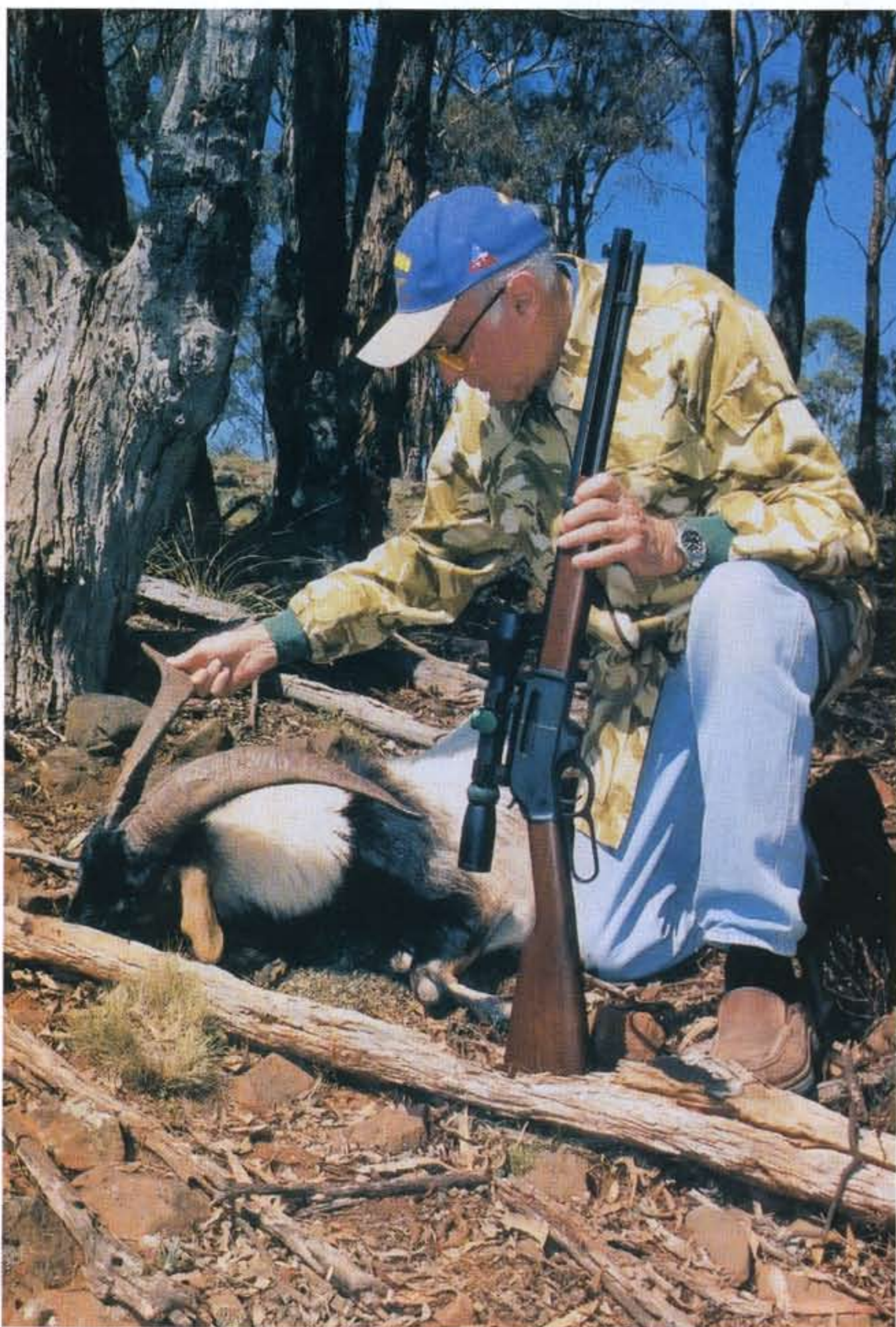


# Test Report

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## HENRY MODEL 009 .30-30

Henry has become well known for its line of lever-action rimfire rifles, the Big Boy .357 and .44 Magnums with a brass receiver and octagonal barrels. Now the company has rounded out their line-up by adding a rifle chambered for the popular .30-30 Winchester.



Having a muzzle preponderance makes the Henry hold steady offhand and swing smoothly when tracking running game.



No wonder the Henry .30-30 is so accurate. With a barrel that thick it should be included in the bull barrel category.

**HENRY REPEATING ARMS** Company is making an effort to help fill the gap left by the retirement of the Winchester Model 94 in .30-30. Their new levergun is destined to compete with the Mossberg 464 and give it some serious competition. Henry already makes their 006 lever-action for the .357 and .44 Magnum pistol cartridges, but a new rifle chambered for a full-power hunting cartridge like the .30-30 was needed to round out the line.

The new Henry .30-30 is available in two versions - a steel-frame model with a round barrel and a brass-frame model with an octagonal barrel. I was sent the steel receiver Model 009 for evaluation. The rifle impressed me as being a very well-made, nicely finished and altogether desirable lever-action rifle.

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As the lever is lowered, the breechbolt is driven to the rear and an extension of the firing pin drops down ; as the lever is raised, a transfer bar pushes it back up into alignment with the firing pin.

It bears a close resemblance to Henry's "Big Boy" with its massive solid-topped, stepped receiver and western styling, however, the receiver has been lengthened to accommodate the longer .30-30 cartridge.

The Henry is an attractive rifle, but while I like the matte-black finish on its receiver, why didn't they apply a matching finish to the lever, barrel and magazine tube? These parts have a contrasting polished blue appearance that's less practical. The flats on the receiver sides and top were smoothly finished and to make it easy to fit a scope the flat top of the receiver was drilled and tapped. A Weaver 63B one-piece base (for all Marlin 336 models) fits nicely.

The Henry .30-30 has a round breechbolt left in the white with a claw extractor and slotted on the bottom for a spring-loaded ejector. The Henry follows the Marlin design. As the lever is swung upwards, the bolt travels forward and when closed is locked shut by the lever. There is also a disconnecter behind the trigger that prevents the trigger from being pulled unless the lever is drawn completely upward

Unlike most traditional centrefire lever-actions chambered for the .30-30, the new Henry 009 is not loaded by pushing cartridges through a gate on the right side of the action. Instead the Henry reverts to the original Henry's magazine system of having a slot in the front of the tubular magazine through which cartridges are inserted. To load the magazine, a knurled button on the front of the tubular

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