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A common question I hear from athletes, parents, and coaches is what choke they should use on their shotguns. There’s no simple answer to this question, as it depends on what type of clay target sport they’re shooting and the personal preferences of the shooter. In this issue we’ll go over what a shotgun choke is, how it works, and what factors to consider when choosing one for your sport.WHAT IS A ‘CHOKE?’At the most basic level, a shotgun barrel is a tube from which shotgun pellets (shot) are ejected. While they are traveling through the barrel, the pellets are kept together in loose formation until they exit—at which time they begin to spread out farther and farther away from each other as they continue towards the target. As the shot spreads out, spaces develop between pellets and the likelihood of the pellets hitting a target becomes less and less—even if you’ve aimed perfectly! A choke is a metal constriction at the end of the barrel that forces those pellets closer together before they exit the barrel. By forcing the pellets closer together, they willmaintain a tighter formation (pattern) for a longer period of time. A choke that is ‘tighter’ (more constrictive) will keep the shot closer together for a longer distance than a choke that is ‘looser’ (less constrictive). Affiliate disclosure: As an Amazon Associate, we may earn commissions from qualifying Amazon.com purchases Get the most out of your shot with the right choke for trap shooting. Learn the factors to consider, different types of traps, and brand and model options. Tips for transitioning between chokes also included. Choosing the Right Choke for Trap Shooting Choosing the right choke for trap shooting can be a daunting task, especially for those new to the sport. But fear not, for this is an essential part of mastering the art of shooting clay targets. A good choke can make all the difference in your performance, allowing you to hit those elusive targets with ease. But how do you choose the perfect choke for your needs? Factors to Consider Before selecting a choke, there are several factors to consider. Firstly, what type of trap shooting are you doing? Are you a competitive shooter or just out to have some fun with friends? Your answer to this question will dictate the type of choke you need. Additionally, consider the type of gun you’re using, as different guns require different choke configurations. Lastly, think about your personal shooting style and preferences. Do you like to shoot fast and aggressively, or slow and deliberate? Your answer to this question will also impact your choice of choke. Different Types of Traps There are two main types of trap shooting: American trap and English trap. American trap involves shooting single targets that are launched from a stationary trap, while English trap involves shooting five targets that are launched simultaneously. If you’re new to , it’s recommended that you start with American trap, as it’s generally easier to learn. However, if you’re looking for a challenge, English trap is the way to go. Considerations for Beginner Shooters If you’re a beginner shooter, there are a few things to keep in mind when choosing a . Firstly, don’t be afraid to experiment and try out different chokes. As you become more comfortable with your gun and shooting technique, you’ll develop a sense of what works best for you. Secondly, consider starting with a Mid-Full choke, as this is a versatile choice that will work well for most shooters. Lastly, don’t worry too much about the technical aspects of choke selection – just focus on getting out there and having fun! Best Chokes for Trap Shooting When it comes to choosing the right choke for trap shooting, it’s essential to consider the type of shooting you’ll be doing and the characteristics of your shotgun. In this section, we’ll explore the best chokes for trap shooting, including target-type chokes, modified-improved cylinder chokes, and extra-full chokes. Target-Type Chokes Target-type chokes are designed to produce a tight, consistent shot pattern, making them ideal for trap shooting competitions. These chokes constrict the shotgun’s barrel to a relatively small diameter, allowing the pellets to spread only slightly before hitting the target. If you’re a serious trap shooter who demands consistency and accuracy, target-type chokes are a great choice. Modified-Improved Cylinder Chokes Modified-improved cylinder chokes are a great middle ground for trap shooters who want a balance between pattern density and overall shot dispersal. These chokes constrict the barrel slightly more than improved cylinder chokes but less than full chokes, making them suitable for a wide range of trap shooting situations. If you’re looking for a versatile choke that can handle a variety of clay targets, modified-improved cylinder chokes are worth considering. Extra-Full Chokes Extra-full chokes are the most constrictive of the three options, suitable for extreme close-range shooting (typically under 20 yards). These chokes are ideal for breakaway targets or when the shooter is trying to reach the back row of targets. If you’re looking for a choke that can handle the most challenging trap shooting situations, extra-full chokes are the way to go. However, keep in mind that these chokes can be quite tight, so make sure to choose the right and ammunition to avoid any feeding issues. Trap Shooting Chokes: Brand and Model Options When it comes to choosing the right choke for your trap shooting needs, there are many excellent options available from various manufacturers. In this section, we’ll explore some of the top brands and models that are widely popular among trap shooters.Browning, Midas Grade Extended Choke Tube, Skeet, 12 Gauge Beretta Chokes Beretta is a well-known and respected brand in the shooting world, and their chokes are no exception. Beretta offers a range of chokes designed specifically for trap shooting, including: • The Beretta Trap Choke, which is designed for competitive trap shooting and features a specific design that helps reduce shot dispersion. • The Beretta Sporting Choke, which is suitable for both trap and sporting clays and provides a consistent pattern. • The Beretta Handicap Choke, which is designed for shooters who participate in handicap shooting and features a tapered design that helps improve pattern density. Remington Chokes Remington is another iconic brand in the shooting world, and their chokes are highly regarded by many trap shooters. Remington offers a range of chokes that cater to different shooting styles and disciplines, including: • The Remington Trap Choke, which is designed for competitive trap shooting and features a precise pattern design. • The Remington Field Choke, which is suitable for both trap and field shooting and provides a consistent pattern. • The Remington Pro-Bore Choke, which is designed for shooters who want a more precise pattern and features a unique bore design. Browning Chokes Browning is a well-known brand in the shooting world, and their chokes are popular among many trap shooters. Browning offers a range of chokes that cater to different shooting styles and disciplines, including: • The Browning Trap Choke, which is designed for competitive trap shooting and features a precise pattern design. • The Browning Field Choke, which is suitable for both trap and field shooting and provides a consistent pattern. • The Browning Superposed Choke, which is designed for shooters who want a more precise pattern and features a unique bore design. Remember, when choosing the right choke for your trap shooting needs, it’s essential to consider factors such as your shooting style, the type of shells you’re using, and the specific shooting discipline you’re participating in. Tips for Transitioning Between Chokes When you’re switching between chokes, it’s like switching between gears in a car – you need to adjust your approach to ensure a smooth ride. In trap shooting, this means adjusting your shot pattern to compensate for the different constriction of the choke. Adjusting Shot Pattern As you change chokes, your shot pattern will change too. For example, a full choke will produce a tighter pattern than an improved cylinder choke. To adjust your shot pattern, start by thinking about the type of shot you’re trying to make. Are you shooting at close range or long range? Are you shooting at a small target or a larger one? Close-range shots typically require less constriction, so you may prefer a modified or improved cylinder choke. Long-range shots require more constriction to ensure the pattern is tight enough to hit the target. A full choke or extra-full choke may be more suitable. Small targets require a tighter pattern, so a full choke or extra-full choke may be best. Larger targets allow for a bit more spread, so a modified or improved cylinder choke may work better. Pattern Manipulation To manipulate your shot pattern, think about the characteristics of each choke. For example: Choke Type Pattern Width ( inches ) Pellet Spread Full 1-2 Tight, uniform spread Modified-Improved Cylinder 2-3 Moderate spread, some pellet migration Improved Cylinder 3-4 Wide spread, significant pellet migration Cylinder 4-5 Very wide spread, unpredictable pattern By understanding these characteristics, you can adjust your shot pattern to suit the specific choke and target. For example, if you’re shooting at a long-range target and want to ensure a tight pattern, you may choose a full choke. Switching Between Chokes So, how do you make the switch between chokes smoothly? Here are a few tips: Start with a slower, more controlled pace when switching between chokes. This will help you adjust to the new pattern. Pay attention to your shot pattern and adjust as needed. If your pattern is too loose or too tight, make adjustments to your choke or shooting technique. Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice switching between chokes, the more comfortable you’ll become with the process. Remember, transitioning between chokes is all about adjusting your shot pattern to compensate for the different constriction of the choke. By understanding the characteristics of each choke and practicing regularly, you’ll become a pro at switching between chokes in no time! If you’re looking to learn more about shotgun chokes and wish to equip yourself with the knowledge to select chokes suited to the different situations you’re likely to encounter in the field then read on. Ask this question to 10 different shooters and they’ll probably all give you a similar answer. Ask the same 10 how they use choke and what their views are on using choke for different situations and you’ll probably end up with 10 completely different answers. Some obsess over it, some ignore it. What should you do? Ultimately, confidence and technique is what results in the most shot targets but using the correct choke in the right situation can give you an edge. At the most basic level, a choke constricts the lead (or lead alternative) shot as it exits the barrel of the shotgun. This constriction makes the shot pattern tighter than what it would be if there was no choke used at all. So why you would want tighten your shot pattern, wouldn’t that make targets harder to hit? Well yes, and no... The tighter your choke, the further your pattern will travel so if you’re shooting high pheasants, your choke requirements would be very different to shooting skeet clays for example but more on that later. This quick video from the US explains perfectly what choke is at a basic level. Shotguns come in two formats – fixed choke and multi choke. It goes without saying that a multi choke gun will give you much more flexibility if you practise different types of shooting as you can swap and change the chokes as you wish. With a fixed choke gun, you need to have physical alterations made to your barrels by a professional gunsmith. Remember though, you can have the chokes opened up but not closed back down – once metal has been removed, it’s gone forever! A multi choke gun can give you more options. Multi choke guns normally come with a set of choke tubes in the standard sizes plus a choke key/wrench to get them in and out. The choke tubes may be flush fitting or extended – these will physically look different when in the gun as shown in the illustration below. Extended chokes offer no real advantage other than offering the ability to see which chokes you have in as they’re normally colour coded. Some people also finding changing extended tubes easier because they do it by hand although it’s always advisable to use a key/wrench to ensure that the tubes are ‘fully home’ – loose choke tubes can be very dangerous. Aesthetically, it’s personal preference – some like the look of extended chokes whilst others prefer how flush chokes look. There are 6 common choke sizes. Confusingly, the names differ in the UK and US so both are detailed below. All are in order from the least to the most choke so for example, Improved Cylinder in the UK corresponds with Skeet in the US as both are second on the list. UK True Cylinder Improved Cylinder Quarter Half Three-quarters Full US Cylinder Skeet Improved Cylinder Modified Improved Modified Full There are other choke sizes but the are less common. They include: 3/8 (US Light Modified) 5/8 (US Light Improved Modified) Super Full (UK and US) Although the same name is used regardless of the bore of the gun, the actual constriction amount does differ. For example, on a 12 bore shotgun, the constriction to achieve full choke would be 0.040″ whereas on a 20 bore shotgun, it would be 0.027″. If you’re looking to learn more about the specific sizes in more detail, see our article improved cylinder vs modified choke. Regardless of the actual constriction measurement across the different bores, they are all looking to achieve the same thing – a specific percentage of the shot within a 30″ circle at a distance of 40 yds. The table below shows what the target percentage is across the most common choke sizes. Because different cartridges can give different results, it’s advisable to pick a cartridge you like and stick with it for the maximum consistency. If you can, have a go on a pattern plate to make sure that your chokes and chosen cartridge are performing as expected based on the table above. Pattern plates don’t need to be complicated – in this solution a simple plastic sheet has been hung over a secured pallet. Note the grass bank behind it to make the shot safe. Choke markings are used to identify different choke tubes. The marks can be bands of colour, stars or notches. Unfortunately, different manufacturers mark their choke tubes in different ways – Beretta markings will be different to Browning which will be different to Perazzi. This means that we can’t list them all here but the links below are to resources from both Beretta and Browning which should help you understand the markings on your tubes if you have them from either of these manufacturers. Beretta choke tube markings Browning choke tube markings Although we will go into detail for specific quarry and disciplines, the following can be used as a general guide: For targets at 40+ yards or further, use Full Choke For targets up to 40 yards, use 3/4 choke (improved modified US) For targets up to 35 yards, use 1/2 choke (modified US) For targets up to 30 yards, use 1/4 choke (improved cylinder US) For targets less than 25 yards, use improved cylinder (skeet US) Please note, the above and below all relate to lead shot only. There are specific choke requirements for steel shot and it can be dangerous if you get it wrong. BASC have published some guidance on this to help you – STEEL SHOT What you need to know from a safety point of view (clicking the link will download the sheet automatically). Pheasant This depends on the type of pheasant shooting you’re doing – walked up or driven. If it’s driven, are you likely to encounter any high driven birds? For walked up pheasant shooting, you’re never going to be shooting birds too far away from you so 1/4 and 1/2 should suffice. As the bird is travelling away from you, you want your most open choke to be on the barrel that fires first. With the tighter choke on the barrel that fires second, this will give you a bit more distance if a second shot is required. The opposite is true for a driven pheasant – it’s travelling towards you so you want your tighter choke on the barrel that fires first and the most open choke on the barrel that fires second as the bird will be closer to you for your second shot. You need to judge this based on the specific shooting situation you find yourself in but 1/2 and 1/4 may be a good starting point for lower driven pheasants and full and 3/4 for the really high birds. It’s important to note that you should always make sure that you’re comfortably shooting within the range that you know you can cleanly kill birds. Driven Grouse Grouse are fast flying birds and when coming towards you, you’re likely to be pulling the trigger when they’re between 40 and 45 yards out. Because of the speed they’re flying, they will have travelled another 10 yards before colliding with your shot pattern so 1/2 choke on your first firing barrel and 1/4 on your second is a good starting point. Pigeon Decoying When in a hide waiting for pigeons to decoy into your pattern, your average shooting distance is likely to be in the region of 20 – 25 yds so it’s important not to ‘over choke’ your gun. To give you a bit more flexibility, you could go with 1/2 and 1/2 which will enable you to take a shot at any birds slightly further out. 1/2 and 1/4 would also work though for standard incoming pigeons with the 1/2 on the first firing barrel and the 1/4 on the second. Sporting clays When shooting sporting clays, you’ll encounter a variety of targets but none that are either very close you or or extremely far away. With this in mind, a 1/4 and 1/2 setup should stand you in good stead. 1/4 on the first firing barrel and 1/2 on the second. If you find yourself at a stand that requires a bit more choke for the first shot than the second, you can simply use your barrel selector on your gun to fire the 1/2 barrel first and the 1/4 barrel second. Skeet Because the targets are at close range in skeet shooting, a very open choke is normally called for. A typical setup would be improved cylinder (or skeet chokes in the US hence the name) in both barrels. Trap The opposite to skeet is true in trap shooting – the targets are moving quickly away from the shooter and are broken much further away therefore a tighter choke is required. Full and 3/4 is a common setup for trap shooting. Shotgun choke constrictions play an essential role in trap, skeet, and sporting clays. The choice of choke can make or break a shooter’s performance, affecting the spread and density of the pellet pattern as it leaves the barrel.Understanding Shotgun Choke ConstrictionsShotgun choke constrictions are designed to manipulate the spread of pellets, thereby determining the effective range of the shotgun. The level of constriction in a choke dictates the degree to which the shot will be condensed upon exiting the barrel. Generally, the more constricted the choke, the tighter the shot pattern will be, and the further the effective range.Chokes come in several varieties, including cylinder, improved cylinder, modified, improved modified, full, and extra full. The cylinder choke provides no constriction, resulting in a wide spread, while the extra full choke creates a highly concentrated shot pattern optimal for long-range shooting. The other types offer varying degrees of constriction and are suited to different shooting situations.Understanding the nuances of each choke type and how it affects the shot pattern is crucial for choosing the right choke for your particular shooting style and conditions. Factors such as the type of shotgun, the kind of shot, and the distance to the target all influence the optimal choke selection.Evaluating the Best Chokes for Clay TargetsDetermining the best choke for clay targets depends largely on the specific shooting discipline and the shooter’s skill level. For skeet shooting, where targets are typically closer and moving rapidly across the shooter’s field of view, a less constricted choke like a cylinder or improved cylinder is often ideal. These chokes allow a wide spread of shot, increasing the chances of hitting the target.In trap shooting, where the targets are typically further away and moving away from the shooter, a more constricted choke like a modified or full choke may be preferable. These chokes deliver a tighter shot pattern for longer distances, increasing the likelihood of a successful hit.In sporting clays, the variety and unpredictability of the targets mean that a versatile choke is often the best choice. An improved cylinder or modified choke provides a balance of spread and range suitable for most situations. However, many sporting clay shooters prefer to use interchangeable chokes to adapt to the diverse challenges this discipline presents.Impact of Choke Constrictions on PerformanceThe effect of choke constrictions on shooting performance is significant. The right choke can enhance the shooter’s accuracy and consistency, while the wrong one can lead to missed targets and frustration. However, it’s important to note that choke selection is just one piece of the puzzle. One’s shooting technique, the quality of the shotgun, and the type of shot also play vital roles in the overall performance.The choke’s primary function is to control the shot spread, allowing the shooter to optimize their shot for the specific conditions they’re facing. A well-chosen choke can offer a significant advantage, particularly in competitive shooting where every hit counts. Conversely, using a choke that’s too tight for close targets or too loose for distant ones can severely hamper the shooter’s effectiveness.It’s also worth noting that the choke’s influence on shot spread becomes more pronounced at greater distances. Close up, the differences between chokes are relatively minor. But as the range increases, the choice of choke can have a substantial impact on the likelihood of hitting the target.Selecting the Right Choke for Your ShotgunSelecting the right choke for your shotgun involves considering multiple factors. First, consider the type of shooting you’ll be doing. As mentioned earlier, different disciplines require different chokes. Skeet shooting generally benefits from less constricted chokes, while trap shooting is better suited to more constricted options.Next, consider your skill level. Less experienced shooters may find less constricted chokes more forgiving, as they produce a wider shot spread. More advanced shooters may prefer more constricted chokes, as they allow for greater precision.Finally, consider the specific conditions in which you’ll be shooting. Factors like wind, light levels, and the size and speed of the targets can all influence the optimal choke selection. It may be beneficial to have a set of interchangeable chokes handy, so you can adapt to changing conditions on the fly.Selecting the best shotgun choke constriction for clay targets is a critical factor in optimizing your shooting performance. Understanding the intricacies of choke constrictions, the impact on shot spread, and the implications for different shooting disciplines can significantly enhance your accuracy and success rate. However, the choice of choke is just one element in the shooting equation. Good technique, a quality shotgun, and consistent practice are also vital for hitting those clay targets every time.# # # How to Choose the Right Chokes Chokes play a key role in getting the best out of your sporting shotgun, so it is important to make the correct choice. Simon Rood, former Gun Room Manager for William Evans in London, explains how to go about it. The invention of choke and its subsequent development in the late 19th Century was perhaps the greatest advance in the history of the shotgun, because extending the effective range made it into the efficient sporting device we know today. When considering ‘choke’ we tend just to think of the degree of constriction of the barrel at the muzzle, which nominally it is, but not all chokes are the same. They differ in type, such as whether they are conventional or retro, in terms of length and therefore the distance over which the shot is constricted, and also whether they form part of a multi-choke system, which also differ in terms of being internal (invisible) or external. The advent of the multi-choke represented another major step forward, giving sportsmen the ability to tailor the effective shot pattern to the quarry and shooting environment. But, whether you are purchasing a new gun with fixed or multi-chokes, knowing which choke to select can be a key factor in shooting well. Whilst many sportsmen spend endless hours thinking about the ‘right’ chokes to use, even experienced shots often don’t fully understand the subject or appreciate that it is not a panacea for success. What I would say is that the process should not be over-complicated: eighty-plus percent of shooting is ‘mental’ so if you are consistently missing targets it is unlikely that the chokes are entirely to blame and your time would probably be better spent considering other causes. The standard shotgun for game shooting has long been a side-by-side 12 bore with 28"-barrels and ¼ choke in the right, ½ in the left, but times are changing. Even side by sides are now available with multi-chokes and with countless options in terms of bore size, barrel length and cartridges to take into account the choice of chokes can appear daunting. In practice, it is somewhat simpler. For most the 12-bore remains the most appropriate, not least because it is the most versatile in coping with a wide range of quarry, from grouse to geese, but because it offers the widest availability of cartridges. Consequently, that is what we will focus on in this article. My preference is for ‘fixed’ chokes as this is one less ‘variable’ to think about when out in the field. Where the specification includes fixed chokes I suggest at least starting off with tighter chokes as you can always take metal out at a later stage but it is significantly more difficult to put it back. Half-choke is very under-rated, being tight enough for all but the most extreme situations, yet not too tight for ‘normal’ range shooting. The question of multi-chokes is increasingly common as systems have become more affordable and ‘discrete’. These do have an obvious advantage in allowing the more experienced shot to tailor the level of constriction to the type of shooting - for example, they may shoot grouse in August and September, then high pheasants from October. However, unless you fully understand the benefits and capabilities of each choke this feature is likely just make shooting more complex and ultimately detract from your enjoyment of the sport. Currently, about 40% of the shotguns which we sell are equipped with multi-chokes, the majority being fitted to over-and-under models, with about 20% of side-by-side guns being so equipped. But how does one go about making the right choice? MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE The starting point is to appreciate what choke is and what it does. Simply put, choke is the amount of constriction in the barrel at the muzzle, which significantly affects the size of the effective shot pattern and the distribution of the shot pellets within it. The more constriction (choke) in the barrel generally the tighter the pattern in terms of size and pellet density, but this is not always the case. A choke is classified by the number of pellets, calculated as a percentage of the total number in the cartridge, which fall in a 30" circle, the effective pattern, at a distance of 40 yards from the muzzle. In the case of a 12-bore, which has a nominal diameter of 0.729", with no choke (True Cylinder) the effective pattern will be less than 20 yards. ‘Skeet’ which provides a constriction of 0.005" increases that distance to around 22 yards, while Quarter or Improved Cylinder (IC) has a 0.010" constriction and generates the effective pattern at 25 yards. The respective figures for Light Modified (0.015" constriction) is 30 yards, for Half/Modified (0.020") 32.5 yards, Improved Modified (0.025") 35 yards, ¾ /Light Full (0.030") 37.5 yards, Full (0.35") 40+ yards and the same for Extra Full (0.040”). A rough guide is to use Skeet chokes for a target that is less than 25 yards away, ¼ choke for 25-yard targets, ½ choke at 30 yards, ¾ choke at up to 35 yards and Full for anything at 40 yards or more. In addition to the degree of constriction, or choke, many other factors impact on pattern size and quality, from bore size, the type and hardness of the shot in the cartridge to atmospheric conditions. No two days will be exactly the same, but for practical purposes you should evaluate your shotgun with a range of different cartridge brands and shot sizes to see what works best. If you have multi-chokes then see how the different options affect the size and quality of the patterns. The ideal way to check how your gun performs is on a proper pattern plate, generally at a range of 40 yards, but tailor this to the distance at which you are most likely to be shooting. The ideal pattern is characterised by an even distribution of shot across a central 30" circle and the choke determined by the percentage of pellets falling inside the circle at 40 yards. For a True Cylinder this level would be 30%-40%, Improved Cylinder (IC) 50%, Quarter/Improved 55%, Half/Modified 60%, Three-Quarter/Improved Modified 65% and Full 70%-75%, with anything over that considered Extra Full. If the pattern is too tight then your chances of hitting the target are likely to be reduced and if it is too open then it may be possible for it to fly through the shot pattern without being hit. The starting point is therefore to assess the likely range at which you will be shooting and choose a degree of choke that will ensure that there are no holes in the pattern which are large enough for the target, be it clay or feathered, to fly through. Much will depend on the type of shooting you have in mind and personal preference. Most fixed choke guns will be over-choked as standard, simply because it gives flexibility in terms of reduced the amount of choke by taking metal out. Most shotguns will also have different chokes in each barrel, with the right barrel of a side-by-side or lower barrel of an over-and-under having least choke, but that is not always the case. Unless you are shooting targets that are particularly close, say less than 25 yards, open chokes (cylinder or improved) are generally not to be recommended. For most purposes a combination of ¼ and ½ choke will probably suffice and ½ /full may be preferable for general use, providing the ability to deal with longer range targets without too many compromising at short-range. The tighter chokes tend to ‘kill’ the target, whether clay or feathered, more cleanly and thereby increase confidence. For really high targets many find that the combination of ¾ / ¾ or full / full chokes to be the most effective, especially when using longer barrels which have the effect of slightly increasing shot velocity. However, chokes which are too tight may result in ‘blown’ patterns, which are uneven and ineffective. Also bear in mind that if using cartridges containing steel shot these should only be used with a maximum of half choke. This is due to the fact that steel does not deform nearly as much as lead and will significantly increase pressure created within the barrel, potentially damaging a heavily choked gun and injuring the shooter. Another key point to remember is that many modern cartridges, especially those with plastic wads which ‘cup’ the shot to minimise the pellets scuffing against the bores, produce tighter, more even patterns, which may significantly reduce the amount of choke required for a given target. This is a brief overview of a subject which can be as simple or as complex as you choose to make it. Most people over-complicate matters to the detriment of their shooting performance. My advice would be to experiment at the pattern plate, possible seek expert advice to help you assess pattern quality, choose one or two choke combinations that cover most of the shooting situations you are likely to encounter, and be consistent in terms of your cartridge choice as this is another variable to think about. With that done, forget about chokes and cartridges, focusing instead on enjoying your chosen sport.Shop chokes and choke gauges. Top 19 Choke for Trap / Choke for Trap Beginner – Editor’s Choice When it comes to choosing the best choke for a trap, there are many factors to consider. But with so many options on the market, it can be hard to know where to start. That’s why we’ve put together this comprehensive buyer’s guide, complete with product reviews and useful tips. Choosing the right choke for trap shooting is essential for success. The right choke will help to improve your accuracy and increase the number of broken targets. There are many different factors to consider when choosing a choke for a trap, such as the type of gun, the ammunition, and your shooting style. In this buyer’s guide, we’ll take a look at everything you need to know to choose the best choke for trap shooting. What is a Choke For Trap? A choke for trap is a device that is fitted to the barrel of a shotgun. It works by constricting the diameter of the barrel, which results in a tighter shot pattern. There are many different factors to consider when choosing a choke for trap, such as the type of gun, the ammunition, and your shooting style. The type of gun you use will determine the size of the choke. The most common sizes are 12, 20, and 28 gauge. The type of ammunition you use will also affect the size of the choke. Heavier loads will require a larger choke, while lighter loads can be used with a smaller choke. Your shooting style will also play a role in choosing the right choke. If you are a more experienced shooter, you may prefer a tighter choke, while a beginner may benefit from a wider choke. Let’s look at the most popular chokes for traps on the market today. #1 Carlson’s Choke Tubes for Trap Pak View on OpticsPlanet Carlson’s Choke Tubes Trap Pak Choke Tube Set is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a reliable and affordable choke tube set. This set includes six chokes in total – four competition chokes and two turkey hunting chokes. The tubes are made of high-quality steel and are designed to withstand the wear and tear of frequent use. ProsCarlson’s Choke Tubes are some of the best on the market.This choke tube set is designed specifically for trap shooters.The tubes in this set are made of high-quality steel, and they are precision machined to ensure a perfect fit.These choke tubes are designed to provide maximum pattern density and uniformity.This set includes five choke tubes, so you can find the perfect one for your gun and your shooting style.The packaging is marked, so you can easily find the choke tube you need.This set is very affordably priced.ConsSome shooters report that these choke tubes are difficult to remove from the gun.There have been a few reports of the tubes rusting after a short time. #2 Browning Invector Midas Grade Extended Choke For Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Browning Invector Midas Grade Extended Choke Tube For Trap is a great choice for trap shooters. It is designed to provide a tight pattern and minimize pellet deformation. The extended tube also makes it easier to load and unload your shotgun. This choke tube is made from high-quality steel and is backed by Browning’s reputation for quality. ProsMidas Grade construction gives a top-quality performanceExtended choke length allows for more consistent patternsConsMight be too tight for some shotgunsCan be difficult to remove #3 Browning Standard Invector Choke For Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Browning Standard Invector Choke Tube For Trap is a great choice for those looking to improve their trap shooting skills. This choke tube offers superior performance and accuracy, making it easy to hit your targets. The tube is also easy to clean and maintain, so you can keep it in top condition for years to come. ProsGood for tight patternsDurableEasy to clean #4 Browning Invector-DS 12 Gauge Flush Choke Tube For Trap View on OpticsPlanet Browning Invector-DS 12 Gauge Flush Choke Tube for Trap is one of the best chokes for trap shooting. It helps you to shoot more accurately and efficiently. This choke tube is designed for use with Browning Invector-DS 12 gauge shotguns. It has a flush design that makes it easy to install and remove. The Browning Invector-DS 12 Gauge Flush Choke Tube is made of stainless steel and features a black oxide finish. It is compatible with Browning Invector-DS 12 gauge shotguns and is backed by the Browning Lifetime Limited Warranty. ProsThe flush design eliminates the need for thinning your barrel or adding weightThe knurled end allows for easy installation and removalBlack oxide finish resists rust and corrosion #5 Browning Invector-Plus Choke Tube For Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Browning Invector-Plus Choke Tube for Trap is a choke tube made specifically for shooting traps. It is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a reliable and accurate choke tube for trap shooting. The Invector-Plus Choke Tube for Trap is made from high-quality materials and is designed to provide optimum performance. It features a precision-machined bore and an extended taper that provides tight patterns and consistent performance. The Browning Invector-Plus Choke Tube for Trap is backed by a full lifetime warranty. The Invector-Plus Choke Tube for Trap from Browning is an excellent choice for trap shooters. It provides great patterning and performs very well with a variety of ammo types. I would highly recommend this choke tube to anyone looking for a great option for trap shooting. ProsPattern is consistentTightens up nicely at distancesGood for both lead and steel shot #6 Carlson’s Choke Tubes For Trap Retay Delta Waterfowl 12 Gauge View on OpticsPlanet Carlson’s Choke Tubes has the perfect option with their Retay Delta Waterfowl 12 Gauge Choke Tube. This choke is designed specifically for traps and offers superior performance and accuracy. So if you’re looking to take your trap shooting game to the next level, be sure to check out the Retay Delta Waterfowl 12 Gauge Choke Tube from Carlson’s Choke Tubes. You won’t be disappointed. ProsReduced recoilPatterns very wellConsNot available for all guns #7 Carlson’s Choke Tube 16 Yard Trap 12 Gauge Modified View on OpticsPlanet The Carlson’s Choke Tubes 16 Yard Trap 12 Gauge Modified Choke Tube is perfect for the job! This choke tube has been designed to give you tight patterns at 16 yards, making it the ideal choice for anyone looking to improve their trap shooting skills. Carlson’s Choke Tubes 16 Yard Trap 12 Gauge Modified Choke Tube for Trap is a great choke for trap shooting. It is easy to install and offers great performance. It is well made and very durable. I highly recommend this choke tube for anyone looking for a great choke for trap shooting. Pros #8 Primos Hunting Jelly Head 20 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke For Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Primos Hunting Jelly Head 20 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke Tube is a great choice for trap shooters. It is designed to provide maximum pattern density and consistent shot-to-shot performance. The extended tube design also provides better pellet alignment and a tighter shot cluster. This choke tube is also ported to reduce muzzle jump and felt recoil. ProsLow priceGood for beginnersConsIt may be too tight for some guns #9 Jebs Elite Sporting Clays 12 Gauge Choke For Trap View on OpticsPlanet Jebs Elite Sporting Clays Choke is one of the best chokes for trap on the market. It is designed to give you the perfect shot every time. Made with high-quality materials, this choke will last for years. It is also easy to install and use. This choke is designed to work with all types of shotguns. It will fit in any 12 gauge shotgun. The Jebs Elite Sporting Clays Choke is also affordable. You can get it for a great price when you shop around. If you are looking for a new choke for a trap, the Jebs Elite Sporting Clays Choke is a great option. It is one of the best on the market and will give you the perfect shot every time. ProsMade with high-quality materialsDelivers superior performanceEasy to useConsDoes not fit all shotgunsCan be a bit pricey for some #10 American Tactical Imports AR 410 Choke Tube for Trap View on OpticsPlanet The American Tactical Imports AR 410 Choke Tube for Trap Set is a great choke for trap shooters. It is designed to give you the best performance possible, and it delivers. The choke tube is well made and easy to use, and it helps you to hit your targets with precision. If you are looking for a great choke tube for trap shooting, this is the one you want. The only thing that could make this choke tube better would be if it came with a case. Other than that, it is an excellent product and well worth the price. I highly recommend it to anyone who is looking for a top-quality choke tube for trap shooting. ProsLightweightCompactEasy to useConsCan be challenging to remove from the barrelNot compatible with all types of ammunition #11 Jebs Choke Tubes Elite Sporting Clay 12 Gauge Choke for Trap View on OpticsPlanet If you are looking for the best choke for trap, then you cannot go wrong with the Jebs Choke Tubes Elite Sporting Clay Choke for Trap – 12 Gauge. This choke is designed to deliver superb performance and is one of the most popular choices among trap shooters. The Jebs Choke Tubes Elite Sporting Clay Choke for Trap – 12 Gauge is made from high-quality materials and features a precision machined bore. This choke provides exceptional pattern density and uniformity and is ideal for use with lead or steel shots. The Jebs Choke Tubes Elite Sporting Clay Choke for Trap – 12 Gauge also comes with a lifetime warranty, so you can be sure that it will provide years of reliable performance. This choke tube is perfect for sporting clay trap shooting. It is precision machined from solid bar stock for durability and long life. The choke has a matte black finish that resists corrosion and scratches. It delivers tight patterns for great accuracy. ProsReduces recoilProduces tighter patternsEasy to remove and cleanConsNot compatible with all shotguns #12 Primos Hunting TSS Choke Tube for Trap View on OpticsPlanet If you’re looking for the best choke tube for trap shooting, the Primos Hunting TSS Choke Tube is a great option. This choke tube is designed to deliver tight patterns with each shot, so you can take down your target with ease. It’s also made from high-quality materials, so it can withstand harsh weather conditions and repeated use. To get the most out of this choke tube, it’s important to choose the right ammunition. The Primos Hunting TSS Choke Tube is designed for use with lead shot, so be sure to choose compatible shells. You’ll also want to make sure your gun is properly sighted in before heading to the range. With the Primos Hunting TSS Choke Tube, you can enjoy trap shooting with confidence. This choke tube is sure to help you hit your target time and time again. ProsShoots dense patternsProduces devastating results on clays #13 Carlson’s Choke Tubes Trap Pak Set View on OpticsPlanet The Carlson’s Choke Tubes Trap Pak Choke Tube Set is a great choice for those looking for a choke set specifically designed for trap shooting. The tubes in this set are made of high-quality steel and feature a matte black finish that helps to reduce glare. In addition, the choke tubes in this set are designed to provide a tight pattern and minimize shot deformation. Finally, the Carlson’s Choke Tubes Trap Pak Choke Tube Set comes with a storage case to help keep your choke tubes organized and protected. Overall, the Carlson’s Choke Tubes Trap Pak Choke Tube Set is an excellent choice for those seeking a quality choke set specifically designed for trap shooting. ProsCarlson’s is a well-known, trusted brandAffordableTubes are precision machinedChrome lined to resist corrosion #14 Primos Hunting Jelly Head 12 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke Tube for Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Primos Hunting Jelly Head 12 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke Tube for Trap is one of the best choke tubes available on the market for trap shooting. It is designed to deliver superior Pattern density and consistency, giving you the edge you need to come out on top. This choke tube is made from high-quality stainless steel and features a corrosion-resistant black oxide finish. It has a 1.5″ inside diameter and includes an extended tube that is flush with the muzzle. The Primos Hunting Jelly Head 12 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke Tube for Trap is backed by a full lifetime warranty. If you are looking for a high-quality choke tube that will give you the edge you need to come out on top, then the Primos Hunting Jelly Head 12 Gauge Maximum Turkey Choke Tube for Trap is the perfect choice for you. ProsGood for tight patternsIncreases rangeCons #15 Trulock Sporting Clay Choke Tube for Trap View on OpticsPlanet This Trulock Sporting Clay Choke Tube is one of the best chokes for trap because it provides a great pattern and is very accurate. It is also easy to install and remove. The Trulock Sporting Clay Choke Tube is made of stainless steel and is designed to fit all 12 gauge shotguns. It has a black finish and comes with a lifetime warranty. The Trulock Sporting Clay Choke Tube is a great choice for trap because it provides a great pattern and is very accurate. It is also easy to install and remove. ProsGreat for beginnersProduces tight patternsInexpensiveConsCan be difficult to remove from the barrelRequire gunsmithing to properly install #16 Beretta Mobilchoke Victory Extended 12 Gauge Choke Tube for Trap View on OpticsPlanet The Beretta Mobilchoke Victory Extended 12 Gauge Choke Tube is designed as a choke for trap shooting. It is machined from solid steel and finished in black oxide. The choke is extended for use with muzzle-loading firearms. It has an improved cylinder constriction and is designed to fit flush with the muzzle. The choke tube has a knurled end for easy installation and removal. ProsExtended choke tube for improved accuracyFits Beretta shotgunsSilver finishConsOnly available in 12 gauge #17 Beretta 12 Gauge OptimaChoke HP Choke Tube for Trap View on Brownells View on OpticsPlanet The Beretta Optimachoke HP +3/4 Extended 12 Gauge Choke Tube is a great choke for trap shooting. It is designed to provide the best performance possible, and it delivers. The choke tube is well-made and easy to use, and it provides great results in terms of accuracy and reliability. Overall, the Beretta Optimachoke HP +3/4 Extended 12 Gauge Choke Tube is a great choice for any trap shooter. ProsIncreased accuracyImproved patterningMore consistent shot placement #18 Browning Standard Invector Choke Tube for Trap View on Brownells View on OpticsPlanet Looking for the best choke tube for trap shooting? Look no further than the Browning – 12GA Invector Choke Tube For Trap. This choke tube is designed to help you achieve better accuracy and consistency when shooting a trap. It features a constriction that’s optimal for trap shooting, so you can achieve the best results possible. The tube is also made from high-quality materials, so you can be sure it will last for many years to come. If you’re looking for the best possible performance out of your trap shooting, the Browning – 12GA Invector Choke Tube For Trap is the way to go. ProsIncreased accuracyImproved patterningReduced recoilBetter shot placement #19 Beretta USA C61900 Optima Choke for Trap HP Flush 28 Gauge Improved Cylinder View on OpticsPlanet Beretta USA C61900 Optima Choke for Trap HP Flush 28 Gauge is one of the best chokes for trap shooting. It is designed to deliver tight and consistent pat