring loaded ejector ensures positive ejection of both head and live cartridges, also ensures forward location of cartridge. Positive coil spring operated claw type extractor.

**RECEIVER:** Heavy wall sectioned receiver locks recoil plate to threaded barrel. Bolt handle recess provides additional safety lug. Spring operated bolt retainer facilitates removal of bolt for cleaning.

**TRIGGER:** Crisp, single pull, fully adjustable for over-travel, sear, engagement and trigger pressure.



**NOTICE:**  
Omark 44 - .308W/7.62 NATO was made by Lithgow, later under the Sportco or Slazenger label. This rifle was a candidate to replace the old Australian Army sniper rifles in the 1950's. It produced sub MOA accuracy out of the box. Failed the approval process because it was only single loading, sadly. I have one scoped and set up for long range shooting and it's brilliant.

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