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New Sporting Version of the Proven Weatherby® Orion® O/U Shotgun Now Available

Paso Robles, CA – Serious upland hunters and sport shooters have trusted the balanced, dependable Weatherby Orion I Over/Under since its re-introduction in 2015. The sleek, fast-pointing shotgun is as pleasant to shoot as it is to look at. For 2018, a new version of the O/U is available: The Orion Sporting Shotgun.

The most notable difference between it and the original Orion I is its 30-inch ported barrel length (the Orion I comes with either a 26" or 28" barrel). The longer barrel makes the Orion Sporting model a delightfully smooth-swinging shotgun – whether the target is a fast-flushing rooster pheasant or a racing clay. The addition of a fiber-optic front bead vs. brass atop a tapered ventilated rib also contributes to fast target acquisition in the field or at the shooting club.

The Orion Sporting shotgun features a boxlock design in a low-profile receiver with automatic ejectors. The 12-gauge barrels have three-inch chambers and chrome-lined bores. Knurled extended choke tubes come standard and include Full, Improved Modified, Modified, Improved Cylinder and Skeet. The high-gloss bluing on all metalwork makes the Orion Sporting shotgun a real eye-catcher, as does its glossy A-Grade walnut stock with diamond point checkering. The stock also has an adjustable comb for a custom fit. The Orion Sporting shotgun is offered at a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$1,200.

For more information on the Orion series and all of Weatherby's fine shotguns and rifles, visit www.Weatherby.com.

About Weatherby®

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