

Chokes in your gun

Do you have one of these in your range bag?

Has anyone measured your gun chokes with one of these?



Question: Does this type of gauge accurately tell you what your gun is choked?
Answer: **NO** and here is why.....

Your choke in your gun is the tapered constriction of the barrel at the muzzle and not as many believe the size at the muzzle. Therefore measuring the size at the muzzle with one of these gauges is only part of the process of determining the choke of your gun. What you need to know is your barrel size and the muzzle size. Your choke is the difference in size between the two.

A 12 gauge shotgun nominal bore size is .729" (18.5mm). However, they are considered, and made, 12 gauge if made between .725" (18.4) and .745" (18.9").

A brief look on the internet gave me the following:

1. Beretta 694 - .729"
2. Browning - .742"
3. Perazzi - .726"
4. Zoli Z Sport - .732"

Using these internet examples and my bore gauge above the "Half" Choke ring (red arrow) neatly fits into all the bottom barrels. Indicating that they are all choked "Half". In truth though they are the following:

1. Beretta 694 - 1/2
2. Browning - 7/8
3. Perazzi - 3/8
4. Zoli Z Sport - 5/8

The answer is, if you want to know your true choke sizes get your gunsmith to measure your gun for you.