



PERAZZI HPX LEGEND 2

GUN
- REVIEW -

Mark Brown reviews the Perazzi HPX Legend 2 by John Jeffries Custom guns

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RRP: £12,750

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It's always a pleasure to test and review a gun from the affable John Jeffries. His guns are exceptionally well engineered, well finished, and a gun that many of us would aspire to own.

So, on a rather unseasonal day in July, braving torrential rain we reviewed the latest launch from John – the Perazzi HPX Legend 2. This gun is a customisation of the Perazzi MX8 and utilises some of John's engineering skills to create a bespoke and finely balanced shotgun.

shoot. When experiencing this enhanced rib height and the clearer vision, it may appear to you that the gun shoots high but the RSR is designed so that even with this extreme vision it shoots exactly to the point of aim. Quite simply, point of aim equals point of impact.

The test gun had an adjustable stock which allows John to adjust as necessary to ensure the perfect fit, but most customers tend to opt for a standard stock once John has worked his magic on the stock adjustments. If you do prefer the adjustable version it is an extra £380.

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The MX8 itself needs little to no introduction, so let's take a look at some of the features that make this gun so different and so special.

John is well-known for producing guns that give high levels of visibility of the target by using raised ribs, and the Legend 2 follows suit. However, this gun is different to others that we have reviewed before as it has the SR1 (Short Ramp 1), a gently raising rib for 15cm that then leads into the RSR (Reverse Slope Rib), which increases in height from the breach end of the gun to the muzzle end. What this gives you is an amazing sight picture, plenty of rib but then after that, astonishing target visibility. When first mounting the gun, you are aware of it being a different sight picture than normal but within a few shots it feels normal and completely effortless to

The Legend 2 is a beautiful gun with lovely matt finish black action, but the addition of a silver scroll text denoting the RSR and SR1 on one side of the barrels, HPX on the other side, and on the bottom of the action again in silver you have 'Legend 2'. The woodwork on the gun was top quality with lovely figuring and a beautiful oil finish. When buying a gun from John you are given upgraded wood as standard, with the option to choose this wood via Zoom, Teams, or if preferred in person (COVID-19 restrictions allowing). Customers also have the option to choose their fore-end style. The test gun had the flute style but you can also choose from Schnabel or beavertail too.

So, on to shooting the Legend 2 – we dodged the rain and opted for a mix of long crossers, rabbits, and a few quick low crossers at Ian

MAKE	Perazzi HPX Legend 2
GAUGE	12g
ACTION	Over & Under
CHAMBER	3"
BARREL LENGTH	33"
CHOKES	Fixed (Teague chokes available as optional extra)
STOCK ADJUSTMENT	Adjustable stock if required for extra cost
STOCK FINISH	Traditional hand oil finish
WEIGHT	8lbs 8oz – 8lb 10oz

OVERALL RATING
9.6¹⁰

Coley's. This is where John Jeffries guns really do shine – rarely have I shot a gun that balances and moves as well – they really are a work of art and engineering. The test gun had 33" barrels but they move effortlessly and smoothly. Long crossers allow you to track and pace your swing perfectly because the weight is just right – yet it's also lively enough to cope with closer, quicker targets. Very enjoyable to shoot. As I've mentioned before with these guns it really feels like you are moving a 28" barrel gun, the weight and balance is that good. Trigger pulls were responsive and crisp and if required you can opt for a completely adjustable trigger for an additional cost of £680. Chokes are fixed as standard (customer can specify choking) but Teague Precision Chokes can be fitted for an additional £518 for 4 chokes.

There are two versions of the Legend 2, a clay and a game variant, with the former weighing in at 8lb 8oz – 8lb 10 oz, and the latter around 8lb – 8lb 4oz. They are not light guns, but you will not notice that when shooting them – if you don't believe me then ask John himself for a test! At the moment John is running a competition shoot – 50 straight (single shot use) from his stand using

the demo Legend 2 (fitted to you before shooting) and you can win either £150 cash or £1,000 off a new Legend 2. Call John for more information.

It's also important to note that the gun is proofed for superior steel shot, which is important to know when looking to spend at this end of the market.

The Legend 2 is a fantastic gun, a pleasure to shoot, and offers the epitome of design, quality, and engineering. It's not the cheapest gun around by any means but like most things in life you get what you pay for, and any discerning clay shot is going to be delighted with this gun and how it can help your performance.

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RATINGS:
Specification: 10

Value for money: 8
Build quality: 10

Handling/balance: 10
Mechanical function: 10