

## WEAPON GUIDE

# CHIAPPA 1892

SMALL ARMS REVIEW TEAM

### LEVER ACTION SPORTING RIFLE (.357 MAGNUM)



Chiappa 1892 Trapper Carbine (16" barrel)

The Chiappa 1892 series lever action rifles are faithful replicas of the Winchester Model 1892 (c. 1892) designed by John Moses Browning. At around six pounds with a short 16" carbine length barrel they are fast handling rifles that are still popular with brush hunters for use against light medium game with an appropriate load, including whitetail deer out to 100 yards or so.

Although the .357 Magnum handgun round is low powered compared to most centerfire rifle rounds, it has more than enough power for defensive use against human attackers and far less muzzle blast and flash than the 5.56x45mm and 7.62x39mm rifle rounds used in assault rifles like the M16 and AK-47.

The 16" barrel of the Trapper Carbine increases velocity markedly over a short barrel handgun, with the best loads performing about the same as 12 gauge shotgun slug against human attackers while having much lighter recoil. The .357 Magnum round produces a lot of recoil in a lightweight handgun, but in six pound rifle the recoil is greatly reduced despite producing much more muzzle velocity and energy due to the longer barrel.



Chiappa also produce a take down version (Alaskan) with a matt chrome finish.

For low light use it should be fitted with a white light like the SureFire G2 (via a GG&G G2 Ring) or the Streamlight TLR-1 Gun Light. They can be attached to the rifle via the Lever Light Mount from Skinner Sights (pictured) which is bolted to the ammunition tube just forward of the handguard.

The fixed magazine is loaded

one round at a time via the loading port on the right side of the receiver, and can be topped up while a round is in the chamber.

As with any manually operated firearm, it is essential to practice with it to gain competence and confidence. The lever needs to be operated briskly to ensure reliable loading and extraction.

We recommend the Remington HTP 125gr. SJHP .357 Magnum load.

#### SUMMARY

A top choice for defensive use for people who prefer a manually operated rifle.

#### ACCESSORIES

##### Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book. [Blackheart International]

##### Cleaning Kit

Legend Cleaning Kit (HPUL22) [Hoppe's]

##### Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom Snap Caps. [Lyman Products Corp.]

##### Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4. [SureFire]

##### Buttstock Ammo Holder

Deluxe Buttstock Shell Holder & Accessory Pouch. [Allen Company]

##### Tactical Light Mount

Lever Light Mount. [Skinner Sights]

##### Tactical Light

TLR-1 Gun Light. [Streamlight]

#### HOT TIP

Work the lever rigorously to ensure reliable feeding and extraction.