

1. As stated above all Beretta 680, 682, 686 and 687 have the same basic actions.

The 680, 682 and 687EELL are full-featured target guns. All wear parts are easily and inexpensively replaceable. The barrels have replaceable barrel shoulders, which the 686 and 687's do not have.

The 680 was the initial target version. They have the wide and heavy receiver. They do not have the adjustable length of pull triggers and the barrel side ribs are not ventilated.

The 682 replaced the 680 and added the adjustable length of pull trigger and ventilated barrel side ribs. The early versions have the wide and heavy receiver. The earliest guns were marked S682, all I have measured have wide receivers. In later guns the only way to identify the wide or narrow versions is to measure the receiver width. A barrel made for a wide receiver will fit a narrow receiver, but the barrel shoulders will hang over. A narrow barrel will fit a wide receiver, but the barrel shoulders will be a bit inside the receiver edges. There were polished silver and black versions of the receiver. The black versions were usually 682X Trap guns or Super Sports. Early 682's have fore ends that do not have finger grooves. Later fore ends have finger grooves, which I detest. Sporting versions usually have Schnabel fore ends which I also detest. There were Super Sport versions with a ugly stock that had replaceable combs and rock hard recoil pads.

The 682 Gold replace the 682 and I believe are all the narrow receiver. The receiver finish changed to a nice gold/bronze/olive color

All the barrels to this point are generally bored .721-.722" and use Mobil chokes.

The 682 Gold E is the latest version. Receiver finish changed to an updated busy design, not to my taste. They have generally lighter weight barrels that are bored to .735" and use the Optima choke system.

A 687EELL is basically a 680/682 with false side-plates. Early versions do not have the adjustable length of pull triggers and have the wide and heavy receivers. Later versions have the adjustable trigger, and at some point swapped over to the narrow receiver.

The usual way to convert the triggers to work, with the small gauges, is to polish the bearing surfaces of the inertia block sear surfaces. It is not uncommon to see skeet guns that have so much material removed as to render the inertia system inoperable. Which is not usually a problem as long as the gun is held with a firm grip. Kolar does a very nice fully-mechanical conversion, but they get \$325 and will only do the conversion on a gun they have tubed. The Kolar conversion requires the shooter to fully release the trigger which some find disconcerting.

I prefer the older wide receiver guns. If you want a quicker handling gun then you probably want one of the newer guns.

There seems to be some confusion between the Optima and Optima Plus chokes. The Optima is used in the 682 Gold E ,newer 687's and newer auto-loaders. The Optima Plus was an over-bored version of the Mobile choke system and was used on 3 1/2" 391 auto-loaders and is not compatible with the Optima system.

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