

## J. PURDEY & SONS SIDELOCK EJECTOR, \$15,000

### GUN TESTS RECOMMENDS: OUR PICK

With its swamped barrels (smaller at midpoint than muzzle), graceful engraved sidelocks, self-opening action, ejectors, and best wood, the handmade Purdey has stood the test of time. Nearly a century old, it's almost like new inside and out. Such guns increase in value very well, and provide an unmatched shooting experience. At any price, the Ruger can't compete, though it may be induced to shoot as well. If you can afford one, the Purdey will pay dividends better than any lesser gun.



### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	44.4 in.	Choke.....	IC & Mod.
Barrel Length.....	28 in.	Action.....	Sidelock Ejector
Drop @ Comb .....	1.4 in.	Finish.....	Engraved, Case Colored,
Drop @ Heel.....	2.1 in.	Barrels .....	Blued
Length of Pull .....	14.4 in.	Buttstock.....	Best English Walnut
Trigger Pull Weight Right Barrel	3.5 lbs. (hinged)	Forend.....	Best English Walnut
Trigger Pull Weight Left Barrel .....	3.7 lbs.	Weight Unloaded.....	6.5 lbs.
Action Type .....	SxS	Warranty.....	n/a
Chamber Size.....	2.5 in.	Telephone, Website, Email .....	n/a

The sidelocks leave plenty of room for Purdey's traditional rose-and-scroll engraving. The front trigger is hinged to spring away from your finger when firing the left barrel. New Purdeys easily approach \$100,000. This is one of a pair made in 1908.



The action bottom (no floorplate!) shows the traditional rose-and-scroll engraving hand cut into all Purdeys, unless the buyer wanted something different. This gun still has most of its case colors.



The self-opening action of the Purdey makes all other guns seem to have something missing. Pressing over the top lever causes the gun to open fully, remain fully open, and forcibly eject the empties. Closing it takes a distinct effort, a knack easily learned. The safety was automatic.