

# The art of Engraving

The Daytona is offered in eight different levels of engraving to suit every style and budget. English scroll, chisel, burin, with gold inlays: whatever the subject, the production technique or the design may be, the engravings of a Daytona shotgun are always the work of asserted master engravers.



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RENATO GAMBA™

# A Champion's Shotgun

*Renato Gamba, BREMEC, is situated in Italy's gun making area in the Gardone Valley outside Brescia. Like most gun makers in the area, Gamba has a long history of weapon manufacture dating back to the first half of the eighteenth century.*

In spite of Gamba's history of international competition success with its Daytona model the marque remains relatively little known in the UK - which is a pity, because engineering and design standards are very high, and their products are used by no fewer than sixteen World Champions.

The model Daytona is the very epitome of the modern sporting gun produced in both fixed choke and multichoke versions in its various configurations. The action based on the Boss locking system is immensely strong and noted for its longevity and features a detachable trigger group. So strong in fact is the action that there are double rifles based on the Daytona action, including two models chambered for the awesome 458 Winchester Magnum.

## IS IT FOR YOU?

I am not an advocate of purchasing a handmade specialist tool, and then expect it to be a master of all forms of shooting, as such the Daytona is available in Trap, Skeet and Sporting (for Clay Targets) and obviously Game for field shooters. Having said that I have used my own Sporting gun for the occasional game day with good effect.



## TECHNICAL DETAILS

The body of the low-profile action is precision machined from a block of hot-forged steel. The barrels hinge on stub pins, and are locked in the firing position by a bolt aligned with the top of the lower barrel and locating against twin projections at the rear of the barrel monobloc.

The makers say this layout places the barrels in an optimum position for straight-line recoil thus reducing muzzle flip. A removable trigger group is also fitted and can be released by pressing a simple button towards the rear of the action frame.

Hammers are hinged at the bottom, with the coil main springs retained within steel housing and contoured to give a precise ninety degree strike on the firing pin heads, thus eliminating the wear which can be caused by an angled strike.

Barrel selection is by a small button located in the back of the trigger

blade, rather than being built into the safety thumb piece. Trigger pulls are crisp, and set by the main springs at about 4lb.

Quality is the keynote within the mechanism, with all parts well finished to precise dimensions and hand fitted, while the exterior of the trigger group is finished with the small circle pattern known as engine turning, which looks decorative and forms an oil-retaining surface.

## BARRELS

The barrel set, built on the familiar monobloc system, is of ni-cro-mo steel – that is, alloy steel containing nickel, chromium and molybdenum. This doesn't make it 'stainless', but it does give it great strength and a degree of corrosion resistance.

To further aid corrosion resistance, the tubes are internally chromium plated, and deeply blacked on the outside.

Spring-loaded ejectors are fitted into the barrel monobloc and trip when the barrels are fully open. They are retained by small discs which drop into slots. Barrel lengths of 28", 29½" and 31½" (in old money) are available.

## SUMMARY

In standard form the gun comes with a black or satin silver action frame, with a minimum of engraving. If you like conventional engraving there is much to tempt you from a selection of standard designs. However be warned it is possible to spend very large sums of money on Renato Gamba's gorgeous side plate models, as some of Italy's top engravers have worked on Gamba's over the years.

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The tubes are chambered to take cartridges up to 70mm (2¾ in), and in multichoke configuration five choke tubes, together with a very good key, are supplied with the gun. These are long (70mm) tubes, with a very gradual taper which throw very good patterns.

The ventilated top rib tapers from 10.5mm at the breech to 8mm at the muzzle, and has an anti-glare matted finish. Side ribs are ventilated.

## PRICE

From 7,800 to 59,000 Euros for standard production models.

A full catalogue well worth browsing is downloadable from: [www.renatogamba.it](http://www.renatogamba.it)

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