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Szecsei & Fuchs Double Barrel Bolt Action Rifles

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If you've had the experience of having one of nature's wild things coming at you with intent to do you bodily harm then you have a very real impression in your mind of just how intimidating that can be. To answer against whatever endangerment is such situations the British big game hunters of the golden age needed to have a rifle that was up to the task. Some of the best of them were Jim Corbett, who was in the unfortunate to share a double rifle and needed to rapidly unload after that "wrill-over second shot" you may have found that a sticky case can be an obstinate problem and your broken fingernails trying to get it out might be the least of your worries.

The Szecsei & Fuchs "Monster" bolt action double rifle.

Back in 1999 Hungarian Joszsef Szecsei had the experience of being simultaneously charged by three elephants. He survived the encounter, and decided that a double rifle or a good bolt action were not really enough life insurance when out after the big and the bad. So he thinking he wanted to design a rifle with all the advantages of a double rifle, and of a bolt action with its rapidly accessible magazine. So he invented a bold action double rifle.

With the action open the double chambers of the Szecsei can be seen. The Szecsei & Fuchs bolt action double rifle has both left and right side ejection port.

There will be those reading this who ask the question "Why not just get a semi-automatic?" There are a couple of problems with moving to a semi-automatic, the first is that in some of the countries one might go to hunt dangerous game there are restrictions on semi-autos, and the second is that in some of the countries one might need to hunt dangerous game and is pressed into service by a local lackey. The third is a practical one and we have many semi-automatic rifles you can find a .270Mk10 or .450 Winchester Magnum? Last time I checked Browning's Safari semi-automatic only goes up to .338 Winchester Magnum. So the short answer is that a semi-automatic is not a solution, is probably going to be illegal where you plan to hunt and unobtainable in the heavy calibers one needs for African Cape Buffalo or up.

Fuchs makes some outstanding Szecsei's decorated in rich exotic hides. This is the Swiss style of their "Mont Tape" model.

To keep the weight of these rifles down to normal parameters extensive use is made of titanium. This enables the creation of the necessary double magazine and double axial bolt action yet keeping the rifle handy and easily portable.

In the video below Mr. Gerhard Fuchs demonstrates and explains this unique rifle. *(Video courtesy **ultimate-English**)*

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The Szecsei & Fuchs "Mont Tape" model double rifle comes in both left and right side ejection port versions.

The Szecsei & Fuchs bolt action double rifle come in both with a side, and over and under configurations. Calibers range from the pachyderm hosing .470 Capstick down through the .416 Remington Magnum and .375 Holland & Holland Magnum for African and Asian Safari. Calibers then head down to include the European 9.3x62mm, 8x68S and the American .30/06 all the way down to the diminutive .7x .22 LR(R) rimfire.

The Szecsei & Fuchs "Mont Tape" model double rifle comes in both left and right side ejection port versions. The "Mont Tape" Calibers offered are the .375 H&H Magnum, .416 Rigby, .470 Capstick, 9.3x62 and the 8x68S.

The smallest bolt action double rifle is called the "Hummingbird" and it is chambered for the .17 HMR rimfire cartridge. This is a fascinating small game rifle and it sure is fun to use only a wonderful companion for one's rabbit, hare or fox hunting outings but, like all Fuchs firearms, is an investment quality work of the gunsmith's art.

The Szecsei & Fuchs "Hummingbird" is chambered for the .17 HMR, which is the smallest rimfire offering for the bolt action double rifle.

The "Hummingbird's" bolt and magazine assemblies give an idea of how simple yet ingenious Mr. Szecsei's rifle design is.

The power of the Hummingbird's double magazine and bolt design show the genius of Mr. Szecsei's design.

In addition to their fascinating range of bolt action double rifles Fuchs also make ordinary double rifles, bolt action rifles, and double shotguns. Fuchs "King of Africa" double rifle is chambered for the .375 Nitro Express which is pretty much guaranteed to stop a charging elephant or hippo or bag a the hunter does. So, just ask please that 750 grain bullet where it needs to go.

Fuchs "King of Africa" is a commercial double rifle chambered for the .375 Nitro Express.

The Fuchs bolt action rifles come in two versions. The first is the "Classic Mauser" which is exactly that, a classic Mauser M-98 action rifle. The second is the "Modernism Hunter" which is created around a more modern action and made in a twenty first century classic style.

The Fuchs "Modernism Hunter" is chambered for the .338 Lapua and has a 26" barrel. Rifle weight is 11lb.

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You can find the complete range of Fuchs' sporting arms including Joszsef Szecsei's unique bolt action double rifles at Fuchs' website which you will find if you **click here**.

Joszsef Szecsei with some of the prototype designs. *(Photo courtesy szecseiandfuchsjagd.com)*

Joszsef Szecsei's bolt action double rifles are unique in the world. If you are looking for something that is an investment quality sporting arm, and something that might just help you stay alive and an enriched on for your next safari, then one of his bolt action double rifles might be just what you are looking for.

The Szecsei & Fuchs "Mon Ami" over and under bolt action double rifle, in mark 2x 8x68S, Rifle, scope, mounts or Titanium rail can be mounted to the action top.

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