

## Clearing up the Adler questions



The Adler A110 shotgun has featured in hundreds of newspaper, radio, television and online news stories. In many cases incorrect information is published about the firearm.

As authorities consider the re-classification of this firearm, SSAA Victoria believes it is highly important to clear up the confusion.



### What is the Adler A110?

The Adler A110 is a lever-action shotgun developed by Turkish firearms manufacturer, Adler.

Being a lever-action firearm, the Adler requires users to manually load cartridges into the chamber of the barrel by moving the lever forwards and backwards. When the user works the lever, their finger must be removed from the trigger.

### What are the key features of the Adler A110?

There are two Adler A110s, the 5-shot and the 7-shot.

- Both have a tubular magazine
- Both are 12-gauge shotguns – the most commonly used gauge of shotgun in the world.

### Is lever-action technology new?

Lever action technology was invented in the 1860s, making it more than 150 years old.

This type of shotgun has been available in Australia since 1887. The early models included those with a magazine capacity of seven. In 1996, lever-action firearms were classified as Category A and there have been no safety issues involving lever-actions since.

### What is different about the Adler A110?

According to its Australian importer, NIOA, the only differences are cosmetic. The Adler simply has a more modern and ergonomic design relative to other models of lever-action shotgun and a lighter weight alloy receiver. This model is more reliable and less likely to jam than previous models.

Firearms experts from the Australian Federal Government have confirmed there is no new technology in the firearm and that it operates in the same manner and same speed as all other lever-action shotguns.

### Why did this firearm get so much attention?

A clever marketing campaign by the manufacturer, Adler, led to this firearm's notoriety.

Adler released a YouTube video of the seven-shot firearm being used. The intention was to show future owners that the shotgun would fire seven shots without jamming, unlike many other common lever-actions.

This YouTube video was picked up by the media, anti-gun lobbies and the wider public. A flurry of stories were printed over the next several weeks in which the slogan "it can fire eight shots in eight seconds" became commonplace.

Very quickly the firearm was known for its ability to fire quickly, rather than its actual design improvements, mentioned above.

In the months that proceeded the initial media storm, much misinformation has been circulated about the Adler A110 shotgun.

### **What is the misinformation that has been circulated about the Adler A110?**

#### The Adler is a rapid-fire gun

The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department stated that the term 'rapid fire' is "problematic as there is no technical definition for this term". It suggested that firearms should be classified based on whether they are semi-automatic or fully automatic.

#### The Adler is semi-automatic

A semi-automatic firearm is self-loading. The Adler is manual loading, requiring the lever to be worked in order to load fresh cartridges into the barrel.

#### The five-shot Adler is a 'modified' version of an earlier import application

The five-shot Adler is a standard factory model of the Adler.

#### The Adler is high-powered

The Adler shotgun is no more powerful than any other 12-gauge shotgun currently in Australia.

#### The Adler is illegal

Importation of the Adler A110 seven-shot shotgun, which was legal under Australian law at the time, was temporarily suspended without justification. The Adler five-shot is not illegal – 1200 five-shot Adlers have already been delivered legally to Australian firearms owners.

#### The Adler could be used to commit a massacre

Lever-action firearms are rarely used to commit crimes. According to research, most criminals are likely to use easily concealable, large calibre firearms.

Regardless, this firearm would only be legally available for sale only to people who have been vetted by Victoria Police as being a fit and proper person. Firearms owners must demonstrate a genuine reason to own a firearm, undergo a training course and pass a safety test before police will even consider their application for a licence.

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## **About SSAA Victoria**

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria) represents more than 35,000 members. Its membership base includes target shooters, hunters, collectors and supporters of lawful firearms ownership in Australia. The Association was established to promote responsible shooting and ethical hunting.

SSAA Victoria runs various programs, such as Conservation and Pest Management Accreditation, Shotgunning Education Program, Youth Training Scheme and Range Officer Accreditation. Along with running programs, SSAA Victoria manages shooting ranges at Little River and Springvale, and operates 15 branches across regional Victoria.

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