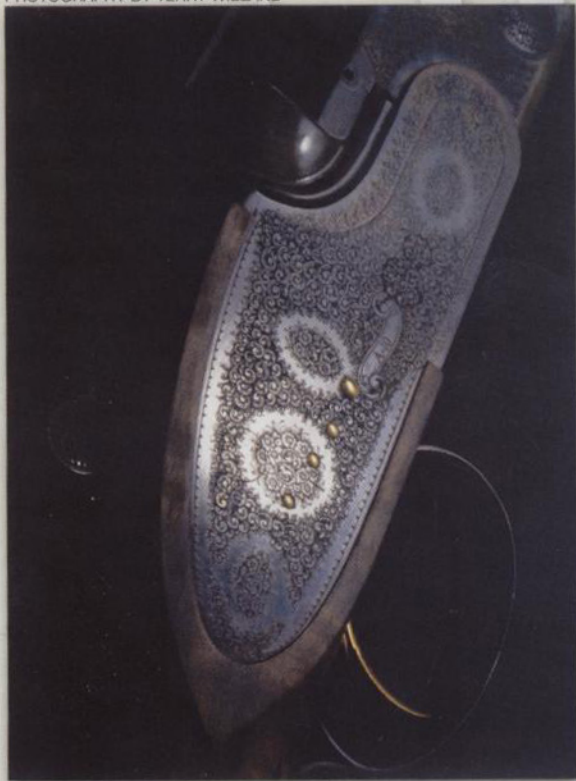


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A-10 American Over-and-Under from CSMC

Antony Galazan's **Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Company**, in New Britain, Connecticut, has over the past 20 years become not only America's finest maker of double-barreled guns, but also one of the world's most advanced gunmaking facilities.

Now, Galazan has introduced a gun of his own design that is new to America: the A-10 American over-and-under shotgun with hand-detachable sidelocks. This low-profile O/U is a configuration familiar to the world's finest gunmakers, such as Holland & Holland, but never before manufactured here.

The A-10 American is available in 12, 20, and 28 gauge, with interchangeable barrels. Dimensions such as barrel length and stock measurements can be had to order, and it is available in a variety of lovely engraving patterns. More important is Galazan's combination of traditional hand-gunmaking skills with the most precise modern machining methods, along with new processes to both improve quality and reduce costs.

Aside from being made in America, what makes the A-10 particularly noteworthy is its price: Initially, it was offered to Galazan clients at less than \$5,000, although those incredible introductory discounts have now expired. Even so, the current base retail, \$7,995, is still rock-bottom by world standards. And this is a world-class gun, with every one extensively tested and tuned before it leaves the factory.

How good is Galazan? The best European companies are sending over gunmakers to study how he does it. www.connecticutshotgun.com