



Westley Richards .404 Jeffery Best Quality Bolt Action Magazine Rifle

Serial Number 43629

\$40000.00

DESCRIPTION

Completed within the last twenty years, this is a very nice example of a modern *Best Quality* bolt action magazine rifle from Westley Richards & Co.

Based on a modern Mauser action in true magnum length action with double square bridges, an M70 type 3-position safety, a modern precision trigger, and a straddle floor plate with an inside-the-bow release. The magazine will hold 4 rounds down. The square bridges of the action are dovetailed to accept Quick Release 30mm rings in the Smithson style. The bolt body is spotted (aka jeweled), the safety lever is Nitre blued, and the bolt handle checkered in a "starburst" pattern found on W.R.&Co. rifles through this period. The serial number is inlaid in gold on the guard bow and the word "SAFE" over an arrow pointing rearward are inlaid in gold on the bolt shroud.

The 22" barrel is fitted with Westley's pattern quarter rib with 1 standing/2 folding leaves that are gold lined and engraved with their respective distances (50, 100, 150 yds). Westley's combination foresight and patented folding sight protector. There is a barrel banded sling swivel and a stud type rear sling swivel along the toe line of the stock. The Maker's name is inlaid in gold on top of the barrel.

The stock is a nicely figured and well laid out piece of walnut with a traditional beaded RH cheekpiece and a 13 3/8" LOP over a replacement Pachmayr pad. The full pistol grip has a trap grip cap, a single steel recoil bar, traditional point pattern checkering with Mullered borders, and a horn forend tip.

The metal has a traditional black finish and engraved in a contemporary take on a time honored house pattern Westley's has put on their *Best Quality* magazine rifles for well over 100 years. The rings are engraved to match and feature the Maker's name and serial number of the rifle. The metal has near full coverage engraving that encompasses the bottom metal, receiver, scope rings, quarter rib, barrel band swivel, grip cap, and recoil bar.

The rifle weight of 9 lbs. 10 oz. with open sights (the rings weigh about another 5 oz.) combined with its compact size make this rifle feel quite lively in the hands. In general, the .404 Jeffery has a milder recoil than most of the other popular .400" caliber cartridges and works well in a rifle of this size and weight.

The rifle has seen some use with handling marks to be found on the stock here or there. The black on the front edge of the floor plate is a bit thin showing evidence the rifle has been carried a bit, but overall the rifle remains in very good condition with a perfect bore and no cracks or signs of repairs. The black on the barrel, receiver, and rings remains very good.

SPECIFICATION

Location	US
Make	Westley Richards
Calibre/Gauge	.404
Action	Bolt Action
Triggers	1
Ejectors	N/A
Barrel Length	22"
Rib	Quarter Rib with standing and leaf sights
Chamber	N/A
Choke Right	N/A
Choke Left	N/A
Stock	Right Hand Cheekpiece

LOP 13 3/8"

Weight 9lbs 10oz

Case N/A

