

Hershfield's  
Christoph Funk  
"Combination" Double

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16x16 Gauge Damascus Steel  
Under-Lever Snap Action  
Created circa 1870

# This Weapon's Uniqueness

Probably the most knowledgeable source on Christoph Funk guns, Peter Ravn Lund who's written a book on the brand states,

**“In all my years as a collector of Funk guns, I have never seen a piece (technically) like yours. In my files, I have appr. 300 descriptions of Funk guns belonging to perhaps 200 owners, - mostly in Germany and the US.”**

Source: “CHRISTOPH FUNK GEWEHRFABRIK - SUHL“ by Peter Ravn Lund

# Christoph Funk Data

- Manufactured in Suhl in Prussian Saxony circa 1870
- Experts in German guns state it may have been the first true centerfire break-action gun design offered to the public
- Their opinion is that it came from the factory as a combination gun with 16 gauge left for shot and probably a smaller gauge (24, 28 or 32) right designed to use metal round ball centerfire cartridges (first introduced about the time the gun was made)
- They feel it was re-bored, (most likely at the Funk factory based on the workmanship) to a 16x16 in the 1880's because:
  - The right barrel has a single set trigger found only in rifles
  - Engravings of larger game (stag/doe) instead of birds
  - The extractor rims are different widths
  - Presence of a Damascus blank where the rear rifle sight would normally have been

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- The barrels are a deeply etched “Damas Bernard” pattern, so unique, few examples exist today
- As was typical for the late 1800’s there is no serial number or proof marks
- However, there are initials “W.K.S.” on the underside of the barrel and a “k” on the inside floor of the action
- It breaks via a “Roux” under-lever snap action with triggerplate Blitz locks
- The firing pins are actuated by strikers visible when cocked
- The safety is a right hand pull-out button that blocks pins
- Everything is deeply engraved with stag, doe, fox and hunting dog

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- Length Overall: 44  $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- Weight: 7.2 Lbs
- Barrel Length: 28"
- Chambers: 16 Gauge 2  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (65mm)
- Chokes: Right .643", Left .663"
- Length of Pull: 13  $\frac{7}{8}$ "
- Drop at Heel: 3"
- Drop at Comb: 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- Ornately carved Buffalo horn grip and butt plate



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