

Gebriider Merkel - Suhl

Austrian & German guns and rifles

The birth of the German over and under
A period catalogue shows us that the Merkel
Brothers, who had opened a large factory
in the city of Suhl, built the first over and unders
fimed as the "middle European" over and un-
der pair excellence and was (and still is) the
basic design for the guns built by other
German, Austrian, Spanish, Italian com-
panies, etc. At the beginning of the
1900s, the base model with auto-
matic extractors and locks inside the ac-
tion (Ansion or Blitz system) was called
the 321E (engraved version) which then
became the 201 E in the 1930s. Instead,
the model with back locks mounted on
ways was designated as the 303E. For a few
years, meaning after the "GDR", was unified
point played a leading role in the German ar-
stylistic and mechanistic (and historical) view-
Considering that this over and under, from a
and under came a few years before the English
and under the end of the 1800s, the Merkel over
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duced at the end of the 1800s, the bottom traps
(double rifled barrels) and with side plates for
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The case-hardened steel with antique silver or case
of colour finishing (model 2000E).
The action is obtained from a cast block
40 mm. The action is obtained from a cast block
width, including the side reinforcements, of about
calibre 12 it has a height of about 70 mm and a
width side lumps or with side circle turns. With
peculiarly if compared to those of over and unders
action is rather high along the vertical axis, es-
pecially if compared to those of over and unders
tensions of the top barrel. With this design the
pin grips (Kersten or double Kersten) on the ex-
id piece of the bottom lumps made from the soil-
grids, with two deep lumps from the style and
In any case, it also differs in terms of style and
the Italian and Belgian (Beretta and Browning).
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The most distinguishing features are the large
gento vecchio o tartaruga (mod. 2000E).
nato di acciaio da cementazione con finitura ar-
la bascula viene ricavata da un blocco fuci-
larghezza, compresi i rinforzi laterali, di circa 40
ha uno sviluppo in altezza di circa 70 mm ed una
ramponi laterali o ad orechioni. Nel calibro 12
prattutto se paragonata a quelle di sovrappositi a
bascula particolarmente alta in senso verticale, so-
superiore. Questa disposizione porta ad avere una
o doppia (Greener) sui prolungamenti della canna
feriore e da due chiusure a perno tondo (Kersten)
fondi rampanti ricavati dal pieno della canna in-
chiusure, caratterizzata dalla presenza di due pro-
blega (Beretta e Browning). Se ne discosta co-
Woodward) che succintivamente quelli italiani e
di un po' di anni sia i sovrapposti inglesi (Boss &
alla fine dell'800, il sovrapposto Merkel anticipa
vo. Il fatto di essere stato prodotto e protetto
gata) e con fine piastre laterali per il tiro sporti-
la e Pallini), in versione express (doppia canna ri-
vrapposto è disponibile in versione combinata (pal-
oggi chiamata). Da precisare che lo stesso so-
proprio del modello 201E (o 2001E come viene
lo, mi addentro in una breve didascalia tecnica
mo piano nel panorama armiero tedesco e non so-
meccanico (e storico) ha giunto un ruolo di pri-
vrapposto, sia da un punto di vista stilistico che
ma sia sempre la medesima. Visto che questo so-

tat su piastre laterali (sistema Holland & Hol-
il modello 201E è diventato 2001E, sebbene Par-
“GDR” è stata unificata al resto della Germania,
303E. Da qualche anno, cioè da dopo la sigla
land) a molla indiretto ha sempre portato la sigla
tati su piastre laterali (sistema Holland & Hol-
201E. Mentre il modello con acciai mon-
diventare intorno agli anni '30 Modello
la bascula (sistema Ansion o Blitze) per poi
(versione incisa) con batterie interne al-
estrettori automatici era definito 321E
imizi del '900 il modello base con
austriache, spagnole, italiane etc. Agli
la produzione di altre aziende tedesche,
rapporto tuttora) lo schema di base nel-
roppo” per ecellenza ed ha rappresentato (e
bono diritto definire il sovrapposto “mittelu-
ca nella cittadina di Suhl. Il Merkel lo si può
III Merkel, che avevano aperto una grossa fabbr-
a 1898 per trovare i primi sovrapposti dei F-
La nascita del sovrapposto tedesco
Chaprer III

