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If you want a really well-made hunting rifle, McMillan's new Prodigy is a must-see. "Our family has been in the rifle business more than 20 years," says Kelly McMillan, president of the McMillan Group International. The rifle shop uses Lilja, Shilen and Schneider stainless barrels on its Prodigy, one of eight models. They have stainless round McMillan receivers, washer-type recoil lugs and MP-3 nicked two-lug bolts (spiral fluted). A bolt-face extractor and plunger ejector spew empties from a generous port. The 7-pound Prodigy comes in six chamberings. Action and stocks hew to traditional profiles: lean and linear. The slim, open grip complements a straight comb with an understated but supportive cheekpiece. Glass bedding and alloy pillars mate stock to receiver. Graceful bottom metal includes a floorplate secured by a seamlessly fitted catch. The .30-06 Prodigy I've used has a 24-inch barrel with 1-in-10 twist. Its Jewell trigger breaks like an icicle at 2½ pounds. Half of my first eight groups measured .8 inches or less. Sure, McMillan rifles are costly. But to say they're just rifles is to say Ferraris are just cars. Visit www.mcmillanusa.com.

