# Rifle Review: Remington's New Model 783 Bolt-Action

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Huge news for 2013 is Remington's introduction of the Model 783 bolt-action, a rifle that in my opinion is destined to become one of America's most popular new deer-hunting rifles.

Built in Mayfield, KY, the 783 has a cylindrical receiver and a premium contour button-rifled barrel (22 inches most models, 24 inches for 7mm Mag.); designed for strength and rigidity, the barrel is attached to the receiver with a barrel nut system. Stock is black synthetic and pillar-bedded; the free-floated barrel enhances accuracy. This rifle doesn't have the classy, straight-line appearance of the iconic Remington Model 700 CDL, my favorite deer rifle. But the clean, modern and functional look of the 783 ain't bad.

Other top features: The butt-stock of the 783 wears Remington's great SuperCell Recoil pad. The detachable, well-fitted magazine is made of strong metal. The trigger is set at 3 ½ pounds and easily adjustable.

The Model 783 is priced at $451 MSRP. It is chambered for 4 top deer cartridges: .270. .30-06, .308 and 7mm Rem. Mag.

I was one of the first hunters to get to shoot the Model 783 in the testing phase last fall. Remington's John Fink brought a .30-06 model, topped with my scope of choice Trijicon Accupoint 3X-9X, up to Saskatchewan. We hit the range for a very brief field test. It was freezing, in the teens, and the wind chill was single digits. Plus, we needed to get in the woods and kill some bucks. I clicked 2 Remington Hypersonic 150-grain loads (new bonded ammo that we'll talk about in another post) into the magazine,

bolted up and took aim off the bench. In the cold and wind, with a rifle and trigger I had never used before, I shot a ½-inch group at 100 yards (see picture) which astonished everyone who was there, and mostly me. Then John took the 783 out into the bush and, 3 days later and killed an 11-point giant with it. The FIRST DEER EVER killed with the Model 783. You'll see that hunt on a brand-new episode of **The DEER TV on Sportsman Channel** this fall.

If a new deer rifle is one of your resolutions in 2013, you need to take a serious look at the Model 783. I look forward to shooting it again (hopefully at a buck) next week in Texas**comment**