

GUN OF THE MONTH

Remington Arms company produced the successful Model 8 beginning in 1905 and continuing through 1936 in .25 Remington, .30 Remington, .32 Remington and .35 Remington - known for its choice by Captain Frank Hamer and Deputy Sheriff Prentis Oakley in the sudden demise of Bonnie and Clyde. They are long recoil operated and designed by John Browning.

The rifles were offered in several grades with increasing wood quality and engraving coverage.



The Remington Model 8 was essentially a rifle version of the Browning Auto-5 shotgun. The original patent was awarded to John Browning on October 16, 1900. Winchester was not interested in the design and production began in 1906 as the Remington Autoloading Rifle. Browning made a deal with Fabrique National to produce the rifle in Europe as the FN Model 1900 beginning in 1910, which saw lackluster sales. (<5,000)

At the time that the FN went into production Remington changed the name of its version to the Model 8.

Loading is accomplished with a 5 round stripper clip.



This is a model 8 #4 (D) Peerless in .32 Remington with fairly complete coverage and exhibiting engraving on the magazine, which was not normally included at this level. Additionally the grades E (Expert) and F (Premier) were available.

It is rumored that the AK-47 safety was a copy of the Model 8's.

Total production of the Model 8 and the newly named Model 81 (Marketing, mostly) neared 160,000, total.