

KIMBER 84M VARMINT 204 RUGER, \$1224

Gun Tests grade: B+

Lightweight and easy to pack, we'd likely pick this rifle first for a hunt that required a hike. The 84M was most accurate when the barrel was cool.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH43.25 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....24.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....NA
OVERALL HEIGHT.....5.3 IN.
LOP.....13.75 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....8.2 LBS.
CAPACITY.....6
ACTION FINISH.....MATTE BLUE
ACTION TYPESHORT ACTION BOLT

BARREL FINISH FLUTED STAINLESS STEEL
MAGAZINE TYPE INTERNAL BOX
STOCK WALNUT
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT..... 3.0 LBS.
WARRANTY 1 YEAR
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We liked the magazine floorplate release located inside the trigger guard. With one hand, we could easily open the magazine and catch the falling rounds.



The rear of the barrel and the action were both approximately the same diameter, and the barrel was free-floated all the way back. Fluting on the barrel was probably supposed to aid cooling, but it didn't seem to help much, if any. Still, the flutes did look nice, and they shaved some weight.



We found using the left-hand thumb to be the least awkward way to press the bolt release. The internal magazine held six rounds, despite its diminutive outer dimensions.

