



## PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Pardini Armi presents the new GPR1 LIGHT and the new high-power model GPR16 air rifle**

The GPR1 air rifle – winner of the gold medal at Rio 2016 Olympics – is now available in the **GPR1 Light** version which saves 500 grams of the total weight. No change was made to the proven mechanics that continues to take advantage of the already popular technical solutions. It is available in all the versions already presented: Top, Evo, Pro, and Basic.

New in 2017 is also the **GPR16**, a high power version (16 Joules) of the GPR1 specifically designed for Field Target and Bench Rest shooters. The new model features all the technical and mechanical characteristics of the GPR1. It is available in the Top Evo, Basic, and Pro versions.

## TECHNICAL SHEET

	<b>GPR1 Light</b>	<b>GPR16</b>
Caliber	4,5 mm (.177")	
Power	< 7,5 J	16 J
Barrel length	435 mm	
Weight	4.900 (Top), 4100 (Evo e Pro), 3.500 (Basic) g	5.400 (top), 4.600 (Evo e Pro), 4.000 (Basic) g
Stock length	670-720 mm	
Trigger mechanism	Adjustable first (5-70 g) and second stage (60-100 g)	
Air supply	300 rounds	100 rounds
Versions available	Top, Evo, Pro e Basic	
Notes	Invertible loading lever	

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## Pardini Armi

Pardini Armi was established in 1976 thanks to the passion of Giampiero Pardini, component of the Italian national shooting team in the early seventies. In short, the company of Lido di Camaiore (LU) developed a full line of pistols for academic shooting events that immediately gained significant international successes. The final consecration of Pardini as a sport gun producer arrived in the early nineties with the entrance, in his team, of some of the most important shooters of the moment; Roberto Di Donna and Ralf Schumann will win, at the Atlanta Olympics (1996), the first two



gold medals. From success to success, Pardini Armi comes to monopolize the automatic pistol disciplines and, despite the rule changes, even all the other pistol events

Pardini Armi gained numerous international successes: 24 Olympic medals (10 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze), world and continental Championships, and numerous world records; at Rio 2016 Olympics Pardini won 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Current production includes air pistols (K12 Absorber, Junior K12, K10, K10 Junior and Kid), 25 m sport, rapid fire and center fire pistols (SP, SP Rapid Fire and HP All-in-one which, by means of a conversion system, allow to compete in all 25 meters events) and the FPM free pistol; the catalogue is completed by the GT models for practical shooting, available in 9 mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP. Since 2013 it is available the GPR1 air rifle, provided in the Top, Evo, Pro, and Basic models, also available in Light versions; from 2017 it is also available the GPR16 high-power model (16 Joules).

In 2015, Pardini Firearms has produced about 3,500 pieces divided between sporting guns and air rifles. The turnover was 3.5 million euro, an increase of 20% over the previous year. The first half of 2016 registered an increase of 28% over the same period of the previous year, confirming a trend that has continued throughout the last decade.

The production is destined for the 7% to the Italian domestic market while 93% is exported to over 100 countries either through branches (Pardini USA, Canada Pardini, Pardini Deutschland) or through distributors. The countries with the stronger export are the United States, China, Germany and the Nordic European region.

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