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# SAFARI CLASSICS®

The Safari Classics line from CZ continues the tradition of powerful, accurate and reliable rifles made famous by the Brno vz 24, 602, and CZ 550. The pursuit of dangerous game demands the highest standards in a hunting rifle. Whether hunting whitetail in the Americas, the Big 5 of Africa or the brown bears of Alaska or Europe, know that every Safari Classics rifle is designed and built to exceed the highest standards of accuracy, and reliability while maintaining superior handling and beauty. Known by several names, the Brno 602 (introduced in 1966) or the CZ 550 as the model's name was changed to in 1995, or a custom built Safari Classics, they are the most popular rifles with professional hunters throughout Africa largely due to their excellent value and performance. Česká zbrojovka a.s. and their US division, CZ-USA offer both production and custom rifles in the Safari Classics line, every one built with the success of the hunter in mind.



## beauty in wood and steel

The reliability, precision and functionality of the firearms manufactured is often complemented by elegant engraving embellished with gold, silver or other precious materials according to the customer's desires. In this way, the working rifle transforms into a work of art.

Our goal is to satisfy even the most discriminating customers.

## about safari hunting

Africa is one of the most exciting and rewarding of all hunting experiences. It is blessed with the richest variety of game in the world, ranging from the smallest of antelope to the biggest and toughest of all, the Cape Buffalo, Rhino and African Elephant. It is here where every hunter longs to be, Matching skills against those of his quarry... it is here where hunters demand a lot from their rifles.

We have brought the life-long experience and heritage of safari hunters together with the demand for traditional African calibers. Based on the Mauser type action, CZ 550 safari rifles offer time-honored features including claw extractors, controlled round feed, drop box magazines allowing for one extra round, fixed ejectors, positive safeties and single set triggers.



## inside the CZ 550 action

The CZ 550 is a Mauser type action.

The Mauser 98 action established itself as a viable alternative to the double rifle due to its reliable feeding and function over 100 years ago.



FRONT  
SIGHT (C)

BARREL (D)

REAR SIGHT (C)

RECEIVER (A)

SLING SWIVEL ASSY

SAFETY

STOCK

BUTTPATE

I A - Square bridge receiver with 19mm Dovetail. The integrated scope base of the CZ rifles eliminates potential points of failure in the bases and screws. It also eliminates possible alignment issues that incorrectly machined bases can cause.

I B - The CZ Single Set Trigger system allows for both a standard hunting trigger and a light target trigger in the same rifle. By operating the rifle in the same manner as any other bolt-action rifle, the trigger is in the "standard" mode with the heavier of the two trigger pulls. By simply pushing the trigger forward until it "clicks" the crisp and light target trigger mode is set.

I C - Iron sights (folding 3 leaf express style sights are dovetailed into an integral boss

on the barrel and are far sturdier than the typical set found on most production rifles).

I D - Hammer forged barrel for accuracy and long life.

I E - Mauser style claw extractor for controlled round feeding and positive extraction.



FOLLOWER

EXTRACTOR (E)

BOLT STOP

BOLT

BOLT  
HANDLE

DISASSEMBLY  
CATCH

TRIGGER (B)

SET TRIGGER  
ADJUSTING SCREW

MAGAZINE LATCH

MAGAZINE FLOOR PLATE

SEAR

REAR STOCK  
SCREW

FIRING PIN  
FIRING PIN  
SPRING

FRONT  
STOCK SCREW

FLOOR PLATE

FLOOR PLATE  
LATCH



# CZ 550 Safari Classics

SAFARI CLASSICS MAGNUM EXPRESS RIFLES



The modern medium cartridges can surely kill dangerous game, but there is a vast difference between shooting an undisturbed animal, compared to a charging one or a wounded beast. In this case stopping power is the most important criteria. Safety must always come first and the rifle that is capable of delivering results is imperative.

Pictured is premium grade package with Fancy grd. American black walnut.

## safari classics rifles

Rugged, heavy duty and always goes “bang” when the trigger is pulled... the CZ 550 action remains a variant of the true magnum Mauser that is properly proportioned to accept the longest big-game cartridges. Safari Classics by CZ is currently offering ten calibers in custom grade rifles based on the CZ 550 Magnum action:

<b>.505 Gibbs</b>	<b>.416 Rem *</b>
<b>.500 Jeffery</b>	<b>.404 Jeffery</b>
<b>.458 Lott *</b>	<b>.375 H&amp;H *</b>
<b>.450 Rigby</b>	<b>.338 Lapua *</b>
<b>.416 Rigby *</b>	<b>.300 H&amp;H</b>

*\* Available only in USA*

The Express Rifle and the Magnum Express Rifle from Safari Classics are custom built to the specifications of each customer by the Safari Classics custom shop.

The Safari Classics rifles feature single set trigger set up to your specifications, glossy, satin, matte or rust blue finish on

metal parts, #1 Fancy grade American Walnut stock with dual crossbolts and straight comb glass bedded to the individual action and a barrel band. The rifles chambered in .505 Gibbs and .500 Jeffery include a mercury recoil reducer installed in the stock as well. Several optional upgrades can be ordered at the time when you place your order.

### CZ-USA Custom Shop services

- 19410 Glass bedding \*
- 19411 Recoil reducer - install \*\*
- 19412 Muzzle break (24" bbl + break)
- 19413 Bolt jewellery
- 19414 Rust blue finish surcharge
- 19415 Barrel Band installed \*
- 19416 Crossbolts installed in stock (2 pcs) \*
- 19417 Thread protector for muzzle break
- 19418 Action job \*
- 19419 Ebony forend tip
- 19420 Satin blue finish surcharge

*\* Included with all Safari Classics Express and Magnum Express Rifles*

*\*\* Included with .500 Jeffery and .505 Gibbs chambered rifles*

# legendary guns

## legendary calibers

## custom grade rifles

Each Safari Classics rifle is built as the order is received. Because it is built especially for you, let us know if there is something you would like that is different from the standard configuration. We will do our best to make it happen.

## safari classics express rifles \*

The new Express Rifle is designed for cartridges that fit the standard and medium magnum CZ 550 actions. The Express Rifle features a fancy grade American black walnut stock, styled in the same fashion as our Safari Classics Magnum Express Rifle and the CZ 550 American Safari Magnum. While the .338 and smaller bore rifles in the new model complement the Magnum Express Rifle perfectly in your 2 gun safari battery, the dangerous game cartridges offered in the standard length Express Rifle are for the hunter that needs decisive power yet desires a lighter weight rifle. The .425 Westley Richards and 9.3x62 Mauser are classic cartridges developed to fit the standard length Mauser action and are still in wide use today by dangerous game hunters in Africa. Recent developments in powder technology have given rise to new standard length rounds designed for dangerous game that are also available in the new Express Rifle:

<b>.425 Westley Richards</b>	<b>.338 Win Mag</b>
<b>.416 Ruger</b>	<b>.300 Ultra Mag</b>
<b>.416 Taylor</b>	<b>.300 H&amp;H</b>
<b>.375 Ruger</b>	<b>.30-06</b>
<b>9.3x62</b>	<b>.270 Win</b>

## safari classics premium grade \*

The premium grade package includes features that we recommend with a stock that will turn heads. Our Premium grade rifles offer the following features:

- Jeweled bolt
- Complete action job with trigger pull adjusted to your specifications
- Stock from custom selected wood, gloss finish – glass bedded

Depending on wood preferences, the cost of the premium grade will vary.

*\* Available only in USA*

Model	Caliber	Stock	Mag cap.	Overall length	Barrel length	Weight	LOP
Magnum Express Rifle	.505 Gibbs, .500 Jeff, .450 Rigby	Dark or Fancy Walnut	3	1180 mm   46.5"	610 mm   24.0"	4.97 kg   10.94 lbs	349 mm   13.75"
Magnum Express Rifle 20"bbl	.375 H&H	Dark or Fancy Walnut	5	1078 mm   42.5"	508 mm   20.0"	4.53 kg   9.97 lbs	349 mm   13.75"
Magnum Express Rifle	All other Calibres	Dark or Fancy Walnut	3-5	1180 mm   46.5"	610 mm   24.0"	4.53 kg   9.97 lbs	349 mm   13.75"
Express Rifle	All Calibres	Dark or Fancy Walnut	3-5	1135 mm   44.7"	600 mm   23.6"	3.62 kg   8.00 lbs	349 mm   13.75"

All Safari Classics rifles feature single set trigger, express sights, fixed magazine, glass bedded Dark Circassian Walnut or American Fancy Walnut, 19 mm dovetail, barrel band, and two stock reinforcing crossbolts. The .505 Gibbs and .500 Jeffery also include a mercury recoil reducer.

# CZ 550 Magnum Line

.375 H&H MAG | .458 WIN MAG  
.416 RIGBY | .458 LOTT

The CZ 550 Magnum is now available with a premium Kevlar reinforced fiberglass stock featuring a full length aluminum bedding block.

The CZ 550 American Safari Magnum, .375 H&H is now available in LEFT HAND configuration!

EXPRESS  
RIFLE

SST



## CZ 550 rifles

The Professional Hunter Proficiency Exam in Zimbabwe tests the skills of the soon to be PH. This exam combined with the Rifa Professional Hunter and Guides training/refresher course provides an insightful glimpse into the rifles these dangerous game professionals trust their lives to as well as those of their clients. According to Don Heath, Editor of African Hunter Magazine, the CZ is by far the most common make seen at the exam.

CZ, BRNO, ZKK rifles - all of these names point to one gun factory located in the Czech Republic with 70 years of history and tradition of gun making. CZ 550 actions are revered the world over due to their time honored features. The Mauser style claw extractor for positive feeding and extraction, and compact trigger mechanism, which can be used as a standard or target trigger. The CZ 550 has a positive 2-position safety. All CZ 550s feature a classic square bridge receiver with a 19mm dovetail milled right into the receiver. All barrels are hammer forged and feature express sights (1 standing, 2 folding).

## magnum

The CZ 550 line of rifles is designed for powerful hunting cartridges. Thanks to their agile handling, absolute reliability and high accuracy, they are ideal for hunting. It is no coincidence that the CZ 550 became the rifle of choice for professional hunters in Africa.



Model	Caliber	Stock	Mag cap.	Overall length	Barrel length	Weight	LOP
CZ 550 American Safari Magnum - Kevlar	.375 H&K Mag   .416 Rigby .458 Lott   .458 Win Mag	Kevlar	5   3 5   5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Magnum*	.375 H&H Mag	Walnut	5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Magnum	.416 Rigby, .458 Lott	Walnut	3   5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Lux	.416 Rigby, .458 Lott	Walnut	3   5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Lux	.375 H&H Mag   .458 Win Mag	Walnut	5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Standard	.416 Rigby	Walnut	3	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"
CZ 550 American Safari Standard	.375 H&H Mag   .458 Win Mag	Walnut	5	1175 mm   46.0"	635 mm   25.0"	4.51 kg   9.92 lbs	355 mm   14.0"

All CZ 550 American Safari Magnum feature single set trigger, express sights, fixed magazine and hammer forged blued barrel.

\* Now available in left hand.

# CZ 550 Hunter

.300 WIN MAG

- One piece ring system machined from a single piece of aircraft grade Aluminum
- 1 Minute of Angle Accuracy Guarantee to 600 yards (550 m)
- Premium hard case to protect the rifle

Optics not included



## ultimate hunting rifle

The UHR is a CZ 550 based rifle in .300 Winchester Magnum that comes in at 8 lbs, and includes a minute of angle accuracy guarantee to 600 yards (550 m). By maintaining quality control standards unheard of in the industry, the Ultimate Hunting Rifle delivers a level of accuracy formerly only available from high-end custom riflemiths. The UHR allows the hunter to realize the full potential of the components in their rifle system. By ensuring that the rifle itself is very accurate, guaranteed MOA to 600 yards, the only variables left in the system are the optics, ammo and ability of the hunter.

Keeping in mind that the Ultimate Hunting Rifle is the foundation of a shooting system capable of extreme precision, a new scope mounting system is included with the rifle that matches the abilities of the rifle. When combined with quality ammunition, optics and practice, the UHR can significantly extend your range.

The UHR was developed to perform with premium ammunition. Without consistent, quality ammunition, no rifle can reach it's maximum accuracy. The development of the rifle was done with Dynamic Research Technologies DRT 200gr ammo. Other Ammo that has proven to be accurate in the UHR is the 165gr Hornady SST Interlock.

The CZ Ultimate Hunting Rifle (UHR) is the perfect complement to the Safari Classics line of dangerous game rifles. This rifle delivers the pinpoint accuracy hunters demand for surgical shot placement on plains game.

# single set trigger

The CZ single set trigger (SST) system provides the shooter with the options to effectively handle any shooting situation they are presented with.

The SST allows for both a standard hunting trigger and a light target trigger in the same rifle. By operating the rifle in the same manner as any other bolt-action rifle, the trigger is in the "standard" mode with the heavier of the two trigger pulls. By simply pushing the trigger forward until it "clicks" the crisp and light target trigger mode is set.

It has been said that the single set trigger is a better aid to accuracy than a thousand dollar scope.



The UHR uses a uniquely improved CZ 550 action with extremely tight manufacturing tolerances and perfect alignment in assembly.



The stock is made from walnut, meticulously selected for high wood density. Stock checkering is laser engraved with a modified fleur-de-lis theme adding both beauty and grip to the stock. Felt recoil is substantially reduced by the high quality recoil pad.



The CZ premium hammer forged and lapped barrel provides accuracy and long life.

The UHR includes one-piece integrated mount and 30 mm rings. Machined from one piece of aluminum for perfect alignment.



Model	Caliber	Stock	Mag cap.	Overall length	Barrel length	Weight	LOP
CZ 550 Hunter	.300 Win Mag	American	3 + 1	1135 mm   44.7"	610 mm   24.0"	3.95 kg   8 lbs	349 mm   13.75"



# BO 800 STOPPER

.458 WIN MAG / .458 WIN MAG I .416 RIGBY / .416 RIGBY  
.375 H&H / .375 H&H

The Brno Stopper is a thoroughly modern O/U rifle designed for hunting dangerous game. The Stopper delivers a quality, reliable, vertical double at an affordable price. The lines of the Stopper follow traditional hunting design making target acquisition lightning fast. Master gunsmiths build the Stopper in small production runs allowing for a high level of attention and detail to be given to each rifle. All parts of the stopper are machined from steel billets. The barrels are cold hammer forged and lapped giving them the same quality and long life of other CZ and Brno barrels. Introduced in 2009 in .458 Win Mag, it is now available in .416 Rigby and .375 H&H.




## double rifles vs. bolt action rifles

The double vs. bolt argument will live around campfires as long as dangerous game is hunted.

The double is typically shorter than a bolt action rifle. This gives it a couple of advantages. The balance and handling is excellent making for lightning fast first shots.

Because the overall length is shorter, is also handier to maneuver with in tight spaces. The most exhilarating place in the world may also bring out or deepest fears. At times this place has been the thick brush or the tall grass after something went wrong. There is a reassuring feel to a double when tracking a wounded buffalo or lion into those tight spaces.

When comparing a double (with ejectors) to a bolt gun that holds three rounds, the double will usually be faster with the first shot because of superior handling, always faster with the second and because it has the advantage of a quicker reload, is faster when four shots are needed as well. The bolt gun only beats it with the third shot.



The fore-end conceals a new method of regulating the barrels that was developed by CZ for the Stopper.

The stock and fore-end are made from walnut selected for high wood density. Fine checkering and scrollwork is laser engraved in the stock after shaping and sanding. Perceived recoil is greatly reduced by the classic ventilated recoil pad.

The action of the field grade model features a "Big Five" machine engraved theme. A high grade version is also available with custom engraving by master engraver René Ondra. Both feature a single gilded trigger.

The Brno Stopper uses a Kersten type action that assures strength and safety with its triplicate locking system.

Model	Caliber	Stock	Mag cap.	Overall length	Barrel length	Weight	LOP
BO 800 Stopper	.458 Win Mag / .458 Win Mag I .416 Rigby / .416 Rigby I .375 H&H / .375 H&H	Walnut	-	1055 mm   45.5"	600 mm   23.6"	4.1 kg   9.02 lbs	355mm   13.75"

## Dangerous Game Cartridges of the Safari Classics line

The **9.3x62 Mauser** was introduced in 1905 by Otto Bock of Berlin as a powerful cartridge that fit in a standard length Mauser action. As it was never adopted as a military cartridge, there were no restrictions on it for civilian use and it became very popular with African farmers and hunters. While it had some success in Europe, the 9.3x62 enjoyed popularity in Africa similar to the 30-06 in the US. In several African countries, it is the exception to the .375 minimum for dangerous game. 285 grains at 2400 fps.

The **.375 H&H** was introduced in 1912 as the .375 Belted Rimless Nitro-Express by Holland and Holland. It's interesting to note that it was only the second belted cartridge ever, the first being the 400/375 Belted Nitro Express, also by Holland and Holland. Today it is still an extremely popular choice of hunters, and is considered by many to be the most versatile hunting cartridge ever. Flat shooting for longer shots on plains game and powerful enough for fast and furious encounters with dangerous game, the .375 H&H is an excellent choice for varied terrain and mixed bag hunts. Most African countries use the .375 H&H as the minimum cartridge for dangerous game, and in a 10 lb package like the Safari Classics Magnum Express Rifle, the recoil is virtually not an issue. 270 grains at 2700 fps.

The **.404 Jeffery** was introduced in 1909 by Jeffery of England to duplicate .450/400 (3 1/4") performance in a cartridge designed for bolt action rifles. The .404 has earned it's place among the top safari cartridges. It has been the parent case for several other designs including the Remington Ultra Magnums. The .404 drives a 400 grain bullet at a muzzle velocity of 2170 fps.

The **.425 Westley Richards** was developed in 1909 in England. Known as the poor man's magnum, the rebated rim cartridge was designed to pack the power necessary for dangerous game into a standard length (Mauser 98) action. 400 grains at 2400 fps.

The **.458 Win Mag** was introduced in 1956. Despite some shortcomings, the price and availability of ammo and rifles have made it arguably the most popular chambering for stopping rifles. In 1971 Jack Lott improved on the .458 Win Mag making it .3" longer. This accomplished a couple of things. With the powders available at the time, the .458 Win Mag had become the victim of either a real or perceived reliability issue concerning compressed charges and the inconsistent burn resulting in complaints about "squib" loads. (now a non issue with more recently introduced powders) The Lott added extra

case volume eliminating the need for the compressed charge. At the same time it also added 300 fps to the 500 gr bullet bringing it up to 2400 fps. For a long time, .458 Lott ammo was a wildcat proposition. It took 31 years, but in 2002 Hornady began loading it, and was soon followed by others. Today the Lott may be the most logical choice for a dangerous game cartridge in a bolt action gun. High energy, magazine capacity, and maybe most importantly, it can digest the .458 Win Mag (available in just about every hunting camp in the world) should you get separated from your ammo in transit are all strong arguments in favor of Jack Lott's cartridge.

The **.416 Rigby** evokes the romance of the African safari like no other with the possible exception of the .375 Holland and Holland. Introduced in 1911, it was the first cartridge to use a .416" bullet. Sending a 400 gr bullet out at 2300 fps, the .416 Rigby gets high marks in any comparison of stopping rounds. While it's truly impressive dimensions demand a true magnum action, it is interesting to note that perhaps the most famous .416 rifle, that of PH Harry Selby was built on a standard Mauser action. The .416 Remington, .416 Taylor, and the new .416 Ruger (based on the recent .375 Ruger that duplicates .375 H&H performance in a small package) produce similar ballistics to the Rigby, but they deliver with smaller cartridges at the cost of higher pressure. The smaller .416 cartridges do bring the benefit of slightly lower recoil and higher magazine capacity given the same magnum sized action, or the possibility of a lighter weight rifle in the standard size action

The **.450 Rigby** is based on the classic .416 Rigby case. While it is has only been around since 1995, this cartridge has gained a reputation in many circles as being the most effective dangerous game stopping cartridge for standard magnum sized actions. The 465 grain bullet delivers over 2300 fps at the muzzle.

The **.505 Gibbs** was developed as a proprietary cartridge for use in the Magnum Mauser bolt action rifles by George Gibbs around 1910. It remains the largest commercially produced cartridge that can fit in the Magnum Mauser type actions like the CZ 550 Safari Magnum.

The bullet weight is 525 grains and it leaves the muzzle at 2300 fps.

The **.500 Jeffery** is a rebated rim cartridge developed by the German company Shuler in 1928 for use in Mauser rifles. While there has been considerable confusion and multiple standards on the design, the CZ rifles and ammunition are built according to the most recent (1998) CIP specification. Pushing a 535 grain bullet at 2300 fps, the .500 Jeffery delivers truly impressive stopping power. In standard factory ammo, the .500 Jeffery is the most powerful cartridge in the Safari Classics line with the larger .505 Gibbs right on it's heels.



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