

BERETTA A400 XTREME

Well one year since its release and I have been asked to report back on how my Beretta A400 Xtreme 3.5" Magnum has performed. One word says it... EXCELLENT!! This gun truly is a waterfowl hunters dream.

Our first question was how the completely redesigned Xtreme would stack up against the gun that had reigned supreme for five years as the class leader, the Beretta Xtrema 2. We shouldn't have had any concerns as Beretta Italy had invested considerable time and money developing this new gun. They knew it had to be head and shoulders ahead of the old Xtrema 2 and it is. The A400 Xtreme is lighter, faster pointing, equally reliable when shooting a multitude of loads from target to magnum, and best of all it's even softer shooting. The Kick Off Mega system simply has to be used to be believed!

The Xtreme has been designed inside and out to hold up to the rigors of hardcore waterfowling. I put the reliability aspect to the test by making the decision to use my A400 Xtreme for most of the 2012 gamebird season without cleaning the internal parts. I then shot it with low velocity 1oz trap loads. In most guns the build-up of residue and fouling in the action would cause

malfunctions in these circumstances. However I was impressed when my A400 performed flawlessly. The high quality materials, precise manufacturing tolerances and the unique design are all factors contributing to reliability. The chromed rotating bolt-head moves slickly and the precise fit of the pieces that make up the gas system showed no evidence of binding or friction even when dirty. (Another nice innovation is the mechanism for breaking the gun down for cleaning or transport. It takes less than a quarter of a turn on the fore-end cap to release the fore-end and remove the barrel, its quick, simple and easy.)

My A400 Xtreme 'test gun' got a major workout during the entire 2012 season, but on one particular hunt over big water when I knew there would be long range shooting involved I made the point of trialling it with a variety of the new super performance waterfowling shotshells including Remington Hyper Steel, Federal Black Cloud and Winchester Blindside. Each of these magnum technology shotshells are designed to be used in only modern high quality semi-auto shotguns with recoil reduction systems. The A400 Xtreme is in a class of its own for these loads and swallows up the increased recoil these amazing shotshells deliver better than any other shotgun out there.

For 2013 and in addition to the Max4 Camo option, Hunting & Fishing New Zealand has secured the A400 Xtreme in an exclusive new camo pattern option called 'Optifade'. Optifade is the first ever concealment pattern based on scientific research into how prey species disguise themselves from predators. Simply put, an Optifade shotgun will be even less visible to gamebirds than regular camo.

2013 should be the year you treat yourself to a new Beretta A400 Xtreme, and here's yet another reason. Hunting & Fishing New Zealand has teamed up with Beretta to bring you an exclusive offer... While stocks last, all A400 Xtreme guns purchased from us will come with a magazine extension to increase their capacity to 7 rounds (of 3 inch magnum loads) - great for goose hunting!

So what are you waiting for, get down to your local Hunting & Fishing New Zealand store and trade up now.



BERETTA XTREMA 2 WITH KICK-OFF - PRICE BREAKTHROUGH - FINAL CLEARANCE

If your budget can't stretch to \$3K for a new Xtreme, then there are still a limited number of Beretta Xtrema2 Kick-Off's in circulation at the 2012 clearance pricing. These are the legendary soft shooting 3 1/2" Super Magnums with the Hydraulic Piston recoil reducers, meaning they function on everything right down to light 2 3/4" trap loads so you'll get your eye in pre-season with the same gun you'll be knocking ducks down with come May. Other great features include the corrosion protection Aqua-Technology which is a surface treatment extending to the breech bolt group, the trigger and the carrier. The main internal springs, the self compensating valve and the rear drop/cast plate are stainless steel.

At the time of going to press most Hunting & Fishing New Zealand stores still had (albeit very limited) supplies of this gun in both 26 & 28" barrel lengths. The clearance pricing is held at up to \$1500 off the original price at \$1999 for black and \$2199 for Max4 camo. This includes a Beretta Hard Case and 5x Optima Chokes. **See page 12.**

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CAMERON MOORE PICTURED WITH HIS BERETTA A400 XTREME SHOWING THE OPTIFADE CAMO PATTERN.