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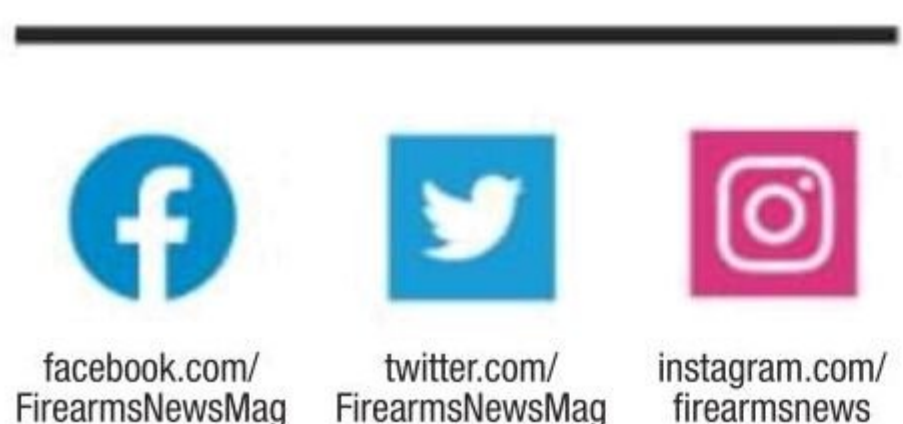


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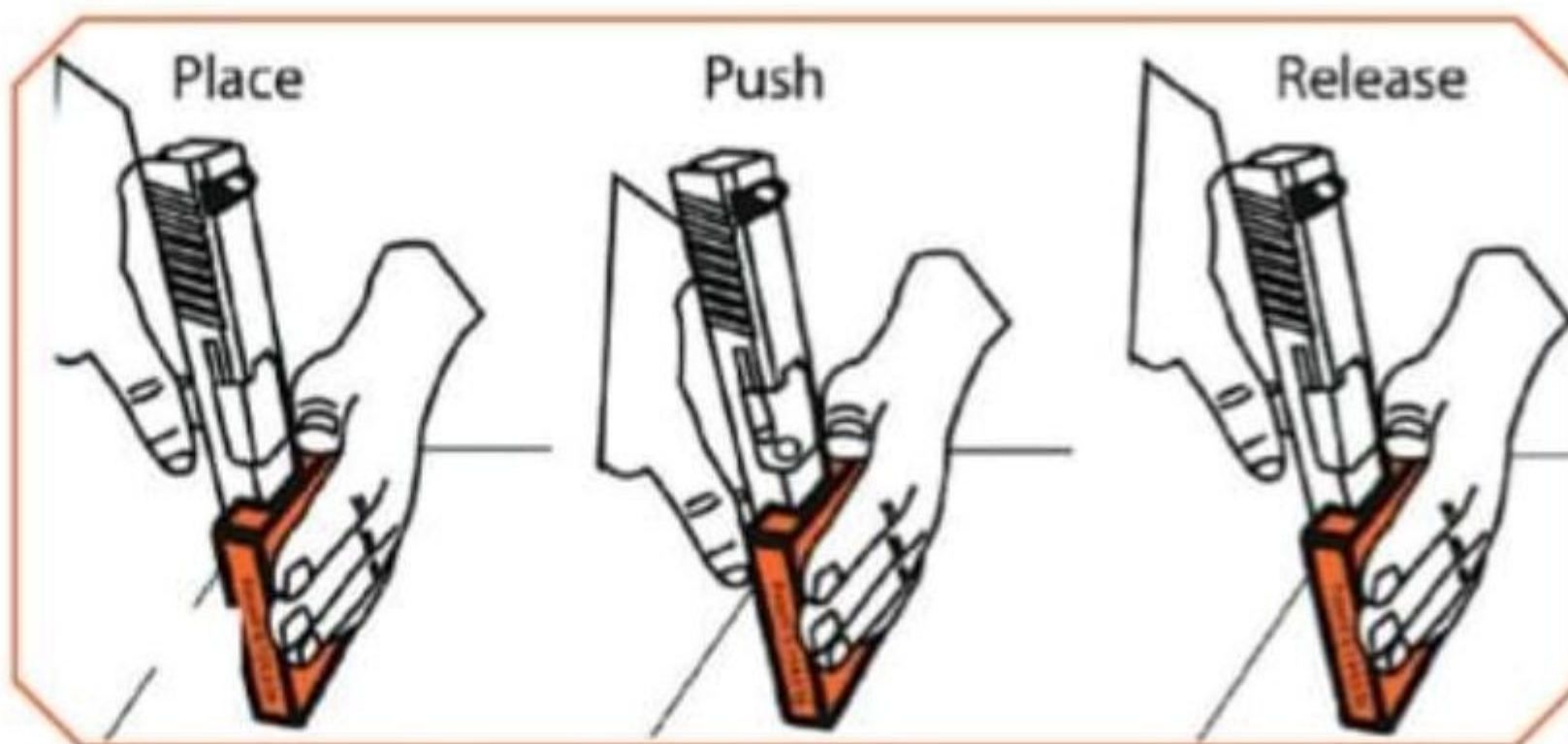
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ARMED HAWAIIAN CITIZEN

SHOOTS AND KILLS MASS MURDERING NEIGHBOR

By Darwin Nercesian



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If you're a fan of the Investigation Discovery documentary series, *Fear Thy Neighbor*, then hold on to your seats because I'm about to tell you the tale of the Keamo and Silva family feud that will undoubtedly find its way into a disturbingly memorable episode in the near future.

Waianae, a small community located on the west coast of the Hawaiian island of Oahu, is a beautiful and popular coastal destination mainly for locals, but a place where tourists are advised to stick to the resorts due to the potential for a less-than-friendly atmosphere. This disposition is not always reserved for visitors, however, with all hell breaking loose due to a bizarre family feud that culminated in the murder of three women, the wounding of another man and woman, and the near massacre of an entire family on August 31st of this year. Had it not been for a member of the victimized family owning a gun and being prepared to use it, this already tragic mass murder would have been significantly worse by unimaginable proportions.

42-year-old Rishard Kanaka Keamo-Carnate, the man who put an

end to the murder spree that Saturday night, shot and killed 59-year-old neighbor Hiram James Silva Sr. after the two families clashed over a loud party and speeding cars at the nonpermitted commercial venue that Silva operated next door. The details of Silva's attack on the family home, however, are hor-

the home. Having rammed several parked cars into the house, Silva, armed with a rifle and a pistol then shot and killed three women in the carport and wounded another man and a woman in the process.

"Then he got out and started shooting holes in the barrels. He was going into the house ... he was going to keep people

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rific in terms of what the mass murderer actually had planned for the evening.

Silva attempted to drive a frontloader, similar to a bulldozer, carrying four 55-gallon fuel drums into the Keamo home that night where 15–20 friends and family were gathered. According to Keamo-Carnate's attorney, Michael Green, the only thing that stopped Silva from getting into the house with that equipment was the eaves of the carport at

there and set the place on fire... The guy went nuts. This isn't one on one where someone says 'he shot first,' This guy was bent on a massacre... The five people [were] the tip of the iceberg. He was going to set the place on fire," according to Green.

With family and friends taking cover for their lives, Keamo-Carnate, who lived at the residence, retrieved his handgun and rushed back to the

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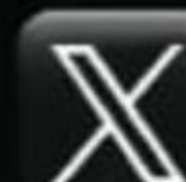
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DONALD TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS OWE GUN OWNERS, AND IT'S TIME TO COLLECT

Getting the Hearing Protection Act Passed, Abolishing the 1989 Imported "Assault Weapons" Ban, and Restoring 2A Rights in Many Democrat States Would Be a Great Start, but Making Bondi AG Would Not.



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"Tump promises to 'rip up' ATF rules," Gun Owners of America announced in a YouTube video released shortly after the once and future president's landslide electoral victory was confirmed. "We're going to hold President Trump to all his campaign promises."

"Under a Trump Administration, all of those Biden disasters get ripped up and torn out my first week, but maybe my first day in office," the president declared "Okay maybe my first."

Expectations among gun owners are understandably high. They need to be tempered, though, because some things Donald Trump can do, others Constitutionally require an act of Congress, and all could be subject to legal challenges.

Starting At the Top

Within the purview of the Executive branch is the ultimate control

of BATFE under a Department of Justice reporting to the president. Trump's initial nominee for attorney general, Rep. Matt Gaetz, had demonstrated understanding and leadership in opposing the Bureau's arbitrary and mutable approach to rules and definitions, demanding "ATF to cease taking any actions and reconsider or rescind any secret determinations which call into question the legality of firearms owned by millions of law-abiding Americans."

But Gaetz dropped out of consideration after a concerted attack by leftists and "moderate" Republicans raising scandalous accusations that had been dismissed by investigators, and Trump didn't miss a beat in nominating Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to fill the slot.

"Pam will refocus the DOJ to its intended purpose of fighting Crime,

and Making America Safe Again," Trump declared. "I have known Pam for many years — She is smart and tough, and is an AMERICA FIRST Fighter, who will do a terrific job as Attorney General!"

Fox News readers agreed, with thousands of gushing comments of approval, oblivious to her selection being nothing less than an affront to gun rights advocates. NRA had called Bondi a "bully" in 2018 after she demanded a federal court deny anonymity to a 19-year-old woman who had requested it in a challenge to Florida's new age restrictions on gun purchases.

NRA went on to sue Bondi over denial of rights for 18–20-year-olds, but the 11th Circuit, contrary to the *Bruen* standard of history, text, and tradition at the time of ratification, "decided that historical sources from Reconstruction are more probative of

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the Second Amendment's scope than those from the Founding."

Additionally, Bondi enthusiastically endorsed due process-denying "red flag" laws and was a prominent voice in opposition to overturning Florida's ban on open carry, a position Senate President Ben Albritton and Establishment Republicans share with zealous Democrat gun prohibitionists. Her office asked a judge to dismiss a lawsuit challenging Florida's "bump stock" ban as an unconstitutional taking of property. And, per a deep dive into the case by *The Last Refuge*, she also "was part of that fraudulent prosecution architecture" in the George Zimmerman case. "In fact, without her origination the state case against [him] was non-existent."

These actions all directly contradict Donald Trump's campaign promise that "Your Second Amendment will always be safe with me as your president when I'm back in the Oval Office." So, what made him make this pick without even consulting "Gun Owners for Trump," the coalition of gun rights leaders and organizations who mobilized their followers to support his campaign with the understanding that they'd have the president's ear on Second Amendment policy decisions?

First, her positions weren't that different from contradictory Trump's own statements and actions, from "[T]ake the guns first, go through due process second," to endorsing raising the minimum age to buy firearms to 21, to his own penchant for banning rapid fire devices, and not just bump stocks, but trigger cranks, binary triggers, forced reset triggers and any devices, considering his memorandum instructing the Attorney General "to dedicate all available resources to... propose for notice and comment a rule banning all devices that turn legal weapons into machineguns."

And per the Associated Press, after the Parkland killings, "Trump thanked Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a close political ally who attended the

ball, and told everyone he's 'doing a great job.'" Scott, in addition to supporting red flag disarmament, signed legislation to "raise the age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21, require a three-day waiting period for most gun purchases, and ban the sale or possession of 'bump stocks.'"

WHOEVER IS ULTIMATELY CONFIRMED—AND WE'LL SEE IF GUN OWNERS PROTEST LOUDLY ENOUGH TO FORCE A RECONSIDERATION ON BONDI, ALTHOUGH TRUMP IS NOTHING IF NOT UNYIELDINGLY STUBBORN...

For Trump, it's personal. Per ABC News, Bondi has backed him on election fraud claims, "railed against criminal indictments against him," and has promised to prosecute "bad" DOJ prosecutors and "implied action could be taken against President Joe Biden. It's not a stretch, especially with actions against him for his rhetoric during the January 6, 2021, Capitol protest, to presume he prioritizes that above campaign sloganeering he used to bring cheering gun owners to their feet. But it does not have to be that way—he could have picked an AG who backed him on all the above but also did not carry Bondi's gun-grabber baggage.

Whoever is ultimately confirmed—and we'll see if gun owners protest loudly enough to force a reconsideration on Bondi, although Trump is nothing if not unyieldingly stubborn—perhaps with enough pressure ATF could have their current efforts to ban or redefine devices (braces, forced reset triggers, unfinished gun parts, etc.) curtailed by direction and with budget mandates. We might also look for the Trump administration to stop attacks on gun dealers over minor paperwork errors under "zero tolerance," to forbid lists identifying gun owners in violation of the Firearms Owners Protection Act proscription against gun registries, and to reverse the Biden administration's attack on private gun transfers through its disingenuous

redefinition of what it means to "be in the business of."

There's something else Trump could do quickly that would not require Congressional approval. Back in 1989, George H.W. Bush (the "Read my lips, no new gun laws" president who quit the NRA over its then-

Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre repeating Democrat Rep. John Dingell's "jackbooted thugs" reference to ATF) imposed "a permanent import ban on 43 types of semiautomatic assault rifles, including the Chinese-made AK47 and Israeli-made Uzi carbine," per *The Washington Post*. The excuse given was they "were not being used for sport as required by the Gun Control Act of 1968."

That would be "very easy" to overturn, *Firearms News* Editor-in-Chief, Vincent L. DeNiro, who has a nine-page resume in the gun industry going back to 1982, assesses. "President Trump doesn't even need Congress to get rid of the unconstitutional 1989 'assault weapons' import ban, he just needs to order the BATFE to declare all imported semi-auto rifles as 'sporting,' which is what these same models are considered when domestically produced." (True, "sporting use" is a term originated in a 1938 German gun control law, and "swords and every terrible implement of the soldier are the birthright of an American," but it will get the job done and we know why we want them.)

DeNiro knows this very well as he led the fight of a municipal "assault weapons" ban in 1989, which was the first one defeated in the U.S. after the Purdy mass shooting that sparked Bush's import ban. DeNiro's efforts, from January to March of that year,

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made national news and stopped many other proposed city and state “assault weapons” bans from going further. DeNiro continues, “If he [President Trump] wants to go down in history as a Second Amendment hero, he can make this happen on day one.”

As for eliminating ATF altogether, even though it was established by the Treasury Department and not by Congress, it is recognized under U.S. Code and responding Congressional objections and lawsuits by prohibitionist groups and states, would drag such an effort on for years. Besides, without eliminating the edicts ATF enforces first and just transferring its functions to another agency like the FBI, the problem of infringements wouldn’t go away, they’d just be assigned to different enforcers.

“At noon on Inauguration Day, we will sack the anti-gun fanatic Steve Dettelbach ... and replace him with an ATF director who respects the sacred rights to keep and bear arms,” Trump has declared to enthusiastic gun owner approval. How that’s even possible remains unsaid. While some gun owners are clamoring for the self-nominated “AK Guy” and narrowly defeated Congressional candidate Brandon Herrera to be appointed, the same question of how one can rule hell without being a devil applies to him, or to anyone else who takes the post and enforces any infringement.

Trump can and will also appoint heads of other agencies that discriminate against citizens and the Second Amendment, including the Department of Veterans Affairs that has sought to deny firearms to veterans who had a fiduciary appointed to them to manage their finances.

There Oughta Be a Law

Foremost in the minds of many gun owners is a bill establishing national concealed carry reciprocity, which Trump promised he would sign.

“My administration will protect the right of self-defense wherever it is under siege,” Trump asserted. “I will

sign concealed carry reciprocity — your Second Amendment does not end at the state line.”

The first question is “Which kind?” Will it require states to honor the permits of other states the way they do drivers licenses, or will it establish permitless carry, as introduced in a bill by Rep. Thomas Massie, legislation that recognizes rights don’t need anybody’s permission. Already factions are splitting between gun owners who say the latter is a bridge too far so it’s best to take things incrementally. Realistically, either way would result in lawsuits that would go on for years.

GUN OWNERS’ BIGGEST HOPE LIES WITH THE FEDERAL COURTS, AND WITH DONALD TRUMP’S PREROGATIVE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES WHO WILL UPHOLD THE SECOND AMENDMENT IN THE SUPREME AND INFERIOR COURTS.

Those getting their hopes up are also ignoring another reality that could make either effort a moot point: The margins of Republican victories in both the House and the Senate mean the anti-gunners would only need a few crossover votes with GOP “moderates” joining Democrats to keep any gun bill from reaching the president’s desk. Giffords-endorsed Pennsylvania “Republican” Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick and all the House and Senate quislings who voted for Joe Biden’s “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act” come to mind.

Due process-denying “red flag laws,” unserialized 3D printed “ghost gun” bans, restoration of rights (in spite of GCA’s provision to allow “prohibited” persons to regain their rights, Chuck Schumer added a longstanding appropriations rider denying funds to process firearms rights-restoration forms), “gun-free” zones, the Lautenberg Amendment, and more, you name the infringement, and good luck getting a majority to agree to roll back anything and get it to Trump’s desk. He can lead and he can cajole, but he can’t force. As for deregulating

suppressors, as much as Democrats try to swindle the Fudds into believing they’re “pro-gun,” every sponsor of Sen. Mike Crapo’s S. 401 “Hearing Protection” Act is a Republican.

And then there are still all those unconstitutional state gun laws and bans passed during Trumps’ first four years with no fight from his Attorney General William Barr last time. It’s important to note that Barr supported the Bush imported “assault weapons” ban as well as proposed domestic semiauto and “high capacity” magazine bans while he was Bush’s AG. Recall it was Trump who said, “*States*

can do what they want [regarding gun control]” during the infamous Feinstein bump stock ban meeting, and there are no indications his AG nominee Bondi will be anything but Barr 2.0.

There is also the continual lawfare that threatens to impose disarmament from the bench. If the election results don’t make those go away, what chance do some of the more grandiose plans, like elimination of the Hughes Amendment banning post 1986 machineguns, overturning the 1968 Gun Control Act, or cleansing the original sin, the 1934 National Firearms Act? Or actually promoting the core purpose behind the Constitutional Militia?

Gun owners’ biggest hope lies with the federal courts, and with Donald Trump’s prerogative to nominate candidates who will uphold the Second Amendment in the Supreme and inferior courts. The problem that needs to be overcome there is the Senate’s “advise and consent” power to confirm nominees. “At issue,” Congressional Research Service reports, “has been whether, or to what extent, questions

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by committee members should seek out a nominee's personal views on current legal or constitutional issues or on past Supreme Court decisions that have involved those issues."

In other words, nominees can play coy with how they really feel about the Second Amendment, and if they turn out to be a pig in a poke it may not be clear until they rule on a case. Trump needs to ensure serious vetting takes place before offering up a name. And he doesn't need to do it alone.

A Government of the People

"Today we are also announcing the launch of Gun Owners for Trump, and this is to get out the vote," the Trump campaign announced in June. *Firearms News* recalled a similar effort launched in 2020 and noted that was a reboot of sorts of 2016's Second Amendment Coalition, jointly chaired by Donald Trump Jr. and then-NRA ILA head Chris Cox along with 62 co-chairs. After the election, we never heard from them again.

There is no reason why that should be allowed by gun owners to happen again. It's crucial that those who understand the issues have a say in the administration's handling of Second Amendment-related issues and have the president's ear so his decision making can be influenced and informed by their experience and knowledge, something he did not do with his Bondi nomination.

But to that end, there are two things the president could do that would help: Disband the White House Office of Gun Safety and replace it with the Office of Second Amendment Protection. If Biden could appoint Kamala Harris to lend authority to his venture, Trump could assign the duties to Vice President JD Vance.

Gun rights leaders and legal scholars could be identified and nominated to analyze and prioritize bills, lawsuits, regulations, opportunities, and threats, to advise on judicial and other federal nominees, and to help educate the public. The Office would

provide a way for the public to express their concerns and to offer ideas and suggestions, meaning gun owners would have a conduit.

Putting Teeth in It

Back in 2001, John Ashcroft, Attorney General under President George W. Bush, stated his legal opinion that "the text and the original intent of the Second Amendment clearly protect the right of individuals to keep and bear firearms."

Using that, this correspondent and a handful of colleagues in California reasoned that on many occasions the U.S. Justice Department had sent teams of lawyers to force states, municipalities, agencies, and officials to obey civil rights statutes, resulting in laws being overturned and in legal actions against individuals. To that end, we created "A Petition for Enforcement of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States" asking AG Ashcroft to protect our right to keep and bear arms just as the government had done in the past when other civil rights had been violated.

This was in the days before social media and many gun owners were still getting used to dial-up internet and just discovering the power of access to information, with only a fraction of what we enjoy today. Despite that, we managed to get our message out and ended up sending over 40,000 signatures, hand gathered and mailed into us, to Ashcroft who, predictably, ignored us because he didn't really mean it and because he could.

Imagine now the Department of Justice under an actual Second Amendment advocate, and what it could do fighting infringements and prohibitionist lawfare waged by states with unlimited tax war chests in tandem with Astroturf prohibitionist groups funded by antigun elites. Right now, the costs to defend against these innumerable assaults on all levels are borne by gun rights groups and members of mostly modest means who can only support a fraction of

what is needed. That equation could be turned on its head.

There's much Donald Trump won't be able to do, but a lot that he can if he means to keep his pledge to the gun owners he could not have won without. Rein in ATF, Mr. President. Do what you can with your bully pulpit to influence American citizens and your unique power to influence your party and the Congress. Make informed judicial appointments. Listen to gun rights leaders. And task the Justice Department with the Constitutional imperative to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

All this is what the Bondi nomination would stop in its tracks. Rather than ushering in a Renaissance of Rights, Trump is imposing an AG who not only has a history of enforcing existing Intolerable Acts, but who craves more. For apologists who excuse her by saying she was just doing her job, what happened to the oath to the Constitution coming first? Those of us who wouldn't do a job that required us to deny rights to others have no sympathy for the counter that at least she'll be better than Merrick Garland, and no tolerance for the idiot question "Would you rather have Kamala Harris?"

We didn't vote for "at least." We have a chance to make real strides, and Trump is blowing it right out of the starting gate. At this writing, and hopefully that will change by the time this piece hits the newsstands, the National Association for Gun Rights has issued a warning and Gun Owners of America has released a statement declaring "GOA is pressing for Senators to openly question Pam Bondi on where she currently stands on the Second Amendment." It's not unreasonable to expect our gun rights leaders to lead on this, to loudly condemn her selection, and to urge their millions of members to join them in vigorously protesting this to both Trump and their "A"-rated senators who will vote on her confirmation. 

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SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP IS BRINGING PRINT BACK

Firearms News' Facebook Page Getting Deleted Is Part of the Reason Why

I remember when the press was for the people, or at least they made an effort to seem like they were. As a kid growing up, the idea I could trust someone on television to report what was going on in the world around me wasn't a foreign concept. Before this sounds like an introduction to the next Ron Burgandy installment, let me say that times have changed. Journalism has become less about delving deep into the dark corners of society to shed light on truth, and more about controlling the public narrative. However, we've also seen a big shift in how the news is delivered. The rise of the internet has seen social media evolve into a fundamental part of our daily lives. When we want more of a subject, we follow a page or set an alert. Over the years, some have traded in their monthly subscriptions for more immediate satisfaction, only to find it less satisfying. Social media has created digital dependency by tapping into a desire to consume things instantly despite what we might be force-fed.

While few recall the birth of social media in 1997 with the Six Degrees social network service website, and subsequent platforms Friendster and Myspace in 2002 and 2003, it was arguably the launch of Facebook in 2004 that saw the medium grow into the giant it has become. Since then, platforms such as YouTube, X



(formerly Twitter), and Instagram have all contributed to the wealth of physical therapists treating tech neck as we stare into the information abyss held right in the palm of our hand. Aside from speed, however, what is the driving force behind the constant scrolling and swiping?

To answer this, we must first understand the fall of traditional media. According to Gallop polls, 72% of Americans had a great deal or fair amount of trust in the mainstream media in 1976. That number steadily declined to 44% in 2004, with Facebook waiting in the wings as an alternative means of sharing the news. By 2023, Americans' trust in

the mainstream media had dropped to an all-time low of 32%, a figure propped up mostly by far-left sycophants punch drunk on the Kool-Aid while conservatives and independents had long since seen the writing on the wall.

Many turned to social media as a source of news and information thinking they had the freedom to choose. This opened the door for individuals and independent outlets to share their trades, tutorials, and perspectives with anyone who would listen. Traditional print media, like *Firearms News*, proceeded cautiously, preserving the integrity and format of its content while using the internet



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Whoever the villain and whatever the mechanism used to control the flow of information before social media, they weren't just going to pack it up now that we had an alternative. Those in control tend only to tighten their grip, even if it means losing people's trust, as witnessed with the mainstream media. Just like the music industry adapted to the digital age, so would the once analog Gestapo find a way to digitize its agenda. Over the years, we have seen conservative and pro-Second Amendment voices silenced across social media, with platforms removing content, suspending users, shadow banning, and ultimately deleting accounts altogether. For the uninitiated, shadow banning involves deliberate manipulation of algorithms to make content undiscoverable on a platform except by the person who posted it.

When Elon Musk purchased Twitter in 2022, his arrival preceded

the release of what has become known as the Twitter Files, a treasure trove of documents demonstrating government coercion of the platform to silence news reports about the Hunter Biden laptop, COVID-19 vaccine cautions, and any commentary considered contrary to the sanitized agenda. Under Musk's leadership, Twitter, now rebranded as X, better resembles the town square it was originally promoted as.

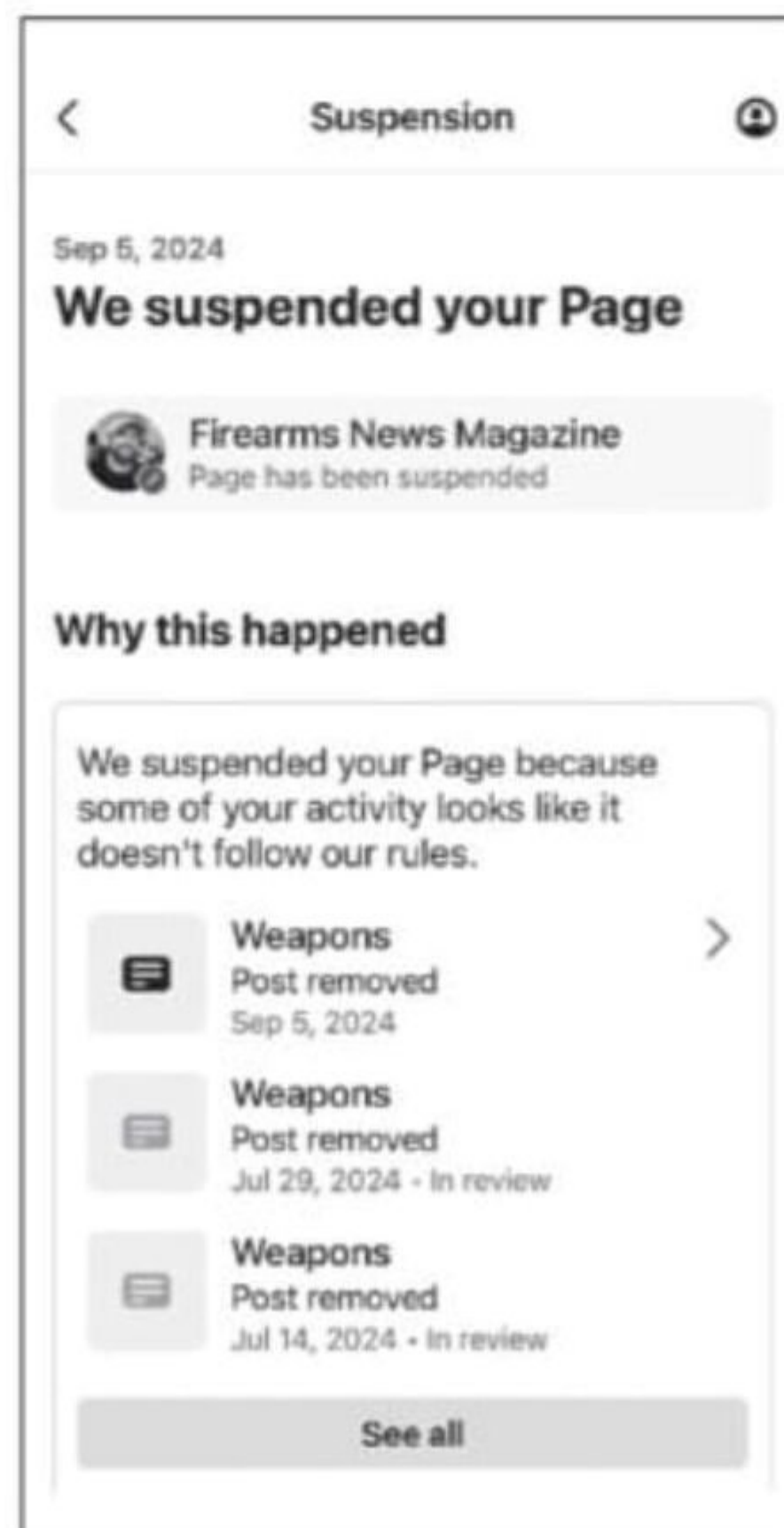
Meanwhile, in the Metaverse, it's business as usual, with Facebook and Instagram playing the role of digital brown shirt, dialing up the algorithm aggression late last year in concert with Google-owned video giant, YouTube, to target the firearms community causing an enormous loss of engagement. To put things into perspective, in 2023, *Firearms News* received over 456 million impressions on content posted to Facebook. By September 2024, engagement for the year had only reached approximately 34 million impressions, down almost 90%.

After months of continued harassment and false claims of community standards violations, the Zuckerberg cartel escalated attacks by unpublishing the *Firearms News* Facebook page entirely. Outdoor Sportsman Group, the largest media company devoted to America's 80 million+ outdoor sports enthusiasts, is the parent company of *Firearms News* and other renowned titles such as *Guns & Ammo*, *Game & Fish*, *Bowhunter*, *Rifle Shooter*, and television networks including Outdoor Channel, Sportsman Channel, and World Fishing Network. The company has spent millions of dollars advertising with Facebook over the years, however, it has not been afforded the opportunity to resolve the matter to any reasonable conclusion. This begs the question as to whether Facebook is a platform companies should feel secure investing their money and manpower in if it can be wiped out instantaneously without discourse or proper oversight.

With transparency in mind, let's look at community standards as they pertain to firearms content on the platform.

From Facebook:

- "Attempts to buy, sell, or trade, firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, explosives, or lethal enhancements except when:
 - posted by a Page, Group or Instagram profile representing legitimate brick-and-mortar entities, including retail businesses, websites, brands or government agencies (e.g. police department, fire department) or a private individual sharing content on behalf of legitimate brick-and-mortar entities.
- Attempts to donate or gift firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, explosives, or lethal enhancements except when posted in the following contexts:
 - Donating, trading in or buying back firearms and ammunition by a Page, Group





A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a handgun. The person has extensive tattoos on their forearms and is wearing a grey textured sweater and a smartwatch on their left wrist. The background is dark and out of focus.

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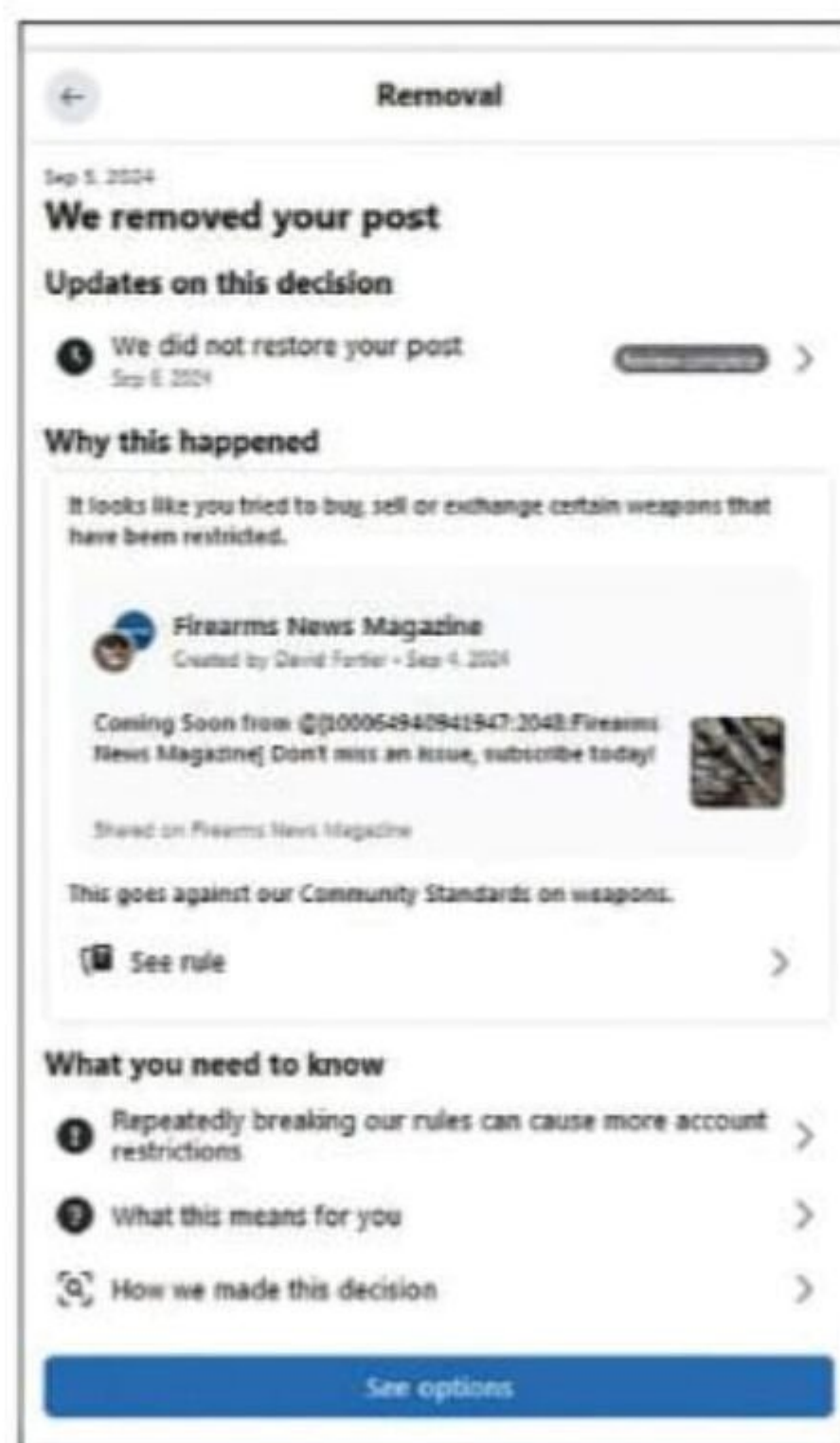
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- Asks for firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, explosives, or lethal enhancements
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- Attempts to buy, sell, or trade machine gun conversion devices”

Firearms News does not deal in any firearms or related equipment. As a news organization, we sell subscriptions and ad space. Not a single condition listed has ever been violated on our Facebook page.

What happens next would seem bizarre if we didn’t understand the true motivation behind Facebook’s actions. The platform deploys a maze of endless loops designed to avoid any accountability. First, it unpublishes your page and restricts accounts belonging to admins. When one of these admins contacts Facebook to resolve the issue, they are directed to use functions of the platform that their restricted account now prohibits them from using. Facebook then suggests another admin take point, knowing they have restricted all the

admin accounts. When reminded, Facebook says to create a new admin account, then restricts that one. When you point out you have never violated any community standards, Facebook employees tell you to go over them once again. When you ask which standard you violated, they tell you they can’t say. When you ask who can tell you, they tell you they can’t give you that information either. Sometimes they blame it on faulty AI, seemingly an admission of error on Facebook’s part, but when you respond, “Great, so we can fix it?” they tell you they are unable to. And when you ask who might be able to, they tell you they can’t say. If you think that’s difficult to read, I assure you it’s even more difficult to write.



America’s enduring connection with firearms ownership is rooted in our heritage. It is a relationship that is never going away. Firearms owners are very much a self-policing community, with a tradition of educating new shooters of any age on the fundamentals of safety and responsible

gun ownership. This is true for home defense, everyday carry, hunting, competition, or recreational shooting. The internet has presented us with the opportunity to educate larger audiences. Those who wish not to partake have the right to seek content more suitable to their interests, however, for those wanting to travel down that road, silencing the community’s most trusted resources is morally irresponsible. People don’t learn to communicate about subjects they don’t understand by being chastised for their pursuits. Stifling the free exchange of ideas puts us on a destructive path leading to a cascade of failures. It does not escape me that those failures may be the desired effect, with the goal being a larger power grab. If you think I need to adjust my tin foil, allow me to test your short-term memory by reminding you again of a little incident called COVID-19.

Social media deliberately alters our perception of the world, exploiting vulnerabilities in human psychology to create addiction. Individually curated echo chambers called “feeds” are designed to seduce a false sense that everyone agrees with you, placing the user in a suggestive state where they are easily manipulated into hours of doomscrolling, creating billions in advertising profit for tech giants. If you are not paying for the product, you are the product, and the gradual imperceptible change in your behavior is what’s really for sale. Social media is not a tool you use to connect, as tools lie dormant until they are meant to be used. Instead, it has its own goals as we are bombarded with updates and notifications designed to keep bringing us back. Social media demands every minute of our attention that it can get, making us the tools for their cash machine despite data that has proven this addiction leads to mental health issues such as feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression.

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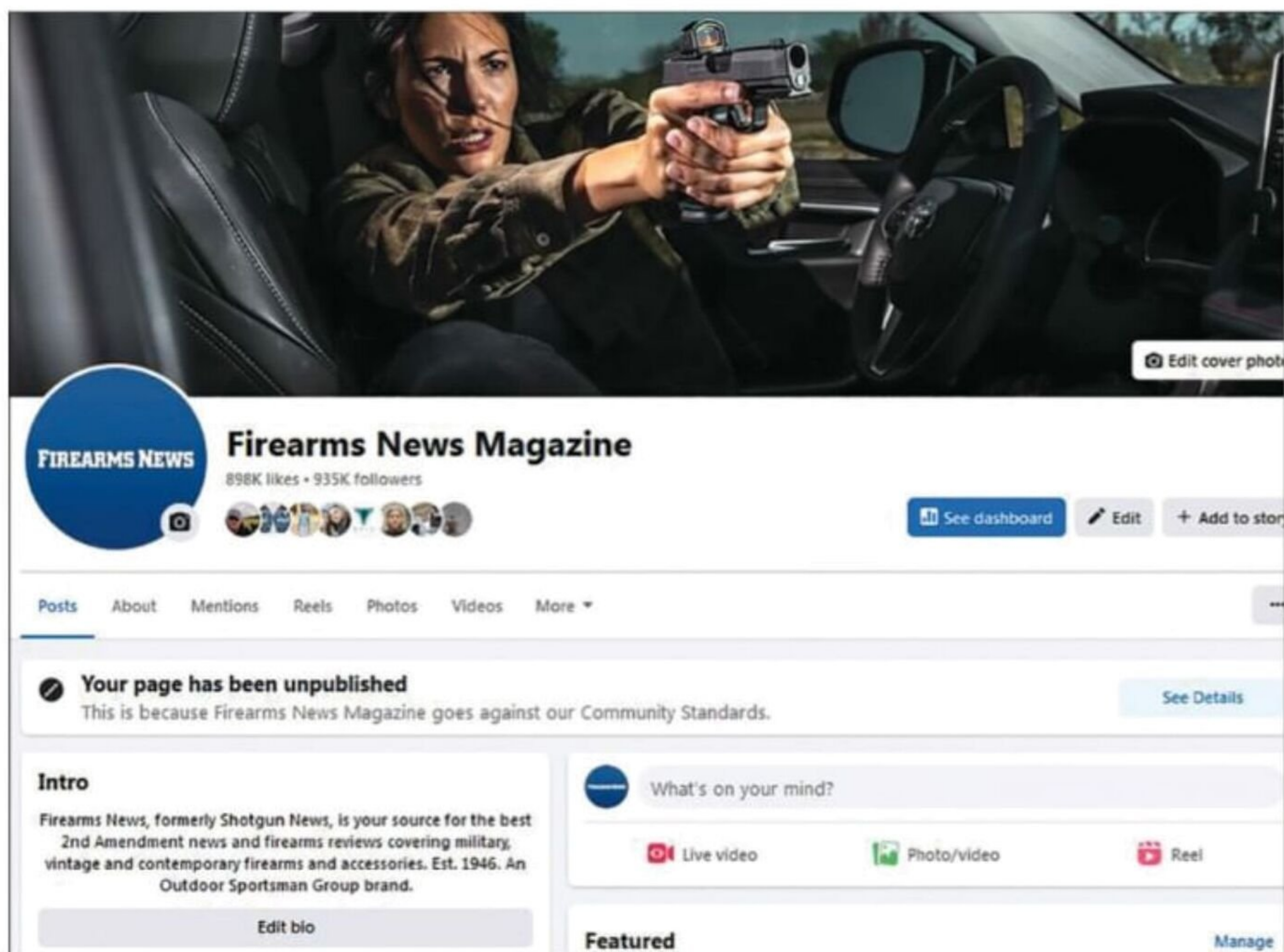


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transform the information age into the disinformation age, where the truth is substituted for “your truth” and “my truth.” Cathy O’Neil, author of *Weapons of Math Destruction*, states, “Algorithms are opinions embedded in code.” They are not objective, and just as they are used to manipulate for profit, so are they used to manipulate for control. People are being fed alternate realities with only the illusion of choice, dividing society and creating an environment where we can no longer hear each other. With overwhelming control over human weakness, social media polarizes communities, parading out the worst in us and eroding societal fabric to the point that democracy, just as information, is for sale to the highest bidder.

While big tech would love to see the death of traditional publishing, the industry is experiencing a resurgence.

According to recent surveys, books and magazines are very much alive, with 2021 launching 122 new print magazines in the United States alone. A revived interest in print has been attributed to the analog preferences of Gen Z readers, confirming our data which indicates a strong increase among men 18–35 years old. Another factor is inevitable digital fatigue likely accelerated by pandemic lockdowns and isolation. Advertisers take note also, as recent studies show consumers are far more likely to pay attention to and trust in the content of a print advertisement in contrast to online ads which are more often ignored or dismissed.

More importantly, print can’t be deleted. The only community standards it is subject to are yours, the reader. With limited space, print must be discerning, with articles and reviews

that can’t be edited, deleted, or buried quickly in a barrage of hurried and unqualified content. It is a memorable dining experience compared to the internet’s bargain buffet. Blogs, online forums, and even social media platforms come and go. Think I’m wrong? I remember when there wasn’t an internet, and I’m not that old. I’ve seen more come and go in this short time than the few who have endured. In the case of *Firearms News*, we’ve been around since long before the World Wide Web, and we’ll be around when people say, “*Yeah, I’ve heard of Facebook, did you have a profile back in the day?*”

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IN-HAND CARRY

I have previously written about “off-body carry” in this column, dealing with carrying a gun in backpacks and bags and purses, but I’ve become aware of a few recent products that have made me want to address a subset of off-body carry—I guess I’ll call it “in-hand carry.”

Occasionally, you’ll find backpacks and purses swinging from your hand, but mostly they are bigger bags and will be slung across your body. However, there are a number of smaller cases that aren’t meant to hang from anywhere on your body but your hand. I want to talk about them, as well as a few dos and don’ts.

A bag/case in your hand means the gun inside it will be quicker to access than a gun in a backpack, but you will likely want/need to set that case down at some point. As I’ve said before, treat that container holding the gun like it’s full of cash. If you’re going to be setting it down, don’t ever walk away from it.

That brings us to the nylon cases Springfield Armory supplies with a lot of their carry-sized pistols. These

cases are zippered and just large enough to hold the pistol and maybe one spare magazine. They don’t look like gun cases at all, and would be a great, discreet way to carry your pistol in one hand, especially the smaller cases meant for the Hellcat. They would be perfect—except that the black cases are plastered with the white crossed cannons Springfield logo. Gun company logos and discreet carry do not mix. Springfield, I’m begging you—remove the logo, and then a lot more people will actually use these cases.

The idea for this column actually came when Crossbreed Holsters (CrossbreedHolsters.com) sent me one of their new Range Defender range bags. This is a premium range bag that is shockingly nice and well made. It is constructed of ballistic polyester, with a small Crossbreed logo on a piece of leather stitched down in one corner—but it’s black-on-black and hard to see even if you’re looking, so it is discreet. And that’s part of why I’m talking about this bag—it’s meant as a small range bag/fancy pistol case,



For off-body carry, a bag/case in your hand is faster than drawing from a backpack, but there are a few things you need to consider.

but it doesn’t look tactical at all—in describing it to someone I called it “a business casual range bag.” It looks like a small briefcase, something big enough to carry around a tablet. What it doesn’t look like is something meant to hold a gun. Which means its utility extends beyond simple trips to and from the range.

The bag is roughly twelve inches long, ten inches tall, and four inches wide, with dual leather-trimmed handles at the top. It’s got a full-length zipper so you can flip it open and lay it flat if you want. Inside the Range



The cases Springfield Armory supplies with some of its pistols would be perfect for discreet, in-hand carry...if it wasn’t for the giant gun company logo on the side.

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In the middle of the bag is a zippered pouch with a plush velvet-like lining, big enough for a full-size handgun with an optic and extended magazine. And that center premium plush pouch is removable, if you want to carry it separately or make room on the inside of the case. There are also two other large pouches/pockets inside the case, plus one on the outside, so it is very functional, but like I said—I think one of the best things about this gun case is that it doesn't look like a gun case. If you saw this sitting in front of someone on a table at Starbucks, you wouldn't give it a second look. Personally, I think they should also offer it in a non-black color, perhaps gray or a medium brown with darker brown leather accents. It would look sharp and in no way would look tactical. MSRP is \$89.95, but Crossbreed currently has it on sale.

Any bag/case that is the right size/shape to carry in your hand will work, but you need to protect the trigger of

that pistol, so it can't accidentally get pushed. If there isn't a dedicated holster for the gun inside the case, covering the trigger guard, make sure there is absolutely nothing in the chamber/pocket with the pistol, as you don't want any keys/pens/whatever getting wedged inside that trigger guard.

You should also check out the Magnetic Bag Company (MagneticBagCompany.com). This is one of those products I stumbled across and use regularly in my personal life. I saw ads for this on Instagram, took a chance, and have been very happy with the Crossbody Bag, which I've been using for at least six months now at the gym, as my gym has a "no bags on the floor" policy. I don't use the sling



Tarr stumbled across the Crossbody Bag from the Magnetic Bag Company, and it is exactly what you think from the name. He uses it at his gym, which has a "no bags on the floor" policy. It's just big enough for a subcompact pistol.

which gives it the crossbody name, I just carry it in my hand.

It seems very well made, strong and appropriately priced for what you get—\$79.99, although it seems to be permanently on sale for \$10 off that. They don't market it toward the CCW crowd, but it sure seems well made for the job, and doesn't look tactical or like a bag which might contain a gun, which is exactly the point. There are two very strong magnets at the rear of the bag, and I don't think you could fill it with enough weight to pull it off something it's attached to. It clanks loudly into place if you even get it near metal, and I stick it to whatever machine I'm using at the gym.

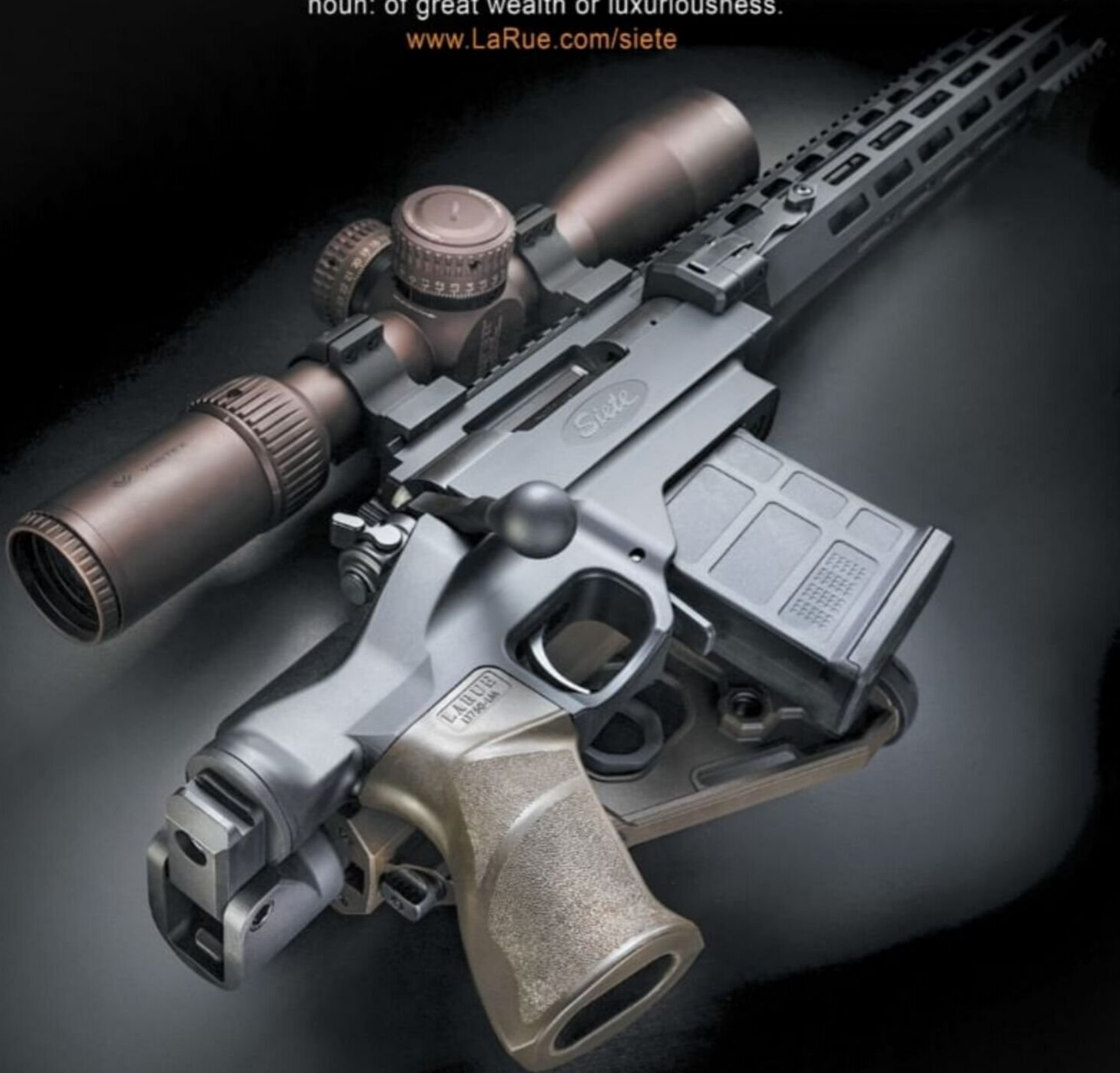
The bag is available in black, green, and pink. This bag is roughly rectangular, and maybe smaller than you might think, which means it is not too big to just carry around if you so desire. It has two zippered pockets, one behind the other, as well as a slim external pouch in front where I stick my phone when I'm at the gym. The internal dimensions of that back pocket are 6.5 inches by 4.5 inches, and a SIG P365 with an extended 12-round magazine fits in there perfectly. A Glock 19 won't fit, it's too big. Nobody at the gym has given this bag a second look, and it wouldn't attract any attention sitting on the table at the coffee shop either. 

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The 7.62x25mm Model 1930 Type P “Tokarev” Cartridge Today!



The 7.62x25mm “Tokarev” cartridge has a cult following due to its history and high velocity.

I am constantly surprised by the amount of shooters who are interested in or simply love the old Soviet 7.62x25mm “Tokarev” cartridge. I do not know if it’s due to its historical appeal, eye-catching bottleneck design or simply its high velocity, but this 1930 vintage cartridge has a cult following. I can sympathize with them as I’ve been a fan of the Bolshevik Bottleneck for almost 40 years now. I find its developmental history interesting, enjoy reloading it and love shooting it.

The 7.62x25mm pegs the redline when it comes to velocity, yet recoil is fairly mild. Accuracy is typically good and it’s a fun cartridge to shoot, with a hearty boom and healthy muzzle blast and noticeable flash in low light. In years past, economical surplus ball ammunition was widely available at very inexpensive prices to go with an array of economical TT-33 “Tula Tokarev” pistols manufactured by various countries. Certainly, cheap ammo and economical pistols initially spurred its popularity. Yet, while the days of \$75 spam cans have come to an end, shooters still love this classic cartridge.

A distinctive looking bottle-necked design, the 7.62x25mm cartridge has an overall length of 1.386 inches and a maximum case length of 0.984 of an inch. Shoulder angle is 19 degrees, neck diameter is 0.355 inch, and it has a shoulder diameter of 0.373 inch. Base diameter is 0.387 inch and it

has the same rim diameter as the 9mm Parabellum, 0.392 inch. Projectile diameter is 0.309 inch. Parent case is the 7.63x25mm Mauser and over the years ammunition was loaded with brass and steel cases as well as Berdan and boxer primers. Military surplus ammunition is typically corrosive, so keep that in mind.

The 7.62x25mm cartridge was intended to be a solution to an annoying problem vexing Soviet small arms designers in the mid-1920s. The issue they faced was trying to design auto-loading weapons around the standard issue 7.62x38mmR revolver cartridge. Adopted with the M1895 “gas seal” Nagant revolver, this odd cartridge was unsuitable for use in modern automatic weapons, especially submachine guns, although Soviet designers did try.

A simple solution to their dilemma was found in the 7.63x25mm Mauser

cartridge chambered in Mauser’s Konstruktion 96 “Broomhandle” pistol. C.96 pistols had been fielded by Imperial officers during the Great War and used by both sides during the Russian Civil War. In the post war years, Mauser introduced the M1921 variant of the C.96. This featured a shorter 3.9-inch barrel, shorter grip, and was mass produced from 1921 to 1930. It was sold in quantities to the Bolshevik government and later to the Red Army to such a large degree it became widely associated with the Bolsheviks, and was thus nicknamed the “Bolo.” Yet while various C.96 and M1921 pistols were in service, neither they nor their 7.63mm cartridge were actually standard issue.

So, on 31st July 1928, Nikolay Efimov, head of the Second Directorate



The 7.62x25mm with its peers (L to R): Sectioned lead core 85-grain projectile, Chinese copper washed steel case, 7.62x25mm, 7.63 Mauser SP, 9x19mm Parabellum, .380/200 Revolver, 7.65mm Luger.



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of the Red Army headquarters, declared the 7.63mm Mauser cartridge would be adopted as the new Soviet standard for both pistols and submachine guns. It would replace the 7.62x38mmR cartridge of the M1895 Nagant revolver. The Soviets would purchase both a license and cartridge manufacturing equipment from DWM of Germany. To better fit their manufacturing needs, the 7.63mm Mauser cartridge was slightly adjusted and adopted as the Model 1930 7.62mm pistol cartridge.

In its military loading, it typically features a 0.309-inch 85-grain lead cored projectile with a cupro-nickel jacket. This was driven at approximately 1,375 fps from a TT-30's 4.6-inch barrel. The 7.62mm Samozaryadnyi Pistolet Tokareva obraztsa 1930 goda (7.62mm Tokarev self-loading pistol model 1930), better known simply as the TT or Tula Tokarev, was initially adopted with the cartridge. Tokarev's design quickly received a number of refinements to become the TT-33. The cartridge would also be teamed with a variety of submachine gun designs.

Velocity varied greatly over the years with different factories/countries loading to higher velocities, some of them substantially higher. Velocity from a 4.6-inch TT-33 can range from 1,350 to 1,500+ fps. For this reason it is not recommended to fire 7.62x25mm ammunition in 7.63mm Mauser pistols. During its service life, the Soviets issued a number of loads including ball, AP, Tracer and Incendiary ammunition.

The 7.62x25mm went on to make its biggest mark not as a handgun cartridge but rather when fired from a submachine gun. It saw widespread use in a variety of models, both during World War II and after. This cartridge, and the PPSH-41 submachine gun in particular, played a critical role in the defense of the Soviet Union. Easy to control on full automatic and effective at short ranges, it provided an effective close-range alternative to the 7.62x54mmR.



A host of firearms were chambered for the 7.62x25m including submachine guns and handguns like this Zastava M57.

In many instances, Axis units had a hard time gaining fire superiority over Soviet troops lavishly equipped with drum fed submachine guns. In the years following World War II, the 7.62x25mm saw widespread use around the globe.

To demonstrate typical performance and accuracy, I hit the range with a Zastava M57 pistol, a SR-41 semi-auto clone of the PPSH-41 submachine gun, and a custom AR-15 built by

Ron Williams. The M57 has a 4.6-inch barrel, the SR-41 with a 10.6-inch barrel, and the AR-15 is a bit odd with a 15-inch barrel and permanently affixed muzzle device. Looking at the included chart, it is interesting to note that while there is a significant velocity increase moving from a 4.6- to 10.6-inch barrel, very little is gained moving from 10.6 to 15 inches.

The 7.62x25mm is a fairly easy cartridge to handload, but the bottleneck

ACCURACY AND VELOCITY CHART 7.62X25MM				
Load	Bullet Weight (gr.)	Velocity (fps)	SD	25 yards (in.)
Zastava M57 Pistol				
Fiocchi FMJ	85	1,474	27.4	4.5
PPU JHP	85	1,437	44.5	3.2
SR-41 Carbine				
Fiocchi FMJ	85	1,735	29.5	6.6
PPU JHP	85	1,693	34.2	6.0
AR-15				
Fiocchi FMJ	85	1,737	29.3	3.2
PPU JHP	85	1,729	15.0	2.8
Velocity readings recorded with a Labrador Doppler Radar unit at the muzzle at an ambient temperature of 97 degrees F at 1,030 feet above Sea Level. Accuracy is an average of three 10-shot groups fired from a rest. M57 barrel length is 4.6 inches. SR-41 barrel length is 10.6 inches. Ron Williams built AR-15 has a 15-inch barrel with pinned and welded muzzle device.				



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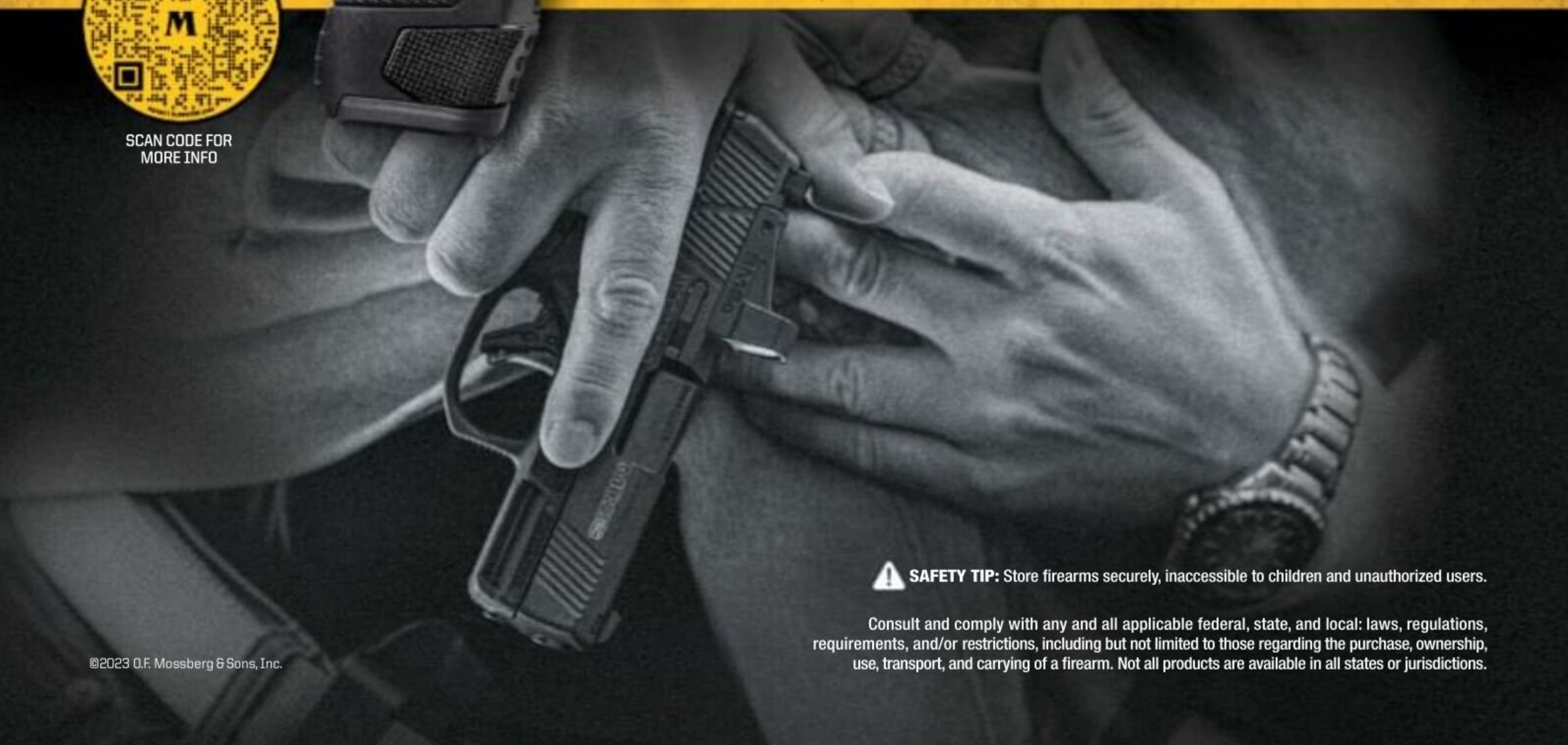
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The 7.62x25mm was widely used in sub-machine guns, like the Soviet PPSH-41, where it proved very effective.

does add a bit of added work. Lee has dies for \$46.98. Starline brass has Boxer primed brass cartridge cases for \$132 per 500. Standard small pistol primers get the job done nicely. Two readily available projectiles are Hornady’s 0.309-inch 90-grain XTP

JHP and Sierra’s 0.308-inch 85-grain Sports Master SP. One thing to be aware of, it is not unusual to find a firearm in this caliber with a slightly over-size bore. In such cases, readily available 0.312-inch projectiles may be a viable option.

the highest velocities. My favorite load consists of a Starline case, Wolf small pistol primer, 6.5 grains of Power Pistol topped with an 86-grain 0.309-inch FMJ. A sedate load, it averages 1,260 fps and accuracy is very good. Wish to go faster? Hornady has loading data to push their 90 grain XTP to 1,500+ fps.

While not talked about often, it is also possible to load heavy subsonic ammunition for use in suppressed rifles. The 7.62x25mm case with its small capacity is ideal for this. Topped with a 150-grain Spitzer and loaded to subsonic velocities, the 7.62x25mm is both quiet and fun. It is possible to use common 5.45x39mm AR-15 magazines to feed heavy subsonic 7.62x25mm loads in an AR-15.

The 7.62x25mm is an interesting cartridge, which has always been hampered by a lack of modern expanding bullets. Teamed with modern 100-grain expanding projectiles, such as developed for the 30 Super Carry, would probably take performance to the next level. Respected for its ability to bust soft body armor, this old classic will continue to have its followers for years to come. **FM**

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Distance (yd)	Velocity (fps)	Energy (ft-lbs)
Zastava M57 Pistol		
0	1,473	414
10	1,435	393
25	1,375	366
50	1,262	303
75	1,184	267
90	NA	NA
15-inch AR-15		
0	1,727	569
10	1,679	538
25	1,601	489
50	1,470	412
75	1,365	355
90	1,312	328
Velocity readings measured with a Labradar Doppler radar system at an ambient temperature of 97 degrees F at 1,030 feet above Sea Level. Reading is for one individual round fired from each firearm through its flight.		

Loading data for this cartridge is readily available and many common pistol powders, such as Bullseye, Blue Dot, AA#7 and #9 are suitable. Slow powders such as N-110, H 110, and Winchester 296 will yield

LOADING DATA 7.62X25MM			
Powder Type	Projectile	Charge (gr.)	Velocity (fps)
Power Pistol	86-grain FMJ	6.5	1,260
Accurate #7	86-grain FMJ	8.5	1,400
Blue Dot	Hornady 90-grain XTP	7.0	1,368
Accurate #7	Hornady 90-grain XTP	8.5	1,375
Accurate #9	Hornady 90-grain XTP	8.9	1,300
2400	Hornady 90-grain XTP	10.0	1,360
VIHT N-110	Hornady 90-grain XTP	10.7	1,400
H 100	Hornady 90-grain XTP	12.9	1,500
Win 296	Hornady 90-grain XTP	12.3	1,400
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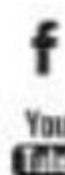


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SPUHR'S RDF-20225K T-2 AND MAGNIFIER MOUNT

BEST OF THE BEST?

Red dot sights, like Aimpoint's famous T-1 and T-2, are great for a variety of tasks. They offer a bright and easy to see aiming point well-suited for rapid engagement of targets in fast moving situations in a variety of lighting conditions. However, they come up short as the distance to the target grows. Being able to locate, identify and engage a target is critical and sometimes this requires more magnification than your 1x eyeball can provide. This is where a low power variable optic (LPVO), like a 1-6x24mm shines. Magnifiers were developed to provide this capability to red dot sights. Available in a variety of powers running from 2x to 6x, they provide useful magnification when needed, but can be flipped out of the way when 1x is sufficient.

While this "two optic" approach has certain real advantages, it is not without its drawbacks. Problems include the added weight, expense, and complexity of needing two mounting systems. One company which recently wrestled with this problem is Spuhr of Sweden. Known for both their innovative designs and the very high



Spuhr's RDF-20225K Aimpoint T-2 and 3x magnifier mount is an excellent design being handsomely made, light and robust. (Photo by Ashley Jaderborg)

This leads us to the mount seen here, Spuhr's RDF-20225K. From my understanding, the genesis of this design was a recent European

The magnifier mount features a steel spigot which inserts into the mount. A cross-bolt button locks it into place or unlocks it for quick removal.

FIT, FINISH AND BUILD QUALITY OF THE SPUHR RDF-20225K ARE EXCELLENT.

quality of their products, Spuhr is well-respected among professionals. Founded in 2007 by Håkan Spuhr, the company specializes in the design, development, and manufacture of specialized mounting solutions for special operations units.

military request for a lightweight but very robust mounting solution for an Aimpoint T-2 and its magnifier. Spuhr's solution is both simple yet innovative. The robust mount for the red dot also serves as the base for the quick detachable magnifier mount.

The RDF-20225K mount features an Aimpoint Micro pattern footprint. So, any red dot with this mounting configuration can be attached. The base features three beefy Torx head screws to attach it to a MIL STD 1913 rail. Thoughtfully the torque



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You can flip the magnifier down, where it sits slightly to the left of the rifle's centerline. (Photo by Ashley Jaderborg)

specification is engraved on the mount, 45 inch/pounds. The mount I tested for this review features a 2.25 inch height but a 2.91-inch model is also available. A rear sight is offered separately, which attaches to the mount providing a back-up iron sight.

equipped with excellent hardware. The magnifier attaches very securely with no slop. To attach the magnifier, you push a cross-bolt located on the left side of the mount through to the right, exposing a red O-ring. Then insert the spigot into the mount and

magnifier is fast and simple. If you do not wish to remove it but want it out of the way, you can also just rotate the magnifier down. It then stores just to the left of the centerline of the rifle, rather than being flopped noticeably off-center.

My thoughts? In use the Spuhr works very well. Complete weight with Aimpoint T-2 and 3x magnifier is 17.2 ounces. The 2.25-inch height facilitates a heads up position for rapid engagement of targets, especially while on your feet moving. This height also works well with head mounted night vision. Removing the magnifier provides plenty of room to get behind the red dot for passive shooting with a PVS-14 or duals. Removing the magnifier and stowing it in a pouch, until needed, reduces weight from the rifle, and thus shooter fatigue. The way the magnifier stows to the left of centerline is an advantage over traditional magnifier mounts, except Unity Tactical's Flip-to-Center design. The Spuhr design tucks the magnifier

MY THOUGHTS? IN USE THE SPUHR WORKS VERY WELL.

Fit, finish and build quality of the Spuhr RDF-20225K are excellent. It's nicely designed, very robust and

push until it clicks into place. Finally, push the cross-bolt to the left, locking the mount into place. Removing the

in so close to the centerline though, I do not see the Unity design having a noticeable advantage.

Cons? In my opinion, would be the 2.25-inch height is more fatiguing to use prone than lower mounts. Plus, I'm curious if a very hard impact could break the mount's sidewall retaining the magnifier spigot. Lastly there is the price, and this is an expensive combination. The RDF-20225K T-2 and magnifier mount has an MSRP of \$410 while the A-0233 back-up iron sight is \$70. The T-2 mount by itself is \$218 and the matching RDM-20225 30mm magnifier yoke is \$202. For more information visit Spuhr's exclusive US distributor at MileHighShooting.com. 



If not needed the magnifier is easily removed, not the robust mounting spigot. (Photo by Ashley Jaderborg)

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The Banish 22 is a compact, lightweight, Titanium silencer for use on rimfire firearms.

In talking with a bunch of silencer makers, I found that the rimfire offerings were a larger part of production. In the case of some companies, the majority of what they made and sold. Why? Well, pretty simple, really. Rimfire suppressors usually cost less than other calibers, and you get a lot more quiet for your bucks.

Case in point, the Banish 22. The Banish 22 is a high-tech rimfire suppressor, but one that sells for not a lot of money. Made mostly of Titanium, which makes it both light and strong, the Banish 22 tips the scales at a smidge over four ounces. Four ounces. So, it weighs less than the three-dollar cup (Size: small) of black coffee at the local drowned-bean-store. It is disassemblable, as it should be and has to be, if it is going to be used on rimfire firearms. That first. To disassemble, grab the knurled lug on the back and, hold the tube tightly, and unscrew the rear cap. If it has been a while, and you haven't cleaned it regularly, you may have to carefully (and I do mean carefully) place in a padded vise and get both hands on the tube. Or even use a plastic strap wrench on the tube. (You should have cleaned it before it got to this point. 'Nuff said.)

Now, you can let the baffles slide out of the tube. If you've really neglected cleaning, then you'll have to use the included tool (that's the red-anodized aluminum cylinder that came with the Banish 22) and unscrew

the front cap. The three-lugged tool nestles into the recess machined in the front cap. You may have to exert some force here as well, if it has gotten to this point, so be careful. If you lose the tool, the rear cap is also machined to act as the wrench to remove the front cap. Silencer Central thinks of everything.

Silencer Central did their best to make it easy for you. The baffles are machined with a recess and lip. So they nestle inside of each other. They also fit snugly inside the tube. These steps are done to keep the gases, as much as possible, from getting between the baffles and the interior tube wall. They are serious enough about this that the rear cap also nestles over the rear-most baffle, so as to maintain that seal between the gases and the tube wall. Nothing is perfect, so you will get gas and powder residue in-between anyway, which is why you have to be just about as diligent in cleaning the Banish 22 as you are any other rimfire suppressor. It will just be easier to exercise that diligence. For cleaning, once you have the Banish

22 apart, drop the parts into your ultrasonic cleaner and let it run long enough to loosen the gunk, then wipe the gunk off. Reassemble and stash in the safe until the next range session.

The baffles are also interesting in their design and construction. The baffles have indexing lines so you can get them lined up when you reassemble the stack. Each baffle has the entry port machined with a notch at an angle, to induce turbulence in the gas flow, which knocks the noise down a bit more than non-turbulence baffles would. Do you have to line up the index marks? Not really. The baffles will fit together even un-indexed, and while it might (and I say might) add an extra decibel or two to your muzzle blast, you won't be able to hear the difference. It will still be quiet.

All of the baffles, but one, are identical. The one that differs is the



The rear cap is threaded 1/2-28 for installing on our rimfire firearm, and it can be used as the wrench to remove the front cap.



The front cap, which you might not ever have to remove, is threaded and machined for the removal wrench.



This is where you grasp to unscrew the rear cap. If you have kept your Banish 22 reasonably clean, you can do it with your bare hands. If not, a padded vise and a plastic strap wrench. Be careful.

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Here, you can see the turbulence-inducing notch machined on the entry port of the baffle.



The baffles are the same except for the front-most one. That one nestles into the front cap, to maintain the stack seal.

one that is the last one in the stack (muzzle end) and it is there so it properly fits to the front cap and seals the stack to the tube. So that one goes on the top of the stack, all the others go in any order you wish.

Now, the Banish 22 is a rimfire suppressor, but not just a rimfire suppressor. It is rated for other cartridges as well, within reason. How about the .22 Hornet? OK, not a lot of Hornet shooters these days (Even I don't have one, imagine that), but were I doing vermin control in farm country, I'd be looking at a Hornet to use, and the Banish 22 would be great there. .22HMR, .17 HMR, even the 5.8x28 are something the Banish 22 can handle. And just when you were thinking that Silencer Central had made the Banish 22 cover as much as it possibly could, I find out that the Banish 22 is full auto rated. Even I had to stop and think about that. So, I can put my 5.8x28 conversion onto my select-fire AR-15/M16 lower, and use the Banish 22? At the mere thought of that, the ammo cans in my shop holding 5.8x28 ammo began shivering.

The mounting system is simple: direct thread. I'm not sure anyone even makes a QD setup for rimfire, and why would they? So the rear cap is threaded 1/2-28,



The rear cap is machined to maintain the baffle stack seal.



The disassembly tool is machined to fit the front cap, and this lets you unscrew the front cap.

the common .22LR muzzle thread. Be aware, however, that this is also the common thread pattern for .223/5.56 and 9mm as well. If you get careless, or let your buddy assemble things at the range, getting the Banish 22 on something chambered in those and touching off a round will instantly cause heartache, and lead to a repair bill. Not Silencer Central's fault.

Quiet? The .22LR doesn't make a lot of noise even when left bare. Oh, it is snappy enough to harm your hearing if you shoot unprotected, but it doesn't have a whole lot of horsepower to that snap—taming muzzle blast on a rimfire is pretty easy. Silencer Central makes it even easier and fun. In testing, Silencer Central put the Banish 22 on a .22LR rifle, and got readings below 120 dB. In case you need a reference point, I have metered the bolt closing on an empty chamber of an AR-15 at 125 dB. Silencer Central got readings of just under 117 dB on the rifle, and from



Put the Banish 22 on a .22LR pistol, and new shooters will be very happy. Put a red-dot optic on there, and they will entertain visions of James Bond exploits.

a Ruger Mark IV, just under 118 dB. The weight of the Banish 22 is so little that you won't notice a change in the balance of whatever firearm you put it on. Getting back to the beginning, the cost of shooting has gone up, a lot, but even as prices have gone up, the cost of rimfire ammunition has stayed at the bottom end of the rising prices. You cannot shoot anything else for as little as it costs to shoot .22LR. And the recoil is minimal, always a good thing for new shooters.

If you have someone who is interested in shooting, and wants to give it a try, you start with rimfire. (Unless you are obnoxious, and want to show off, and then you deserve to have no friends. I'm looking at you, the guy who hands his new girlfriend a .44 Magnum. Don't be that guy.) A rack of steel plates at a safe distance, a .22 pistol, and a suppressor, and you will have them hooked in short order. The Hollywood-level suppressed sound will be quieter than the bullet hitting the steel plates. Once you hear them giggle, you will know you've made a convert.

All this; the Titanium, the excellent design, the precision manufacturing, comes at a reasonable list price of \$549. The hardest part of the whole deal will be the wait. While you wait, stock up on .22LR, you're going to need a lot of it. 

SPECIFICATIONS BANISH 22

OAL:	5.375 in.
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Diameter:	1 in.
Material:	Titanium
Weight:	4.1 oz
Finish:	Cerakote
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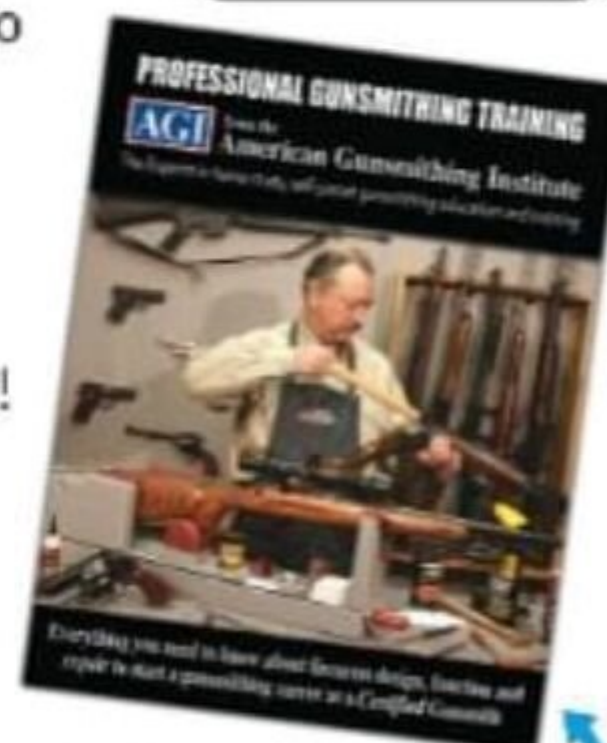
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THE SPITFIRE SMG

The Accidental Submachine Gun



The Spitfire submachine gun was originally sold as an open-bolt semiauto back in the 1960's. It was arguably the easiest gun to convert to full auto ever marketed commercially.

The era prior to 1968 represented the Wild West in the American gun world. There weren't a great many rules, and those that were in effect were not aggressively enforced. Americans could order firearms through the mail, and the government sold surplus M1 carbines and M1911 pistols directly to civilians at bargain basement prices. GI-surplus military arms could be had cash and carry at Sears.

One of the reasons that machineguns are so desirable today is simply that they are forbidden fruit. When Uncle Sam tells us we aren't responsible enough to possess something, that just ignites a fire in the typical American redneck. However, back in 1968 there was not the sort of artificial desperation we see these days.

Machineguns have been aggressively regulated since 1934, and President Ronald Reagan signing the 1986

Firearms Owners Protection Act, with its Hughes Amendment, put a stop to machinegun manufacturing for civilians. The \$200 transfer tax is a pain today. It was all but insurmountable back in 1968. As a result, there was a market for something that looked a bit Thompson-esque but was legal to sell without that ghastly transfer tax. Enter the semiauto open-bolt Spitfire.

Details

There were several variations on this theme. They sold under the trade names Commando, Apache, and Eagle Carbine. However, it was the Spitfire that was the most controversial.

The Spitfire was made in Phoenix, Arizona, and looked a bit like a

Thompson SMG in dim light—like very, very dim. Like the Thompson, it was heavy, awkward, and huge. However, once you turned the lights up you realized that this was arguably the ugliest firearm ever contrived by man. I mean, this was the Danny DeVito of guns. If Mick Jagger and Janet Reno had a baby and that baby was inexplicably a weapon, it would look like this. Once seen, it is hard to unsee this thing.

The receiver is a large-bore steel tube, and the bolt is a big honking chunk of round steel stock. The fire control assembly and foregrip are roughly-cast aluminum. The buttstock is standard Thompson kit. The gun feeds from unmodified double-column, single-feed M3 Grease Gun magazines.

There is no charging handle. To charge the gun, you hook your finger



The Spitfire SMG is big, heavy, awkward, and ugly. These sundry negative attributes make it one of the cheapest ways to get into the quirky world of transferable full auto weapons today.

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The Spitfire wanted so badly to be a Thompson, but it's just not. Aside from the chamberings and general layout of the thing, the two guns have little to nothing in common. Although Dabbs has the vertical grip mounted rather forward, typically, these were bolted on toward the rear.



The fire control unit on the Spitfire is a rough aluminum casting. This is the only piece of the gun that bears any markings.

into a slot in the bolt and tug until it is caught by the sear. The safety doesn't work unless the bolt is locked back. All that is great, except for one fascinating mechanical flaw.

The Spitfire's Superpower

Back then, there were lots of guns that were easy to convert to full auto. Open-bolt semiauto guns of this era are what first birthed the pseudo-fiction that you could just "file down the sear" to achieve full auto fire. Believe it or not, converting the Spitfire was even easier than that.

To convert a standard, bought-through-the-mail Spitfire semiauto carbine to full auto, all one had to



"No kidding, it took me an hour to get the Spitfire reassembled after a basic field-stripping." The gun is held together with big Allen screws. It is clearly not meant to be maintained in the field.

do was pull the trigger while simultaneously pressing forward on the safety. Once the trigger depressed the sear, forward pressure on the safe-

ty pinched the sear in its retracted position and allowed the bolt to cycle automatically until the magazine was empty or the pressure on the safety



The Spitfire bolt (bottom) is shown alongside that of an M3 Grease Gun. The concept is identical, and both components are the same diameter.



The entrails of the Spitfire are ridiculously simple. A very basic design flaw made the gun inadvertently selective fire right from the factory. By trimming back the tab on the right with a Dremel (or whatever tool was popular in the 1960s), the gun was easily rendered full auto-only.



The safety on the Spitfire is frankly ridiculous. It only works when the bolt is locked to the rear. In the original semi-auto version, it would cause the gun to shoot full auto if pressed forward while firing.

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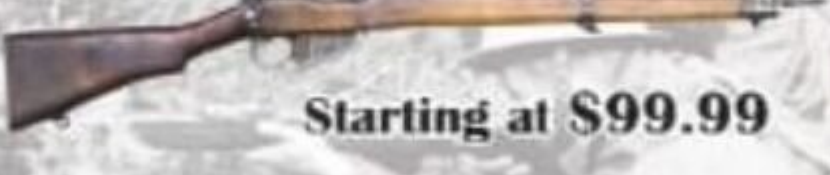
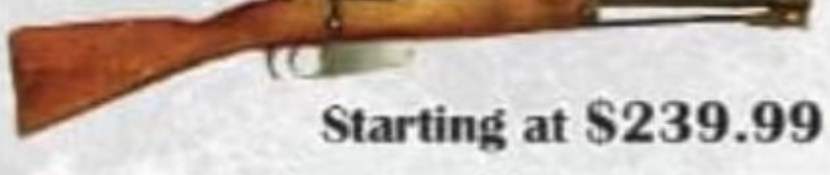
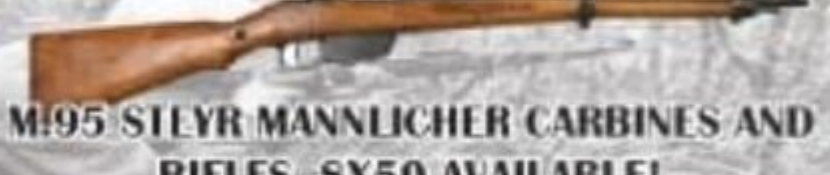
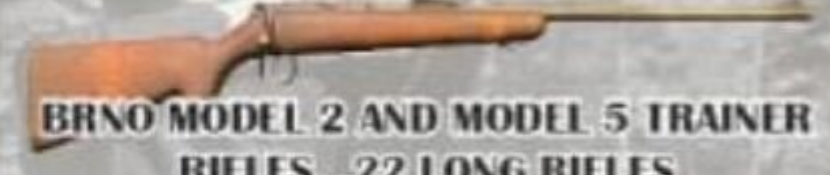
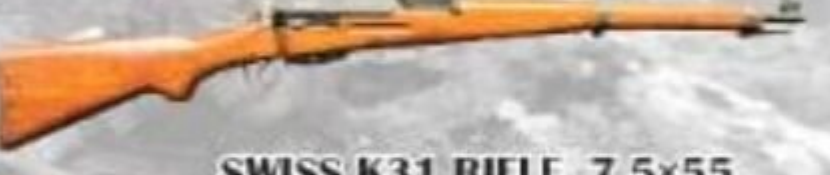
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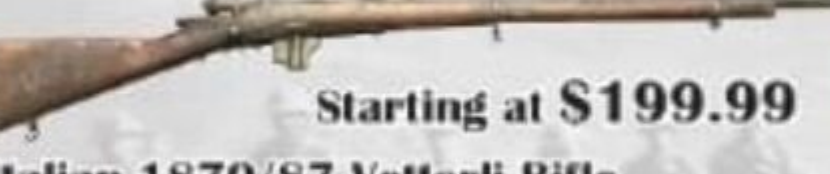
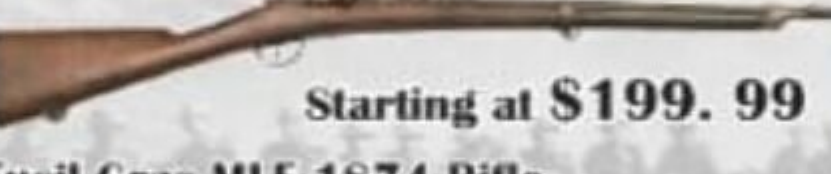
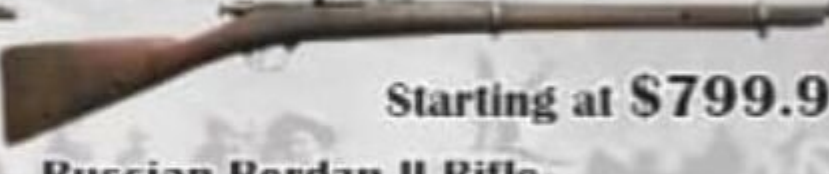
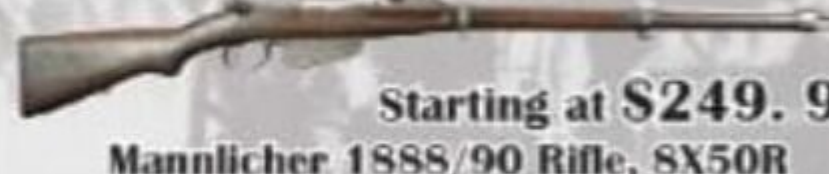
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was released. Uncle Sam was having none of that. [EDITOR'S NOTE: This also happened with the Franchi LF-62 carbine in the early 1960s; manipulating its safety also produced full auto fire. The LF-62 was a semi-auto carbine version of the LF-57 sub-machine gun.]

In 1968, the Attorney General declared that the

This was a series of short bursts fired offhand at a range of 12 meters. Despite being uglier than an incontinent monkey's butt, the Spitfire actually shoots just fine.

semiauto open-bolt Spitfire was indeed a machinegun. Owners were given the option of either surrendering them to the government or registering the guns with the Treasury Department. I couldn't determine whether this was tax-free or required the \$200 transfer tax. Regardless, lots of Spitfire owners didn't want the hassle of NFA registration and just gave their guns up. Once properly registered, it was a simple thing to do a little minor mechanical surgery on the entrails and render the gun full auto only.

There are no markings whatsoever on the receiver tube. The serial number as well as the words, "Semiauto Carbine" are embossed into the aluminum fire control group casting. The left-sided magazine catch is easy enough to use.

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My gun has this rubber buffer in the back that speeds up the cyclic rate. The pressed steel piece on the right is the original feed ramp. Many Spitfire owners will replace this part with a more robust machined steel component.

However, the safety is total cheese. Comprised of a thin stamped bit of steel similar to the upper handguard release lever on an AK rifle, this component seems terribly insubstantial.

Trigger Time

This particular example has been completely reliable. The pistol grip is too small and doesn't fit the human hand well. Like a Thompson, the gun's weird geometry puts the line of recoil above the buttstock and creates a wicked twisting moment that contributes to unwanted muzzle climb in the absence of solid technique.

The cyclic rate is spunkier than expected. The rate of fire for the Grease Gun is a comatose 450 rpm, while that of a 1928 Thompson is closer to 650 or 700. By contrast, the cyclic rate of this Spitfire is more in the neighborhood of 800 rpm. However, my gun has a synthetic buffer behind the bolt that might be speeding things up a bit.

The ample mass and front-heavy design make control manageable but you have to pay attention. Thompsons and Grease Guns are fairly forgiving. The Spitfire, not so much.

Quirks and Eccentricities

Because the Spitfire is just so blasted homely, it remains one of the cheapest transferable machineguns on the market today. However, a cheap Rolls Royce yet remains just stupid expensive. I discovered a reference to a guy



All transferable machineguns cost a holy fortune these days. However, the Spitfire is at the low end of the spectrum. It is, however, ridiculously huge and heavy.

who bought a semiauto example new in the late 1960's for \$110. That would be about \$1,038 in today's money.

Asking prices these days for the transferable versions range up to about \$12,000 online. One example sold at auction in December of 2023 for a bit more than \$7k. Around \$8,000 seems about right on GunBroker today. That's crazy, but it's not out of line for transferable machineguns in this artificially-inflated market.

There's a fine line between vintage open-bolt semiautos and real-deal machineguns. The Spitfire just leapt right across that

line. Ungainly, awkward, and as ugly as your grandfather in a prom dress, the Spitfire yet remains a gateway drug into the weird quirky world of transferable machineguns. **TN**

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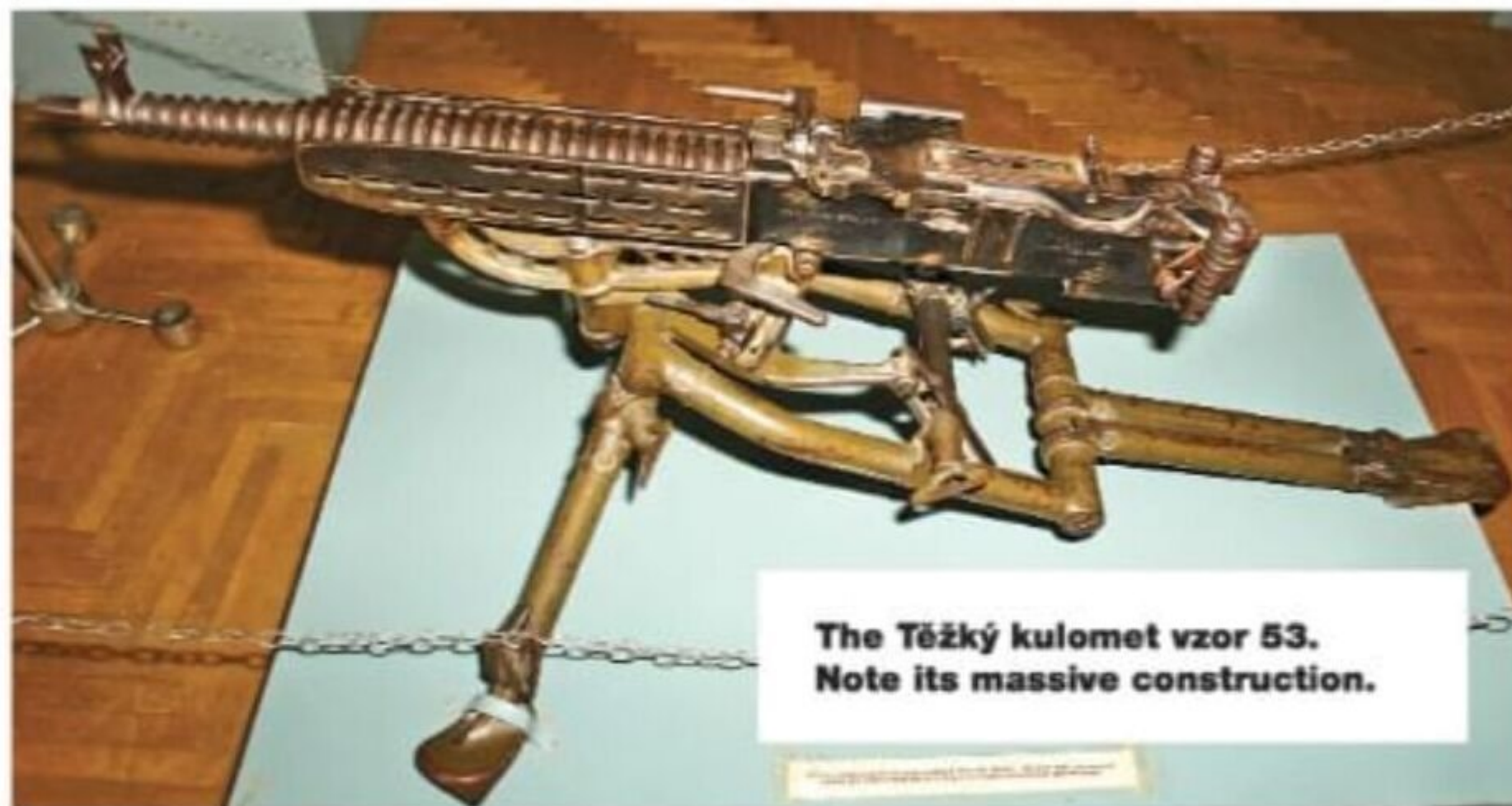
THE CZECH TĚŽKÝ KULOMET VZOR 53 MACHINE GUN

The nation of Czechoslovakia was founded in 1919 from regions of the defunct Austro-Hungarian empire. The former Austrian artillery workshop at Brno, was located in Bohemia. Renamed Zbrojovka Brno (ZB), it began producing military firearms for both domestic use and sale on the international market. The fledgling Czechoslovak army was equipped with a miscellany of small arms of German, Austrian, Russian and French origin.

The standard Czech medium machine gun was the ex-Austrian M. 07/12 Schwarzlose. An antiquated water-cooled design that had been modified to fire the 7,92mm náboj vzor 23 (7,9mm Patron S) and was reaching the end of its service life. In the 1930s, two of ZB's engineers, Václav Holek and Miroslav Rolčík, began working on a replacement using the lessons of WWI and modern materials and manufacturing methods.

The resulting gun, the Těžký kulomet vzor 53 (Heavy Machine Gun Model 53), was a gas-operated, air-cooled, belt-fed weapon that could be mounted on a tripod for infantry use in addition to being adaptable for use in fortifications and armored vehicles. It featured a quick-change, heavy, finned barrel with a conical flash hider made from alloy steel that allowed five minutes of firing before it had to be changed to prevent excessive wear. It had two rates of fire, 500 and 800 rounds a minute, the latter intended for anti-aircraft fire.

The gun used a long-stroke gas piston located below the barrel with a



The Těžký kulomet vzor 53. Note its massive construction.

four-position gas regulator. The breech block is raised to engage a locking shoulder in the roof of the receiver. The breech block is tipped by a cam-shaped projection and cuts made on the bolt carrier/gas piston extension.

The receiver, which houses the barrel, gas drive and bolt group, recoils within the outer housing of the

weapon, against its own return spring. This spring is located above the receiver, just behind the belt feed unit. This buffered system is designed to decrease the vibration and peak recoil transferred to the mounting, particularly since the gun fires just before the recoiling mass returns to battery, which softened the recoil blow.

The weapon was cocked by pressing down on a release lever, sliding the



The fledgling Czech army's medium machine gun was the ex-Austrian M.07/12 Schwarzlose. (Rock Island Auction Co.)

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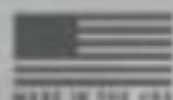
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This vzor 53 was produced at ZB under German control. Note the heavy, finned barrel, dual spade grips, carrying handle and high mounted sights. (Rock Island Auction Co.)

entire trigger housing forward and then pulling it back. The fire selector was a pivoting lever on the left side of the receiver which was put in the up position for 500 rpm and down for 800 rpm.

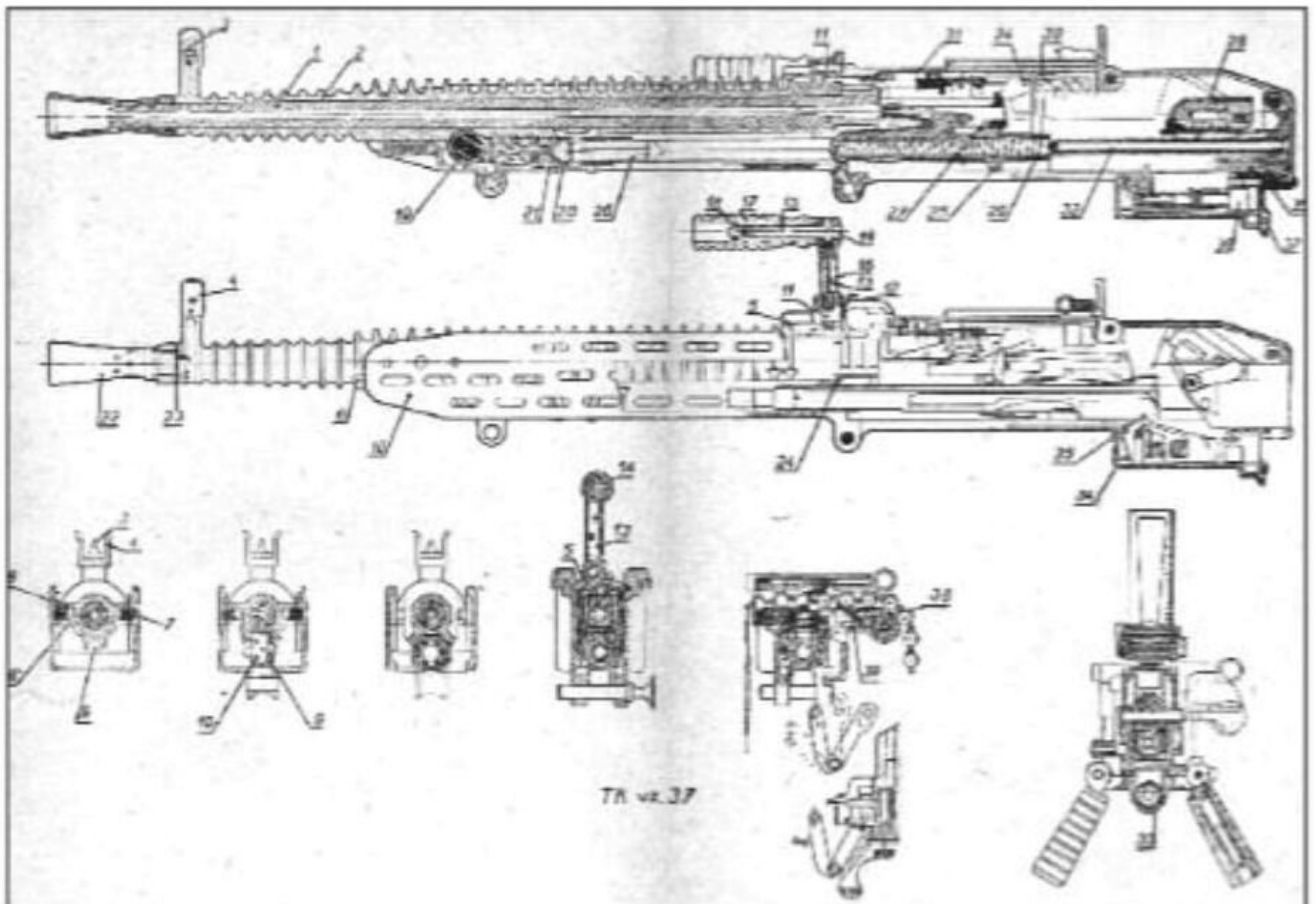
The ZB53 used a non-disintegrating steel belt which was fed from the right side. The feed is of the single-stage, push-through type. The biggest drawback was that the gun was, like many other belt-fed systems, prone to jamming in the field and was hampered by a complex fire selection mechanism.

In 1935, the Czechoslovak army bought five hundred ZB53 guns for extended field trials, designating these the Kulomet vzor 35 (Machine Gun Model of 1935). After extensive use, the Army requested a number of improvements, and finally adopted it in 1937 as the Těžký kulomet vzor 37. Infantry machine guns were issued with a tripod while bunker machine guns with heavier barrels were marked “O” in the top of receiver while those intended for armored vehicles were marked “ÚV.”

The ZB53 was issued with several different styles of tripods, all were made to the same standards as the weapon itself and, again like the weapon, were rather complicat-



The feed ramp was located on the right side of the receiver. Note the knurled adjustment screw of the rear sight. (Rock Island Auction Co.)



A Czech army training poster.

ed, heavy and expensive to make, although comfortable to use. The tripods were adjustable for height, so the gunner could adopt a prone or

sitting position or standing to provide high-angle AA fire.

Financial restraints prevented the Czechs from purchasing very many



Left side view of the improved ZB53/MG37 shows the ventilated receiver housing and selector lever. (Rock Island Auction Co.)



A pre-WWII Czech soldier firing a vzor 37 machine gun.



The vzor 53's tripod was as complicated and heavy as the gun itself.



Nationalist Chinese soldiers with vzor 35s.



This left side view shows the German markings "M.G. 37(t)." (Rock Island Auction Co.)

guns, so the ZB53 was widely exported. Pre-war buyers of this weapon included China, Iran, Romania, and Yugoslavia, as well as other European and South American countries.¹ It is worthy of note that about two thirds of the entire production of the ZB53 was exported.

After Czechoslovakia was "incorporated" into Nazi Germany in 1938, production continued at ZB — renamed Waffenwerke Brünn — and the gun was given the Fremden Gerät designation Schweres Maschinengewehre 37(t). They also saw wide use by Waffen SS units and were also purchased by Germany's "allies" Bulgaria and Romania. In 1941, the Germans relocated production from Waffenwerke Brünn

to a facility in the city of Vsetín.²

The British Government adopted a modified ZB53 in 1939 for use in armored vehicles as the Gun, Machine, 7.92 m/m, BESA, Mark I. Being the Czechs designed the ZB53 around the 7.9mm rimless cartridge, the British avoided having to redesign the gun by producing their versions in the same caliber (British designation: Cartridge S.A. Ball 7.92 m/m Mark Iz).

The Mark II version, license produced by BSA in Birmingham as opposed to ZB's Mk I, entered service in June 1940. The design was modified to be more rapidly and economically produced and three simplified models, the Mark II*, Mark III and Mark III*, entered service in August 1943. All those versions had a selector to give a high rate of fire (750–850 rounds per minute) for close combat or focused targets or a low rate of fire (450–550 rounds per minute) for long-range combat or area targets.



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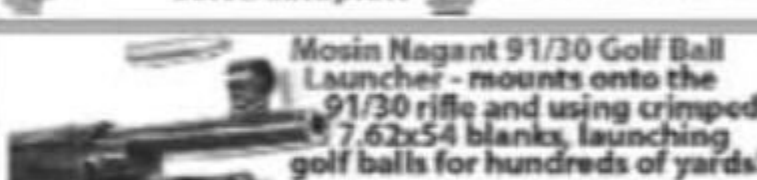
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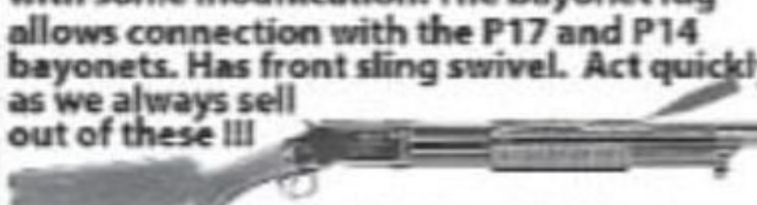
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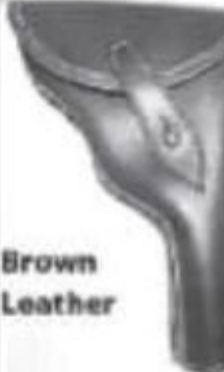
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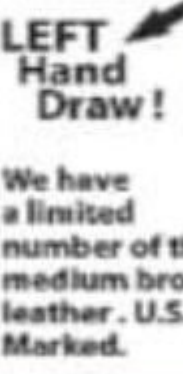
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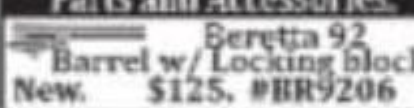
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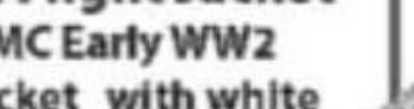
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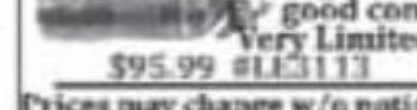
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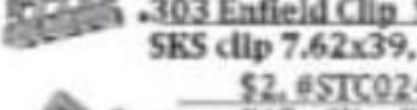
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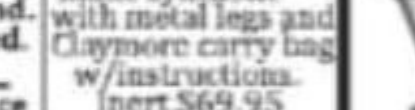
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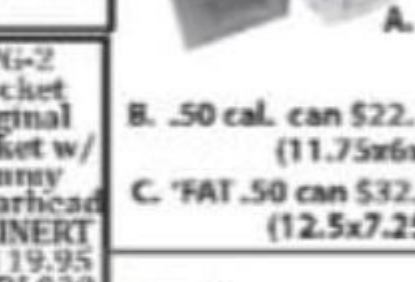
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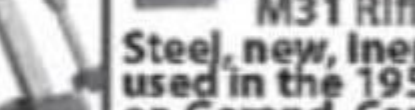
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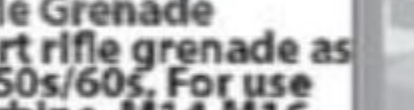
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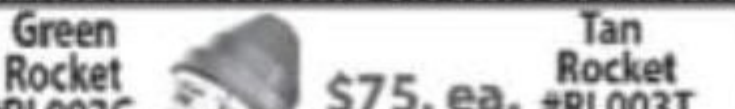
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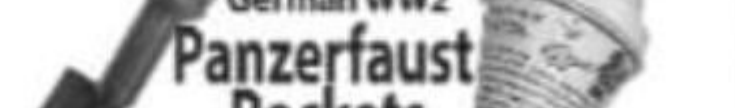
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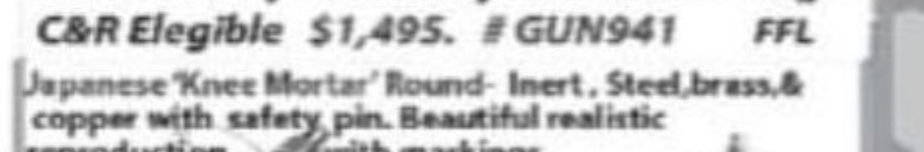
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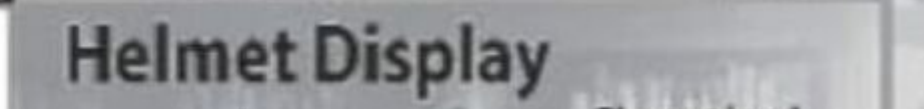
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In 1939, the British army adopted the ZB53 as the Gun, Machine, 7.92 m/m, BESA.

The Mark III and Mark III* versions did away with the selector and had simplified parts that were incompatible with the Mark II. The BESA had a fixed low rate of fire or 450–550 rpm and a high rate of 760–850 rpm.

British guns were produced by Birmingham Small Arms Limited (BSA) and were given the designation BESA Mark II, III, III*. Production commenced in 1939 and BSA manufac-

tured 59,322 guns during WWII. They remained in service well into the 1960s.

Kulomet vzor 53 and BESA guns saw wide use before, during and after WWII. After WWII, production resumed at ZB until the 1950s and they saw service in conflicts, large and small, around the world.

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Post WWII Czech troops with vzor 35.



1948. A Jewish fighter manning a vzor 53 during the Arab-Israeli war.



Nigerian Federal troops with vzor 53 machine guns captured from the Biafrans.



British soldiers training with the BESA machine gun.

Civil War; Portuguese troops used them during the National Liberation wars in Mozambique and Angola; numbers were used by the Vietcong and North Vietnamese early in the Vietnam conflict; Cuban troops used them during the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion; and they saw use by Biafran forces in the Nigerian civil war (1967–1970). **TN**

1 <https://modernfirearms.net/en/machineguns/czech-republic-machineguns/zb-53-vz-37-eng/>
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ORDNANCE FACTORY'S P-15 BASE RIFLE

A Solid Foundation

By James Tarr

People don't understand just how much things have changed in the firearms market in a relatively short period of time. The "War on Terror" started in 2001, which was not that long ago, but at the time there were truly only a handful of AR-15 manufacturers. Colt was the big name, and owned the military contracts and LE market, but they weren't putting out anything innovative, because they didn't have to. The other AR companies in existence at the time, or that sprung up shortly afterward, had to make a name for themselves making different or better products. POF USA, started in 2002, is one of those companies.

Patriot Ordnance Factory, founded by Frank DeSomma, manufactured its own unique design of gas-piston-operated ARs, and it is the success of their gas piston guns which has kept them a household name in the AR industry for over twenty years. This article is about their new BASE rifle. It isn't their first direct gas impingement rifle, but the BASE is built to be a "price point" rifle, giving you everything you need and nothing you don't, at an affordable price, from a well-known, established, proven manufacturer. And it features a number of unique parts POF has designed/developed over the years to enhance reliability and durability.

The most popular AR-15 variant in the U.S. currently is a carbine version of the original 20-inch-barreled rifle design—it usually has a collapsible stock and roughly 16-inch barrel free-floating inside some type of aluminum handguard, for a short, light, and handy rifle, and that's exactly what you get with the POF P-15 BASE.

The 16.5-inch barrel has a 5.56 x 45mm NATO chamber, is 4150 CrMoV steel with 5R rifling, has a 1:8" twist, mid-length gas system, and a black nitride finish. It also has POF's E2 fluted chamber, which I'll get to later.

If you're new to the AR market, let me dive into those barrel details, as POF has made some smart decisions. While the military currently uses a 1:7" twist, the 1:8 is thought to be the best all-around twist choice, allowing

POF's BASE rifle is meant to be an entry-level AR with everything you need and nothing you don't, offering a number of upgrades.
(Andy Grossman)



POF's BASE rifle is a no-frills lightweight AR with a 16.5-inch barrel and an MFT stock on a six-position extension. It was light, handy, and surprisingly accurate. (Andy Grossman)

you to accurately shoot everything from the lightest to the heaviest bullets. Originally, 16-inch barreled carbines used the seven-inch carbine-length gas system developed for 10- to 11.5-inch SBRs, but in the past decade or so we've seen a move away from that toward the nine-inch mid-length gas system. This slightly reduces the speed of the gas working the action, giving you a softer recoil impulse, and a slower bolt speed tends to increase bolt life.

The muzzle is threaded the standard ½"x 28, and tipped with an A2 flash hider. The barrel has a medium-slender profile, which helps to keep the weight down. Unloaded, this rifle tips the scales at 6 lbs., 2 oz, and with the stock fully extended balances at the forward takedown pin. For a rifle this length, it is very light, which I think is great—no unnecessary weight.

Tucked under the handguard is a low-profile gas block with a nitrided finish. The gas block is secured in place via two set screws that are set into dimples machined into the barrel, then aggressively staked so that they physically can't back out. I've seen staked gas block screws before, but I've never seen them staked this aggressively, and I like it—there is zero chance this gas block is going to migrate. This is also important—if your AR is going to malfunction, chances are it will be due

to a problem with the gas system, and chances are that's due to a problem with the gas block out of position. Running a rifle with a gas block that absolutely physically can't migrate eliminates the potential for that problem.

The barrel free floats inside a 15-inch lightweight aluminum handguard. It has M-LOK accessory slots at 3, 6, and 9 o'clock which allow you to quickly and easily mount any accessories you desire—lights, foregrips, rail covers for looks/traction/heat insulation, etc. There are dimples machined into the handguard which add looks but also, a tiny bit, improve the grippability of the handguard.

There is a continuous MIL STD 1913 "Picatinny" rail along the top of the handguard, as well as the upper receiver, so you have no shortage of space to mount iron sights, optics, lasers, or anything else. Width of the handguard is 1.6-inches, and it is two inches tall from the bottom to the top of the rail. That puts this about on average with the usual "narrow" AR handguards, which feel great under your hand, but put your hand closer to the gas block. After a fast magazine or two, you'll start to feel



The gas block set screws were aggressively staked, so you won't have to worry about that gas block migrating.



The handguard features M-LOK accessory mounting slots, and some dimpling for improved looks and handling.



(James Tarr)



the heat. Hand stops, foregrips, and rail covers all help to protect your support hand or move it away from the heat and add a touch of style and personalization to your rifle.

Personally, I don't use vertical foregrips as such but rather as hand stops, and a great tool to push/pull against a barrier to stabilize the rifle while shooting, and reduce and/or eliminate recoil, depending on how much weight you're putting into the gun. As for rail covers, my current favorite are the HTP (polymer) models from RailScales, which are offered in several different colors and texture patterns.

The upper and lower receiver are billet forged aluminum, standard MilSpec design, with a black anodized finish. They have all the expected features and controls—single-sided selector, magazine release, forward assist, and brass deflector. The bolt catch features an enlarged and serrated lower section to make it a bit easier to lock the bolt back. The charging handle is a standard GI design.

The magazine well is standard GI on the outside, but on the interior has more of an aggressive bevel to ease your reloads. The lower receiver also sports a standard GI trigger guard and A2 pistol grip. Both of these are easy to swap out if you prefer something different, and that's

the great thing about the AR-15 design in general and the BASE specifically—this is a great base rifle (hence the name), and if and when you decide you want to change/upgrade/add things, it's generally quick and easy.

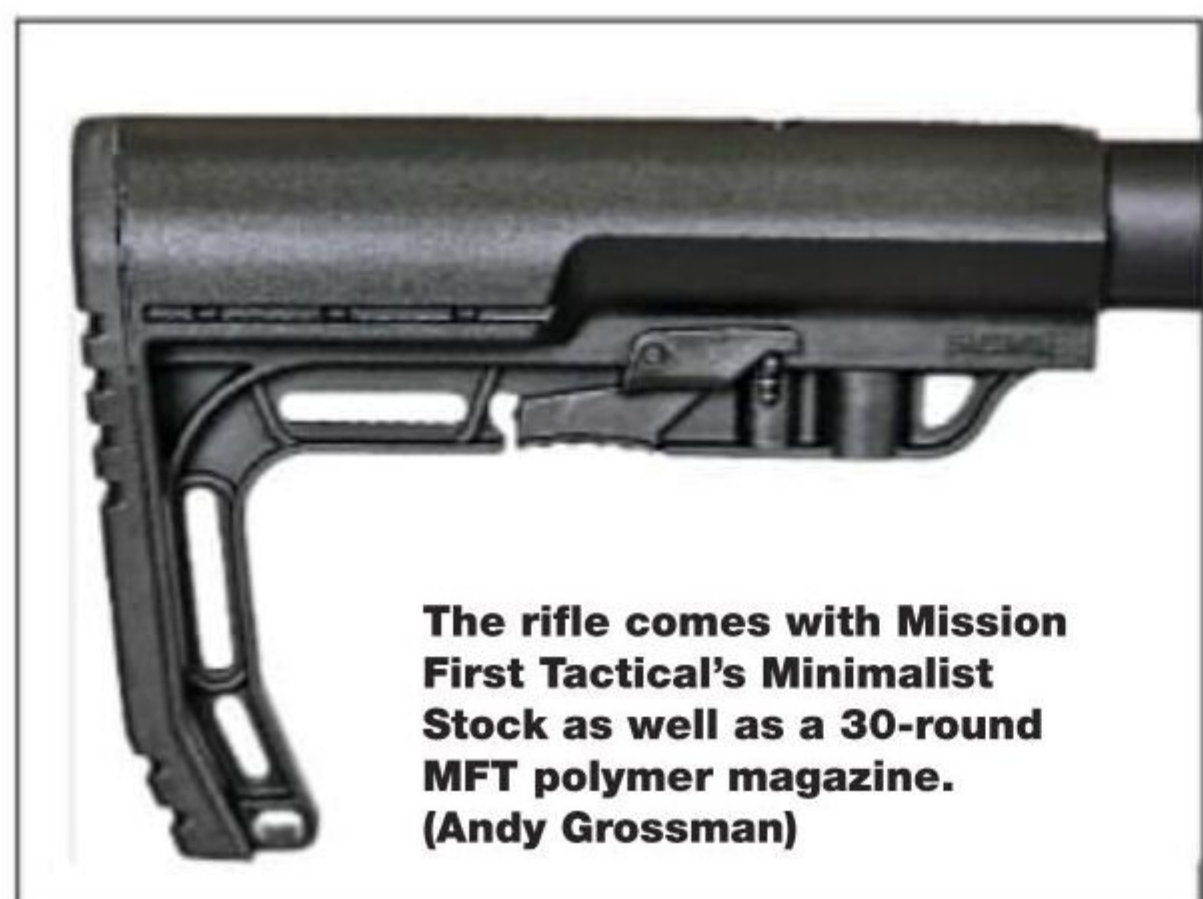
The AR-15 is like LEGOs for men—you can swap out every part on the gun using simple hand tools, and when accessorizing them you usually won't need anything other than a screwdriver or Allen wrench. Its modularity, ease of personalization and upgrade, is one of the reasons it is the most popular rifle in America over sixty years after its introduction, and still the main battle rifle of our military. The others are that it is light, handy, reliable, and has very little recoil.

The POF USA logo is proudly machined into the left side of the lower receiver, where you'll see that this rifle, like all of POF's products, was made in Arizona. I like the clean robust logo as well as the pictograph markings for the selector.

A quick note about the controls—ambidextrous/bilateral controls are popular with a certain crowd of people, and you can find all sorts of “upgraded” controls like

45- (instead of 90-) degree selectors on the market. They can be useful, to a certain degree, but I grew up with standard Mil-Spec ARs and even when I'm testing a gun with ambi controls I never use them. You're not missing anything by not having them as a general rule. The only specific upgrade I always recommend to GI-style controls is an oversize charging handle, but then again, I'm a picky, snobby gunwriter with a competition shooting background.

On the left side of the upper receiver, you'll see a lowercase E surrounded



The rifle comes with Mission First Tactical's Minimalist Stock as well as a 30-round MFT polymer magazine. (Andy Grossman)





Tarr liked the machined logo in the lower receiver. The E logo in the upper receiver indicates the BASE features POF's E2 fluted chamber meant to aid ejection. (Andy Grossman)

in white, POF's logo for their E2 (E-squared) chamber fluting, which is really interesting. POF's "E2 dual-extraction technology" is a fancy name for a fluted chamber. To aid extraction, four small channels are cut into the chamber. That allows a small amount of gas from the fired case to come back against the neck, breaking any potential seal against the chamber and pushing backward at the same time. This drastically reduces the load on the extractor.

Fluted chambers are nothing new; anyone who has ever examined a case fired out of an HK 91 or clone and seen the black stripes down the side has seen the results of a fluted chamber. However, fluted chambers in the AR world are not common at all. Considering the 5.56 NATO is a small, high-pressure cartridge, and inexpensive steel-cased ammo which tends to stick in chambers is very popular, fluting an AR chamber seems like a smart move, and a nice extra in an inexpensive AR-15.

Gas-piston ARs were cool, new, and hot after POF entered the market, then fell out of fashion, now are back in fashion (HK's 416, SIG's MCX, etc.) simply because that piston operation keeps gas out of the user's face when running a suppressor, and most elite units these days are doing everything with suppressed rifles. When it came to gas piston ARs, POF was leading the way, and they learned a few lessons, from which this rifle has benefitted.



POF's patented roller cam pin is a nice upgrade to the otherwise standard bolt carrier group.

With a standard AR-15, the gas comes back into the receiver and pushes against the carrier. With a piston gun, it is the piston which moves the carrier, and that piston action was found to be a little harder/more abrupt on the action/bolt carrier, and caused the carrier to tilt down at the rear. POF redesigned the carrier a bit to reduce tilt potential, and also developed a new cam pin, which you'll see in the BASE. POF's improved cam pin is an NP3 roller design which reduces friction and drag in the action—again, a nice and unexpected upgrade on a "price-point" gun.

Behind the bolt carrier is a standard carbine buffer and spring inside a six-position buffer tube that POF didn't source from a supplier but rather manufactured themselves, as they do almost all the parts on this gun. This is POF's Anti-Tilt Buffer Tube which is extended a small distance at the bottom front, inside the lower receiver. It is designed to ensure that the bolt carrier is always supported by the buffer tube even when the carrier is fully forward, designed originally for their piston guns. It also features three drain holes at the bottom rear.

Other than the improved roller cam pin the bolt carrier group is built to meet Mil-Spec, with a nitride coating, and you'll see the gas key is properly staked. Inside the lower receiver is a GI-style trigger group. POF says it is a Mil-Spec trigger group, and I know what they mean, but that description is not technically accurate—there is no Mil-Spec for a semi-auto AR trigger group. All the military trigger groups are select-fire. What they mean is this trigger group follows the basic design, and provides the standard single-stage trigger pull.

GI-style trigger pulls are generally five to seven pounds, with a long single-stage pull that you can only hope isn't gritty. They will lighten and smooth over time. Luckily, commercial rifles like the POF are more accurate and have better trigger pulls than the rifles being supplied to



POF's buffer tube extends forward further than standard, so the rear of the bolt carrier is cradled at all times. Note the polymer screws in the lower receiver which can be utilized to tension the lower and upper receivers.



The bolt catch has an enlarged lower section to more easily lock the bolt back. Tarr likes the pictograph markings on the receiver.



The POF BASE has standard forged upper and lower receivers, with an anodized finish. It does not come with any sights.

our military. The trigger pull on the BASE was relatively smooth, with a rolling break, total pull weight 6.0 lbs, although it felt lighter than that.

It wasn't until I cracked open the gun that I saw the lower receiver was fitted with two Teflon screws which can be adjusted to eliminate rattle between the upper and lower receivers. Again, a nice extra that you don't expect and generally don't see on inexpensive/base/entry level ARs.

The castle nut is properly staked. The stock supplied on the rifle is Mission First Tactical's (MFT) Battlelink Minimalist stock. When it was introduced, it was the lightest AR stock on the market at under six ounces, although I'm not sure it still holds that title. It features a rubber buttpad and slots for a sling, and one QD socket tucked out of sight on the underside. A lot of people like it because it isn't just light and feature-rich but quite strong for how skeletonized it is.



The BASE disassembles like any other standard AR, the only difference is the top of the cam pin is round, not square.

To go along with the MFT stock, the rifle is supplied with one 30-round MFT magazine. I have very minimal experience with the MFT magazines, but this one worked fine during testing. If you're going to buy extra magazines (and you should, you can never have too many, why don't you have more AR magazines, don't you love your mother? Don't you love freedom and America?) I recommend GI-contract aluminum magazines with Magpul followers, or Magpul Gen M2 and M3 magazines. While those are all very good, the Magpul Gen M3 magazines are now considered *the* standard for reliability, and if your gun doesn't work with one of them, the problem is your gun.

The BASE does not come with any iron sights or optic, and I don't feel a defensive rifle deserves the name unless it has some sort of sighting system on it that will work even if your batteries are dead, whether that's backup iron sights or an optic with something other than a dot reticle. For all of my shooting but accuracy testing I topped the BASE with an EOTECH EXPS3, and if this was my rifle, I'd pair that with flip-up irons so that I had something to aim with when (not if) my optic's batteries died.

The above is one reason why I prefer Magpul pistol grips to the provided A2 pistol grip on this rifle. In addition to the annoying finger groove on the A2 grip, which fits almost no one, the Magpul grip has an interior storage area. I like to put spare batteries (inside a Ziploc, for water resistance) inside the grip. If at some point you want to swap out the pistol grip on your AR, all you'll need is an Allen wrench (or a flathead screwdriver, depending on the type of screw they used).

I've got an acquaintance who thinks no rifle meant for defensive/social use is complete until it wears a sling and a white light. I don't necessarily agree, but gratefully the "slingers" are incrementally more rational than the guys who think everyone should be carrying a tourniquet and screeching that "your car isn't a holster," usually while appendix-carrying a loaded gun that is pointed at their reproductive organs. But I digress.



For engaging targets both near and far, Tarr topped the rifle with the EOTech EXPS3-DCR, Danger Close Reticle. (Andy Grossman)

If you do decide to mount a sling or light to the BASE the problem isn't a lack of choices, it honestly might be that there are too many, especially if you're new to AR ownership. Look around, surf the retailers, maybe watch a few videos, and talk to people (friends, gun store employees, whatever) about types and brands they recommend. It's hard to go wrong no matter which sling you choose. Simple two-point slings got us through World War II. As for lights, Surefire and Streamlight are the two biggest names, and ModLite is making a name for themselves, but all of those are expensive purchases. If you're on a budget, buy a handheld flashlight with a 1-inch diameter body (Surefire G2 or similar), put it in an inexpensive VTAC mount, and you're good to go, out the door, for maybe \$75.

When heading to the range I was expecting no surprises, and that's exactly what I got. It's

not 1985 anymore, when unless it was a Colt you weren't sure your AR was going to run reliably. These days, if an AR isn't 100% reliable, there's something wrong with it. Or you're using garbage magazines. Here's a tip—no ProMag magazines, and no AR magazines that have bodies you can see through unless they're Lancer AWMs or the new Magpul T-Mag—and that's just an assumption on the Magpul, as they're new and I haven't actually been able to test one yet.

The first opportunity I had to shoot this rifle was during the photoshoot for the cover of this magazine. This is not precision shooting—you strike a heroic pose, trying not to look sad because they won't let you wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, suck in your gut, flex your biceps, and



The best group out of the rifle was this 0.57" group using Black Hills' 77-grain TMK. The rifle was wonderfully accurate with ammunition it liked.

PATRIOT ORDNANCE FACTORY'S P-15 BASE RIFLE					
Load	Bullet Weight (gr.)	Velocity (fps)	SD	ES	Best / Avg Group (in.)
.223 REMINGTON					
American Eagle FMJ	55	2,896	30	41	1.01 / 1.46
Hornady V-Max	55	2,889	26	40	1.23 / 1.58
Federal Fusion	62	2,852	20	32	0.67 / 0.87
5.56 NATO					
Winchester Valor M855	62	2,848	26	42	1.08 / 1.31
Black Hills TMK	77	2,745	15	27	0.57 / 0.74
Accuracy results are the averages of four five-shot groups at 100 yards from a sandbag/rifle rest. Velocities are averages of ten shots measured with an Oehler Model 35P 12 feet from the muzzle.					

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The POF BASE is lightweight at only six pounds and two ounces. (Andy Grossman)

then mag-dump into a berm while the photographer (in this case the ultra-talented Andy Grossman) runs the camera and tries to capture flying brass and muzzle flash and your manly, steely-eyed gaze. I immediately noticed one thing, and Andy picked up on it too—the BASE had amazingly consistent ejection. Every case heading out the ejection port landed darn near in the same spot, at about two o’clock of my position and five feet away. I could have put down a bucket and caught all of the cases. Consistency is good, it means every part in the rifle is doing the same thing each time. It was also, I presume, a tribute to quality ammo, which in this case was American Eagle 55-grain FMJ, which gave its life so I could look cool killing dirt.

The rifle was very flat shooting, with very minimal recoil. Some of this is due to the mid-length gas system, but it also shows that the BASE is a well-balanced product. For the photo shoot and for fun later at the range, banging steel and perforating silhouettes near and far, working on my presentations, target transitions, and speed at “extended urban” distances, I topped the rifle with the EOTech EXPS3-DCR reticle (EOTechInc.com). The DCR—Danger Close Reticle—removes the bottom portion of the circle in the circle/dot reticle and replaces it with a chevron, which you use as your aiming point at seven yards and in. I’m aware of the irony (or maybe a stronger word) of topping a \$999 rifle with a \$789 optic

This rifle is set up for defensive/tactical purposes more than anything else, and you’ll be hard pressed to find any police department in the country that shoots their rifles out past 50 yards during training, in part because it’s very hard to justify defensive use beyond those distances. But that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t practice at distance, at least just to see how your rifle groups. And to understand your drop. And improve your confidence—if you know you can hit something 300 yards away, a 40-yard shot is a gimme.

With a 50-yard zero, depending on your ammo choice, you’ll be within a couple inches of point of aim/point of impact out to 250 yards or so. Or, at least, you should be. But until you shoot out that far you don’t know for sure.

With a non-magnified red dot and a good, supported position and just an averagely-accurate AR you can hammer silhouettes out to and beyond 300 yards all day long, but it’s much easier to see, and thus do tighter groups, with some magnification. So, I used a big Leupold 3-18X scope when doing all of my accuracy testing, and when I stretched the BASE out to 200 yards. I tested the two most

accurate loads—Black Hills’ 77-grain TMK and Federal’s 62-grain Fusion—at 200 yards. There was only a slight increase in MOA at that distance and that was probably due to the wind gusts I was having to deal with that day.

It’s a rare commercial AR that won’t do 1–2 MOA with ammo it likes, and my sample BASE was significantly more accurate than that with nearly half the loads I tested. POF’s BASE model seems to be more than an entry-level AR in every way but name. 

PATRIOT ORDNANCE FACTORY'S P-15 BASE RIFLE	
Caliber:	5.56 NATO
Weight:	6 lbs., 2 oz.
Overall Length:	33.0 in. (stock collapsed), 36.25 in. (stock extended)
Receiver:	Forged aluminum
Finish:	Black anodized
Barrel:	16.5 in. CRMOV, 1/8 in., mid-length gas system
Gas Block:	Low profile, staked
BCG:	Mil-Spec, roller cam pin, nitride coated
Muzzle Device:	A2, threaded 1/2x28
Stock:	MFT Minimalist Stock
Pistol Grip:	A2
Handguard:	15 in. M-LOK compatible
Charging Handle:	G1
Trigger:	Single stage, 6.0 lbs. (as tested)
Sights:	None
Accessories:	30-round MFT magazine
MSRP:	\$999.00
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THE CANIK SFX RIVAL-S PISTOL

Everything You Need!

By Patrick Sweeney

Usually when you buy a new pistol, you get the pistol, an owner's manual, a lock and the box it came in. Sometimes you get a spare magazine. Well, Canik goes more than an extra mile, they go pretty much the whole road.

The test pistol here is the Canik SFX Rival-S, an all-steel hi-cap 9mm pistol meant for, well, pretty much everything. Canik has been tearing up the competition circuit of late, in part because of the reasonable cost, the accuracy, the reliability and especially the very good trigger they all have. Right out of the box, the various Canik models are ready for use, a bonus not to be overlooked.

When you open the box with your new SFX Rival (I tested the "S" which is the chromed steel version), you see the pistol and extras in the insets of the foam interior. That's

just the first layer. You'll see the pistol, an extra magazine, two extra backstraps, an extra magazine funnel, and two extra magazine baseplates. Oh, and the little clone Canik that is in the case? That holds the tools and some extra goodies to use in building your Canik. Why all the extras? Because you want to make your Rival yours. So, you can swap backstraps to fit it to your hand. You can swap magazine well funnels to suit your needs, competition or everyday carry. And you can swap magazine baseplates to match the mag funnels. Small for the small funnel and EDC, large for competition and the large competition funnel.

The foam is pre-cut for an extra magazine (of which Canik has plenty on the web page) and for a red-dot optic mounted on your Rival, but stick your fingers into the cutouts, and



The top layer of the lockable case your SFX Rival-S comes in. Lots of goodies there, and more underneath.



The second layer of the case, loaded with more extras.

lift the top tray. Woah. The second tray holds a holster, a magazine loading tool, cleaning tools, and five of the seven different plates for adapting a red-dot optic to your Rival. Oh, and a lock for the trigger guard. An owner's manual? That is tucked into the slot in the cover over the top tray, the one you lifted and set aside without looking, being so eager to see the Rival-S. (At least, I did.) Bonus: the owner's manual is accompanied by a set of cards telling you what size tools fit which screws on the Rival, the tools you found in the little Canik clone. Okay, there are lots of goodies in the lockable hard-side luggage container it comes in, but what is it?

First, it is an all-steel full-sized Canik. That means it is on the heavy side, but that's the way competition shooters have gone of late. (Well, for a few years now, really.) In the high-speed shooting that is IPSC/USDPSA, there are three things that determine your time. They are footwork, transitions and recoil management. Footwork you have to handle yourself, with practice and actually being in shape. However, the transitions (from target to target, and array to array) and recoil management (shot-to-shot) can be done faster with some weight to the pistol. It may seem counter-intuitive, where you'd think, "A light gun gets me from one to the other faster," but there's the matter of the microseconds of settling down to get an accurate shot. Weight helps, until it doesn't. Well, the 42 ounces empty weight of the Rival-S dampens felt recoil. A lot.

Add to that, the five-inch barrel and it cuts down felt recoil even more. The longer slide and barrel add to the



The Rival-S and the magazines, mag funnels, backstraps and magazines that come with it.



The Canik SFX Rival-S, the chromed version, is all steel, all performance and all a bargain.

On the right side you can see the ambi slide stop, takedown pads, the straight trigger and the aggressive looks of the Rival-S.

unlocking weight, which softens felt recoil, plus you need less powder. "Less powder?" you ask. Simple: a five-inch barrel gets you up to the threshold of Power Factor with less powder than a shorter one does. Your PF is measured by the bullets velocity, but the felt recoil you experience is generated by the bullet weight and the powder weight as well. An example: a 147-grain FMJ (typical bullet weight for the 9mm in competition) needs 3.4 grains of Titegroup

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◀ The selection of red-dot optics adapter plates that comes with the Rival-S. If you can't mount your dot with one of these, maybe get another dot.

▶ The controls of the Rival-S, with the flat trigger, mag button, ambi slide stop levers and the takedown tab.



The slide has plenty of cocking serrations, and the front sight is held on in a dovetail on the top of the slide.



The owner's manual is accompanied by cards describing how to modify your Canik, and what tools you'll need. (Included in the little Canik clone.)



The rear sight is in a removable plate that comes off when you want to mount an optic.

The ejection port is big, and the extractor stout, so empties will get gone as expected.



to make Minor with a cushion. A 124-grain bullet needs 4.0 grains. While your bullet scoots out the muzzle, the powder jets like a rocket nozzle, at something on the order of 5,000 fps. Both loads generate 130PF measured at the chrono, but the 147-grain bullet generates a 147PF to your hand, while the 124-grain bullet delivers a 150PF to your hand. When stages are won or lost by a tenth of a second, that extra 3PF per shot can add up. So, a five-inch barrel.

When it comes to cocking serrations, the idea is to have grippy stuff that works in the place you will be most likely to be grabbing. Well, the Rival-S tops all of the contenders, with cocking serrations...everywhere. OK, almost everywhere, there aren't any alongside the ejection port area of the slide, but, front and back, both sides, and on top, that pretty much covers all the available locations. Oh, and both for making the bushingless slide the correct mass for cycling, and to add in the non-slip grip ensemble, there are slots milled through the slide to the barrel. There's still room for a dovetail front sight, and an adjustable rear sight set into the removable plate for the red-dot optic. If you want to install a dot, remove the two screws holding the rear sight assembly onto the slide. Select the correct adapter plate from the five in the box, and then get to work fitting and bolting on your dot. The owner's manual will tell you which plate goes with which dot. If you happen to be a fan of a dot for which the plate didn't come in your box, then contact Canik and get the plate, or change dots. Each plate has a threaded hole for the included table prop. This is for "table starts" where you don't draw your firearm but pick it up off of the table.

The back of the slide has a plate holding the striker parts in, and there's a clearance hole for the striker indicator. If you see it in the hole, the striker is cocked.

On the steel frame there are plenty of controls. First, there are ambidextrous slide stop levers, plus a dual-tab takedown button. While we're here, let's go over that. If you've taken apart pretty much any striker-fired pistol, you know the drill. Unload, remove the magazine, and ease the slide forward. Then pinch the slide back enough to relieve tension of the recoil assembly and pull down on the disassembly tabs on both sides. Ease the slide forward, dry fire, and the slide comes off. Well, it comes off not all straight forward. Move it forward a bit, then lift it up off of the frame. To reassemble, press it down onto the frame at that same point, then run the slide back. Once you give it a few practice runs, you'll get the knack for the exact location this takes.

The recoil spring assembly comes out of the slide like any other pistol, as does the barrel. The barrel has an integral feed ramp, and it locks into the slide using the ejection port, but it also has longitudinal slots milled on its exterior. These slots decrease the surface area, cutting down on friction when cycling, and also provide clearance for any gunk, grit, dirt or debris that might have found its way into your Rival. Clever.

The trigger of the Rival has a central safety lever, so it works to keep the trigger from moving unless it has been depressed. This is standard in modern pistols, and means you have to keep your finger out of the trigger guard unless you are shooting. To help there, the Rival has a pair of checkered panels on the frame, above and forward of the trigger guard, as a place to index your trigger finger. Oh, and there's an accessory rail forward of that. The straight trigger has been designed so that it is at ninety degrees to the bore when the striker is released. This means your trigger finger is pressing straight back (unless you've gone and



One of the magazine well funnels, showing its attachment screw at the rear.



The little clone Canik pistol holds the tools you'll need, the mag buttons, the table prop, and screws for plates. How do they fit all that into a little plastic clone?



The slide does not have a bushing; the slide and barrel are machined to lock up without one being needed.



The SFx Rival-S once apart is easy to keep clean.



The takedown tabs, one on each side, for disassembly.

THE CANIK SFx RIVAL-S PISTOL



The barrel has flutes machined on the exterior to lower friction and reduce the possibility of gunk getting in the way.



Empties are tossed to the side, and they do not fail to be gone.



With consistent and excellent accuracy from all loads tested, the SFx Rival-S is a solid performer.



If every day carry is your goal, then the Rival-S is accurate with top-end defensive ammunition as well.

CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY DATA CANIK SFx RIVAL-S					
Ammunition	Bullet Weight (gr.)	Velocity (fps)	ES	SD	Accuracy (in.) (Avg. & Best)
Black Hills Honey Badger	100	1,301	35	14.8	2.0 / 1.65
Hornady Critical Duty	135	1,065	20	7.5	2.0 / 1.75
CCI Gold Dot JHP	147	1,004	25	11.5	2.1 / 1.8
SIG Match Elite JHP	147	926	39	14.6	1.9 / 1.7
Michigan Ammo FMJ	147	924	69	25.5	2.2 / 1.9
Accuracy results were to be averages of three, five-shot groups at 25 yards off a Champion shooting rest. Velocities are averages of 10 shots measured on a Labradar chronograph set to read 15 feet from the muzzle.					

built some weird trigger finger contortions into your press) and this aids in a clean release.

The frame has been machined for a non-slip grip, and the backstraps are textured to aid in that process. The magazine release button offers the option of making it better for your hand, with three different sizes of button that can be installed. Add in the mag well funnels and the magazine baseplates, and you could spend an entire winter evening doing nothing but adjusting and fitting the Rival-S to your hand. Oh, and the magazines? Eighteen rounds each, unless you opt for a magazine extension of one kind or another. With the spare that comes with it, you are ready with a reload. If you use the SFx Rival-S as your daily carry pistol, then you're walking out the front door with 37 rounds of 9mm on your person. If you feel the need for more, Canik has extra magazines for a reasonable price, or you can use magazine extensions.

I had a chance to handle the SFx Rival-S at the 2024 Outdoor Sportsman Group Roundtable, in Colorado, where we were shooting on a rifle range. So, of course, we entered into competitions to see how far out we could tag the steel plates arrayed up the mountain. Out to 200 yards, it wasn't too difficult to stay on the plates, but once we got to 300 and then 400 yards, calculating drop, and adjusting for the wind got to be a lot of work, but I managed to come close enough, often enough, to the one-foot square plates at 400 that anyone out there would have had to move or get hit.

Back home I took the SFx Rival-S to the gun club and absolutely hammered the 100-yard gongs, to the point where it simply got to be boring, it was so easy. The top-notch accuracy and the nice trigger made the task simple, and the heft of the Rival-S made recoil no big deal. Often in accuracy testing, I see one really small group from each load, one that pulls the average down. With the SFx Rival-S, they were all small and consistently so.

So, what is the SFx Rival-S for, then? Besides having fun? Well, the clean and crisp trigger, and the superb accuracy means it will be a superlative pistol for competition. Since it comes with a holster and spare magazine, all you'll have to do for competition is get a spare mag holder or two, and maybe a spare magazine, depending on what kind of stages your local gun club sets up for matches. Come to think of it, that is perhaps the only



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THE CANIK SFX RIVAL-S PISTOL



The included holster is kydex, or something like it, and it can be adjusted up and down.

The simple belt loops on the back are all you need to get started carrying or competing with your SFX Rival-S.



TAYLOR FREELANCE



The array of extras from Taylor Freelance can be overwhelming. Be sure to read the descriptions closely, as changes in model features can change which particular part you order.

If you still want more, you can trick out your Rival-S and magazines with TF extras. Robin Taylor makes an almost overwhelming array of mag extensions, mag well funnels, backstraps and more. You can get bolt-on mag buttons big enough to hit with a stick, and all these and the slide back-plates as well can be had in various colors. Or brass. If you want to improve performance, or just bling like crazy, TF is the place. **TN**



Here's a magazine extension from Taylor Freelance that adds capacity to your already-large Rival magazine.

trick Canik missed in packing the SFX Rival-S case full: no spare mag carrier, but, they are not expensive, they are as common as dirt, and we all have our own ideas on what's best, right?

If you are looking at the SFX Rival-S (or one of the other Rival models) as an every-day carry pistol, then the weight might seem a bit much. However, as I've mentioned many times before, a proper holster (and what is proper depends on you and your body shape, so get busy testing) makes carrying an otherwise "heavy" pistol not a big deal.

The kydex holster included in the case with the SFX Rival-S has a basketweave pattern molded into it. It is adjustable up and down, but not for cant. It is a friction-retention design, and you can adjust that as well. It is right-handed, so southpaws will have to seek a holster elsewhere. (There's only so much even Canik can do.) **TN**

CANIK SFX RIVAL-S PISTOL

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Springfield's Echelon was a surprise hit last year. The full-size model has been followed up by the Compact—small enough to conceal, big enough to do some work.

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S ECHELON COMPACT

The New Hotness, Sized for Carry

By James Tarr

Every year, there are dozens of new pistol introductions; most of these are just line extensions, variations on a theme. But, I've found that, perhaps once a year, a pistol is introduced that is really something noteworthy, whether it's just an innovative improvement on an existing design or something completely new—2023's standout was the Springfield Armory Echelon. A completely unexpected introduction, a totally brand-new full-size striker-fired pistol from Springfield that offered every modern feature today's consumers want, including some that are unique, while being very shootable and good-looking.

With such a success on their hands, Springfield has of course started the expansion of the Echelon line; first we saw compensated (ported) versions of the original full-size model, and now we have the Echelon Compact, which shrinks the barrel from 4.5-inches down to 4.0, and tucks up the grip so that flush magazines now hold 15 instead of 17. This model will likely be a much more popular choice for concealed carry. Let's dive in.

First, the Echelon is a chassis gun, and this is smart. It means the trigger group is the serialized part, and you can swap out the grip modules without having to buy a new



The Echelon Compact is sized for carry, and big enough to run like a full-sized gun, with, perhaps most importantly, a great trigger.

“gun.” Currently, replacement grip modules are \$64.99 on Springfield’s website—more on this in a bit.

The 4.0-inch barrel is hammer forged with a 1:10" twist. Overall, this pistol is 7.25-inches long and 5.2-inches tall. With an unloaded magazine in place, it weighs 24.0 ounces. This pistol is only chambered in 9mm, and while some day you may see an upsized version in .45 ACP, I doubt you’ll ever see one in .40 S&W as there’s just no demand for new .40 pistols. One flush 15-round magazine is provided with the pistol, as well as one extended 18-rounder. Neutered 10-round magazine versions are available if you live in one of those places. Springfield is also offering versions with extended threaded barrels and/or 3-dot tritium sights.

Aesthetically, I think this pistol looks great, but what’s better is those looks have a function to them. The distinctive slide texturing looks attractive, sure, but it’s perhaps the most aggressive I’ve ever seen (even more so than the Walther PDP), and no matter how slick your hands are you won’t lose control of the slide. There are wide, flat-bottomed serrations front and back. The slide is narrowed forward of the ejection port in what Springfield calls a “trench cut,” and the rear scalloped edge just in front of the ejection port is

another grasping point. And you’ll find a second one of those at the rear of the slide, which flares out.

The barrel, slide, and stainless-steel magazines all have a black Melonite (nitride) coating. The barrel and slide have a matte finish, whereas the magazines have a glossier finish and are slick to the touch. Like their XD/XDM and Hellcat pistols and Hellion rifle, the Echelon is made in Croatia for Springfield Armory by HS Produkt, which is why you’ll see the serial number not just on the fire control group but also the slide and barrel.

Springfield’s Hellcat and the Echelon have what I think are the

best sights on any factory gun on the market. The “basic” sight set on the Echelon as seen here is less expensive than the version with 3-dot tritium sights...and I feel this is the superior sight setup. These are great day/night sights.

If you’re new to this, let me explain—day/night sights are ones which are useful and provide a good sight picture whether it’s day or night. The front sight has a tritium insert. Tritium is a radioactive element that glows bright light green, usually for at least ten years. It is in a metal cylinder inside the steel front sight. Around the tritium is a ring of highlighter-yellow photoluminescent paint. The ring is very visible in all lighting conditions, but if you take it from a brightly-lit area to a dimly-lit area (or hit it with a flashlight beam for a few seconds), that ring will glow for a few minutes, increasing the visibility of your front sight.

The rear sight is steel. It has a U-shaped notch around which there is a white semi-circle—nestle the circle of the front sight in the U of the rear sight, and pull the trigger. This is both quick and instinctive, exactly what you want in

The Echelon Compact shortens the barrel to four inches, and the grip so that flush magazines now hold 15 rounds of 9mm.



The Echelon Compact retains the good looks and aesthetics of the full-size model. It is not a lot smaller, but it is sized more appropriate for carry.



The COG, or Central Operating Group, contains the trigger unit and is the serialized part. You can remove it without tools, and Springfield does plan on selling replacement grip modules if you want to personalize your gun.

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S ECHELON COMPACT



The Echelon Compact provides everything shooters are looking for in a modern duty/carry piece, including the ability to direct mount optics, modularity, and a good trigger pull.



While it may not be obvious, the Echelon Compact ships with the small-size grip module, which has a slightly smaller circumference, shortening the reach to the trigger.



The Echelon Compact on the left, compared to the full-size. It's still not a small gun, but it is definitely much easier to conceal, although you'll need a good holster, belt, and covering garment.

a combat-style sight—follow the bouncing ball of that front sight. The front of the rear sight is flat, so you'll be able to rack it one-handed on a hard surface, if you're not running an optic. And on that note...

With the Echelon, Springfield Armory introduced their Variable Interface System, which allows you to directly

mount to the slide nearly any optic on the market, and the compact has the same VIS setup as the full-size Echelon.

Direct-mounting optics to the slide is generally thought to be better than the alternatives as there are fewer parts and/or less opportunity for flex/breakage. The VIS accomplishes this via several screw patterns and the use of steel pins. When you take off the protective steel slide cover, you'll see the slide is cut for direct-threading of optics mounting screws, but you'll also see other cutouts. Those are for indexing pins that either lock into optic bodies, or allow the lugs in the bottom of various optics to lock into the slide.

Using optics screws and the pin sets provided by Springfield, the slide allows direct fitment of the Trijicon RMR/SRO, Leupold DeltaPoint Pro, Holosun 507C/508T/509T, Shield RMSc/SMSc, EOTech EFLX, and the Swampfox Kraken. Springfield also sells adapter plates for the Aimpoint ACRO/Steiner MPS, and the Burris Fastfire 4. Depending on your optic, you should be able to see your sights through the window, for that dead battery eventuality. My test gun was shipped out with a Vortex Defender-ST mounted, but as that's not a package offered by the factory, I did all my accuracy testing with the iron sights. That said, as an FYI, I could see the top half of the iron sights through the window of the Vortex.



The three main Echelon variants (from left to right)—the 4.5-inch full size, the ported Comp full-size, and the Compact. There are other versions with extended threaded barrels and different colors.

The magazine release is a steel oval button with texturing identical to that found on the polymer grip. The buttons on the left and right side are identical. When you push the magazine release, inside you'll see it pivots a steel piece which locks into the front of the magazine. When I tested the full-size pistol the function of the magazine release wasn't as clean as I would have liked (although I had no problems), but the mag release on this pistol was crisp.

At the front of the pistol you'll see a three-slot MIL STD 1913 "picatinny" rail for mounting weaponlights. Being able to attach a white light to your pistol so it can serve double duty as a home defense gun seems a great idea. A lot of younger guys these days are mounting white lights on their concealed carry guns, because tricked-out carry guns are cool, and what red-blooded American gun-owning male doesn't want to look like they hang out with Delta Force? However, if you're a private citizen with that light on your concealed carry piece, the only way you can employ that light without violating one of the four basic gun safety rules (as well as a law or two, like brandishing or assault) is by lighting up a threat—a threat you apparently already identified before the light came on...? I'm not saying don't put a light on your EDC, just figure out ahead of time how to employ it without breaking the law or Jeff Cooper's heart.

The grip texturing doesn't look like much in photos, but in use I found it to be moderately aggressive, not as rough as stippling, but rough enough that my hand didn't slip while shooting. Springfield calls this their Adaptive Grip Texture. I wish it was more aggressive, but bear in mind the stippling and checkering on my carry guns chews up my shirts, so I like it a bit rough. That said, this is a chassis gun, and Springfield sells replacement grip modules for \$64.99 that you can stipple yourself without worry of ruining your entire gun if you screw up. Springfield also, at the last NRA show, showed off large-grip modules for the full-size Echelon and ones with a more aggressive texture (which I really like) and told me they have plans for color options as well.

There is texturing on the front and underside of the trigger guard, which is squared off with a bit of an outward curve at the corner. If you look just above the front of the trigger guard you'll see there, on both sides, the polymer sports an outward curve on which you can rest the thumb



The Echelon Compact ships with one flush 15-round and one extended 18-round magazine, as seen here.



The day/night front sight of the Echelon has a bright ring of light green photo-luminescent paint around a tritium insert.

The rear sight has a white outline around a generous U-notch. Tarr's only complaint was the flat face of the rear sight, which sometimes caught some reflection. He wished it was serrated.



The Echelon has one of the most (maybe the most) aggressively textured slides on the market. Note how the serrations go over the top corners in front and all the way across the top in back.



The wings at the rear of the slide help with traction when your fingers are wet. Depending on what optic you're using, you may be able to see your sights through the window when that optic dies.

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S ECHELON COMPACT



As the Echelon is made in Europe, you'll see the serial number on the chassis, the slide, and the barrel.



You'll find texturing everywhere you want or need on the Echelon's grip module.



The Echelon Compact ships with a small grip module, and a size medium backstrap installed. Small and large backstraps are provided. They don't change the reach to the trigger, mostly they just change grip angle.



Magazines are steel and Melonited, with numbered index holes at the rear.

At the range Tarr shot the Compact (right) alongside the full-size, to see how much of a difference there was in recoil. Short answer—not much.

of your support hand. In fact, the takedown lever is both curved and textured to match the profile of the polymer and give you more real estate for your support-hand thumb.

This pistol is supplied with three backstraps, with the medium installed at the factory. None of the backstraps alter the reach to the trigger, just the grip length front-to-back and the grip angle. With the large backstrap installed, the Echelon doesn't quite have a Glock grip angle, but it's close.

Replacing the backstraps is pretty simple and doesn't require tools. They click into the back of the grip module—with the slide locked back and the magazine out, reach inside the magazine well with a fingertip and find the square at the back of the well, about halfway up. Push that in, toward the backstrap, and on the outside push/pull down on the backstrap. It will slide right off.

The full-size Echelon shipped with a size medium grip module, and I assumed the same would be true of this Compact. Forgetting, of course, what happens when you assume. But I loved the full-size Echelon so much I bought it, so I had it on hand to compare the two and discovered that this Compact shipped with a size small grip module in place—and that's the plan, which makes sense for a smaller gun intended for concealed carry. Sometimes, I feel like manufacturers hide Easter eggs in their new pistol introductions just to see if reviewers are paying attention.

If you're curious about the difference, it's in the width of the grip and the reach to the trigger. On the size medium grip, from just under the trigger guard to the closest point at the rear of the frame is 1.88", and on the compact's size small grip that is 1.76". On the size medium grip, the grip at its widest is 2.19", and on the Small grip module it is 2.12" (all according to my calipers). Those differences





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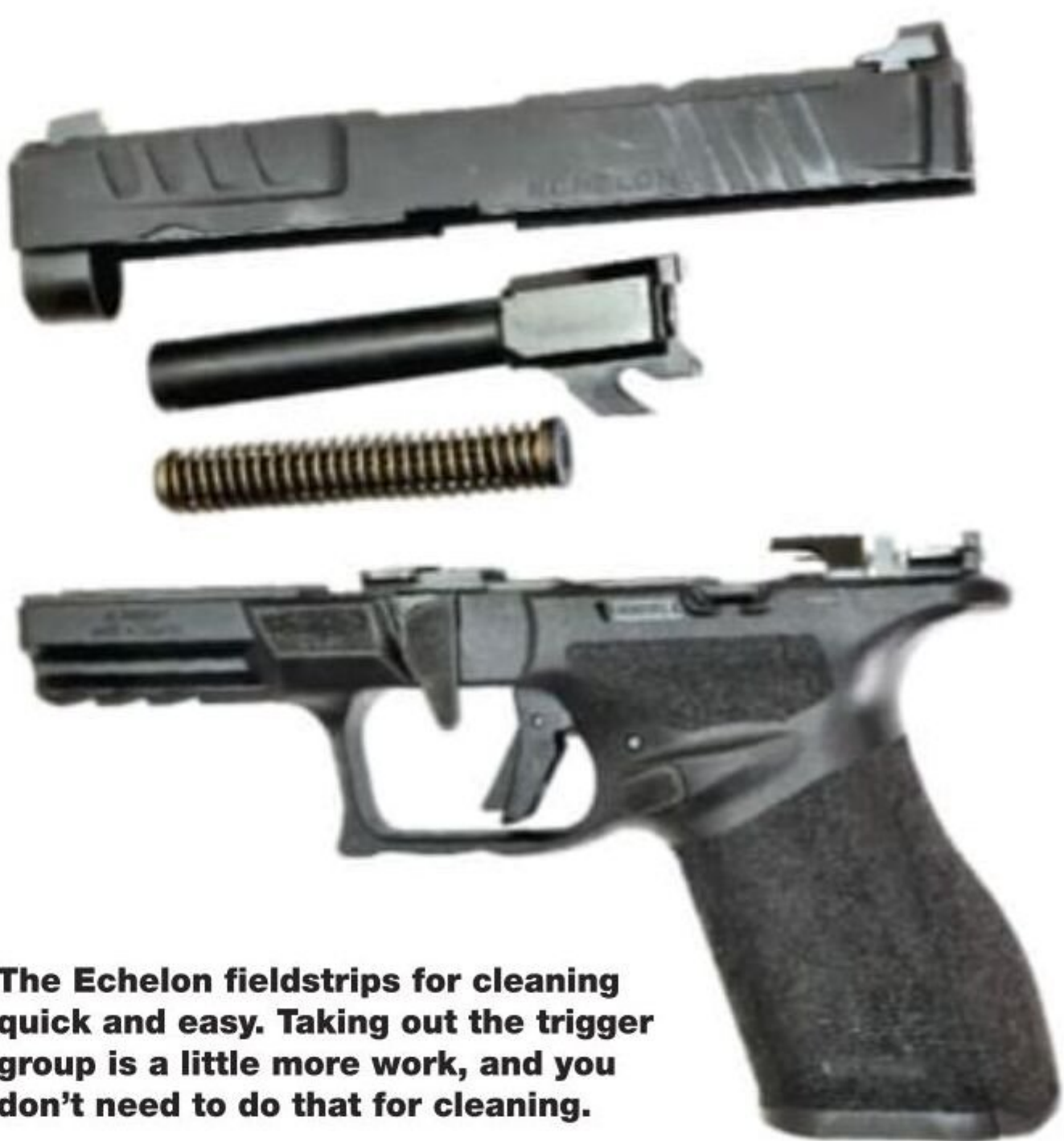
Currently, you don't have a lot of options in holsters for the Echelon, especially for the Compact, but one new one is this, Safariland's Incog X AIWB holster, which can be bought with this mag caddy.

aren't huge, but you can feel them in your hand. If you're curious what you have, the grip module's size is marked at the bottom rear, underneath the backstrap. This pistol was marked C 9/40 S.

The magazine well sports a moderate bevel. There are relief cuts out the outside of the magazine well that mate with angled textured spots on the sides of the magazine base pads to allow you to more easily strip stuck magazines from the gun. There is also texturing on the front and sides of the magazine basepad, which is a nice extra detail that shows some attention was paid to this pistol by people who know a few things. The magazines have numbered index holes in the rear. The extended 18-round magazine has a grip extension, but you likely won't need it—even if you have huge hands, I can't imagine more than a sliver of your pinkie will stick past the bottom of the frame. Springfield ships a spare magazine extension with the gun.

The Echelon has bilateral controls—there is a slide release and magazine release on both the left and right side of the pistol. The slide stop/release is a steel lever that is small and juts out ninety degrees from the side of the gun. For as small as it is, it seems to work very well as a slide release, something you can't say about the Glock piece.

Springfield Armory calls the trigger group the COG—Central Operating Group. It is the serialized part in the Echelon, and when it's in the gun you can see the serial number through a narrow window at the top right side of the grip module, forward of the slide stop. There is a matching cutout on the left side of the grip, but there you'll see SI (Springfield Inc.) Geneseo, IL.



The Echelon fieldstrips for cleaning quick and easy. Taking out the trigger group is a little more work, and you don't need to do that for cleaning.

Federal's Syntech ammunition is known for being inexpensive but not especially accurate. That said, the best group Tarr got out of the Echelon Compact was this 2.1" group with Federal's Syntech Training Match.



SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S ECHELON COMPACT PISTOL					
Load	Bullet Weight (gr.)	Velocity (fps)	ES	SD	Accuracy (in.) (Best & Avg.)
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Speer Gold Dot JHP	124	1,129	26	17	2.7 / 2.9
Hornady Critical Duty+P	135	1,102	23	12	2.4 / 2.8
Federal Syntech Training Match	147	960	30	15	2.1 / 3.5
Accuracy results are the averages of four five-shot groups at 25 yards from a sandbag rest. Velocities are averages of ten shots measured with an Oehler Model 35P 12 feet from the muzzle.					

The COG chassis is stainless steel, and it pulls out of the grip module without tools. Once you remove the magazine and take off the slide assembly (no trigger pull required), you'll need to remove the takedown lever. This involves spinning it in various ways, as you'll be working against a spring-loaded lever. Once you've got that out, you can

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Sized to compete with the Glock 19, the Echelon Compact can be concealed with the right choice of holster, belt, and covering garment.

remove the COG by lifting on the slide stops, pulling the COG forward, and working the trigger a bit so the safety lever on it clears the grip module. Once you figure the process out, it takes only a few seconds, but I recommend finding and watching Springfield's three-minute How-To video on this, as the process is...quirky. The recoil spring guide rod is polymer and full length. The recoil spring is flat wire, and captured.

There's no official trigger pull spec for the Echelon, but my contact there has said to expect 4.5- to 5.0-pound pulls. Every Echelon I've tested has been right in there, and this one was no different—trigger pull on this sample measured 5.0 pounds, relatively crisp for a striker-fired gun, with a short reset. Significantly better than a Glock factory trigger, and in my opinion a bit better than the standard S&W M&P trigger pull.

At the range, the Compact was completely reliable, and the prominent sights and great trigger and relatively low bore made it easy to shoot. I got the slide too hot to touch, and still it ran along, unconcerned. I hammered pepper poppers, ran plate racks, and using IDPA targets practiced snap shots at ten yards, bringing the pistol up to eye level and firing as soon as I found the front sight...and that's really easy when you have such a bold front sight. Just follow the bouncing ball—just like with a red dot, only without having to worry about your battery dying, electronics breaking, screws snapping or coming loose.... And that front sight never leaves the window, it stays in view during the entire recoil cycle. But, iron sights are boring, and red dots are cool and modern, and I'm old, so what do I know?

I brought along my full-size Echelon, because I wanted to compare the two. The Echelon Compact did have slightly more recoil than the full-size gun, but it was surprisingly minimal. There's no more muzzle rise, it just comes back

into your hand with just a bit more snap. If you're looking for a carry gun this Compact is clearly a more sensible choice than the full-size Echelon. It's not a pocket gun, but that means you can run it hard and fast and actually hit what you're aiming at. It is designed to compete directly with the Glock 19 and other pistols that size. For decades, the G19 was the carry gun against which all others were judged, and the Echelon has objectively better features.

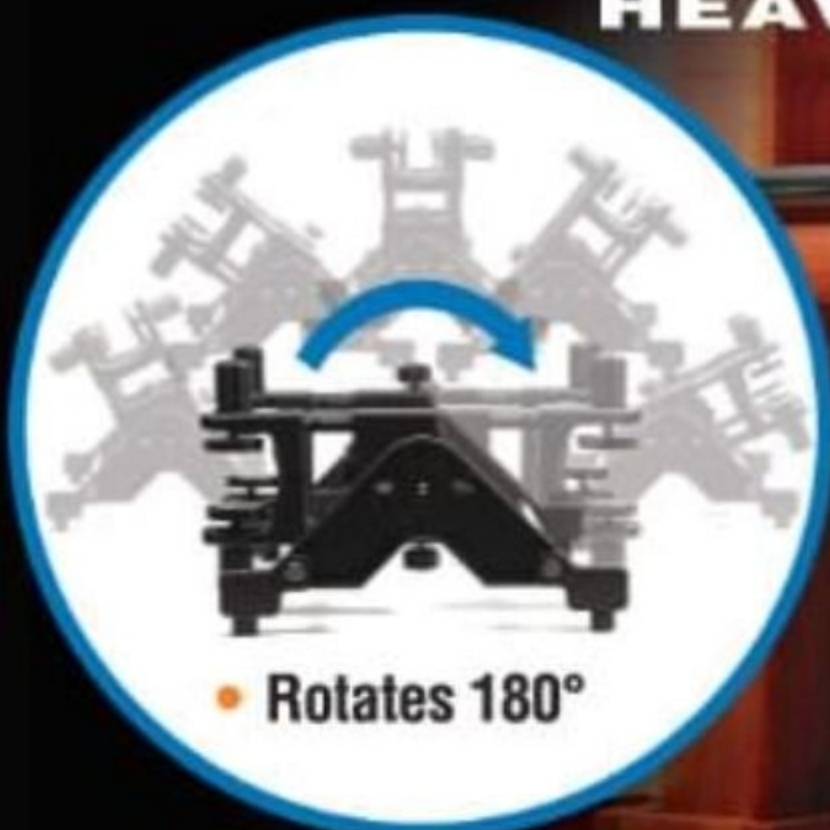
Because the Echelon is a newer pistol, it's only real handicap is a thin list of available holsters, but that keeps growing. For the past four or five years, I've been running my carry gun in a Safariland 5198, which is an outside-the-waistband belt holster, but they have yet to offer it for the Echelon. However, Safariland is now offering their very popular Incog X AIWB holster for the Echelon Compact, and Springfield sent one of them along—check it out in the photos. It is an adjustable Boltaron holster with a gray suede-wrapped exterior, and comes with an optional magazine caddy. I don't carry appendix, and don't recommend it as you're pointing that pistol at irreplaceable real estate, but crotch carry is currently hugely popular as there is no easier way to conceal carry a medium or large pistol along your waistline.

The Echelon is still a new pistol, but as more and more people get their hands on them I expect to see their popularity continue to grow, as it is a solid design that delivers reliability, modularity, and performance. 

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S ECHELON COMPACT PISTOL	
Type:	Striker-fired semi-auto
Caliber:	9mm
Capacity:	15
Barrel:	4.0 in. (4.7 in. threaded barrel available)
Length:	7.25 in.
Height:	5.2 in. (with flush magazine inserted)
Width:	1.2 in.
Weight:	24.0 oz. (w/Unloaded Magazine)
Slide:	Steel
Finish:	Melonite
Grip/Frame:	Polymer with 3 interchangeable backstraps, stainless steel trigger module
Sights:	Day/night front, white outline rear (3-dot tritium available)
Trigger Pull:	4.5–5.0 pounds (5.0 lbs. as tested)
Safety:	Trigger lever, striker drop safety
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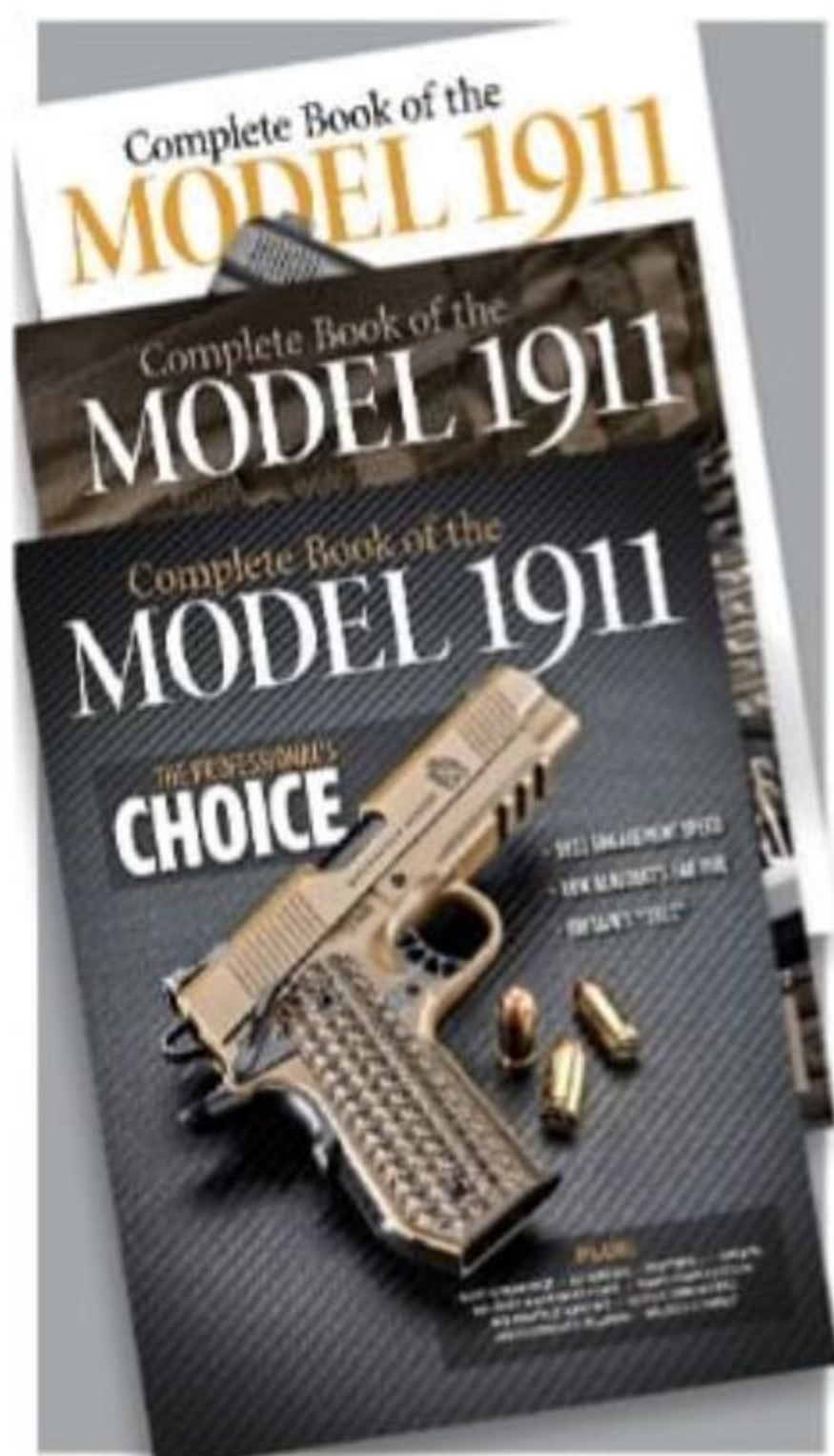


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MIDWEST INDUSTRIES' LIGHTWEIGHT

Looking for a Sub-Six-Pound AR Carbine?
This 16-inch Lightweight is One to Consider!

By David M. Fortier, Executive Editor Photography by Ashley Jaderborg

While modern rifles have not changed a great deal in the last 30 years, the related accessories certainly have. Today, we have all manner of optical sights to choose from. There are low power variable optics (LPVOs), red dot sights, holographic sights, magnifiers, and traditional higher magnification scopes. Plus, you will probably want a modern LED white light. If you own head mounted night vision, you might want an IR laser/illuminator. Perhaps, you'd rather have a thermal sight. No matter what you pick for accessories no rifle is complete without a good sling.

The downside to modern accessories is simply the weight. Adding a sling, 30-round magazine, white light,

IR laser/illuminator, LPVO in a good mount, and a sound suppressor can quickly turn a light and handy carbine into something that feels like a one-ton truck axle. The simplest solution is not to hang any unneeded items off your rifle. Some items though, you may simply want or need. In this case, the direction I tend to lean is to simply start with a very light rifle as my base. For many situations, a lightweight rifle is the way to go.

With this in mind, I took note of Midwest Industries' 16-inch Lightweight Rifle. This has an advertised weight of five pounds 14 ounces with a 12.6-inch handguard and five pounds 15.4 ounces as shown on these pages. A lightweight rifle has a number of advantages for field use, and so I was



If you are looking for a lightweight AR to carry hiking or in the field this is one to consider.



The model doesn't have a lot of razzle-dazzle, but is simply a nicely put together piece geared towards the shooter looking to cut ounces.

interested to see how this model from Midwest Industries would perform. To find out more I decided to see for myself and requested an example on loan for this review.

Initially examining Midwest Industries (MI) 16-inch Lightweight revealed it to be a good looking piece. It is very light, handy, and appears to be built with the needs of the modern rifleman in mind. Starting at the muzzle, I noted it has 1/2x28 threads and a simple, but effective, A2 flash suppressor. To the rear of this is a low profile steel gas block held in place by two set screws. It features the popular mid-length gas system.

Surrounding the barrel is a Midwest Industries MI-CMR15 Combat series handguard. This rifle model is available with a 12.6-, 14-, or 15-inch handguard, and my review rifle featured the longest of the three. This is a lightweight yet rugged rail system with M-LOK slots for mounting accessories.

Developed by Magpul Industries, the M-LOK system is actually an evolution of their earlier MOE slot system. Their MOE slot system, as its name implies, was standard on their MOE handguards. M-LOK refines and improves this system. Magpul describes it as a, "Modular locking accessory mounting system that is a direct attachment method for hard mounting accessories to a negative

space mounting point." M-LOK is intended to be a stand-alone replacement for the MIL-STD-1913 rail system. Due to it being a slot, rather than a rail, M-LOK reduces weight. The system is designed to allow accessories to be mounted directly to the slots with no 1913 rail section required. However, as we live in an imperfect world, it is also backwards compatible and rail sections can be mounted.

Midwest Industries selected a lightweight 16-inch barrel for this model. It features a 0.625-inch "pencil barrel" style profile with a .223 Wylde chamber and a one turn in eight inches right hand rifling twist. The .223 Wylde chamber is



Thanks to its lightweight and balance, the Midwest Industries' carbine is quick to the shoulder and fast handling.



▲ Midwest Industries utilizes the popular Mid-Length gas system on this model.

◀ Surrounding the barrel is a Midwest Industries MI-CMR15 Combat series handguard with M-LOK slots for mounting accessories.

intended to provide the best of both the military 5.56mm NATO chamber and a commercial .223 Remington chamber. Basically, you can use both .223 Remington and 5.56x45mm NATO pressure ammunition safely in it, but it is intended to provide better accuracy than the military chamber. The 1:8-inch barrel twist is very popular with competition shooters and will stabilize all your typical projectiles running from 55-grain up to, and including, 77 grains without issue. My NRA High Power match rifles all had 1:8-inch twist barrels and this twist rate always performed well for me. For protection from wear and corrosion, the barrel features a Melonite finish.

Midwest Industries builds their Lightweight model using their MI forged upper receiver. This is machined from 7075-T6 forged aluminum which is hard coat anodized per Mil-Spec/TDP (Technical Data Package) Mil-A-8625F, Class 2, Type 3. It features M4 feed ramps and laser T-Markings on the 1913 rail machined into the top of the receiver. A forward assist, case deflector and ejection port door are standard features.

Inside the upper receiver, you will find an MI M16 bolt carrier assembly. The bolt is machined from Mil-Spec Carpenter 158 steel and Magnetic Particle Inspected (MPI) and shot peened to catch any possible defects. It features



An Aimpoint T-2 red dot with its matching 3x magnifier was mounted in a Spuhr RDF-20225K mount for testing.



The Spuhr mount allows the magnifier to be easily rotated up for use, or down when not required or it can be easily popped off.



The Aimpoint T-2 and 3x magnifier combination worked well during testing.



Midwest Industries uses forged upper and lower receivers machined from 7075-T6 aluminum and hard coat anodized per Mil-Spec/TDP Mil-A-8625F, Class 2, Type 3.

a black Viton extractor insert with black rubber O-ring to aid reliability. The bolt rides in a full-auto profile carrier machined from 8620. A gas key machined from 4140 is properly torqued and staked with Grade 8 fasteners as per the TDP. The firing pin is machined from 17-4 H-900 stainless steel and the cam pin is machined from 4140. The assembly features a Black Nitride finish. A standard GI style charging handle is fitted.

The upper receiver pins onto a lower receiver forged from 7075-T6 aluminum and hard coat anodized per Mil-Spec/TDP (Technical Data Package) Mil-A-8625F, Class 2, Type 3. The receiver rear takedown pin detent hole is threaded for a 4-40 set screw. Controls are standard GI style, and a GI-style single-stage trigger is fitted, which has a pull of about 5.5 pounds. A Mil Spec diameter M4 style receiver extension (buffer tube) is standard. Inside the receiver extension is a standard weight CAR buffer and action spring. Midwest Industries uses a Mil-Spec castle nut and their end plate features a QD sling socket. The castle nut was properly staked per the TDP. The receiver also sports an oversize Midwest Industries trigger guard for use with

gloves. A Magpul Industries collapsible CTR buttstock is fitted along with a MOE pistol grip to add a bit of style.

Out of the box, the Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight looked good, exhibited a nice finish and everything operated smoothly. I took the bolt apart to verify the black Viton extractor insert and black rubber O-ring were present. They were. Then, I checked to verify the staking was properly executed on the gas key and castle nut. Everything looked good.

The Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight features QD sling sockets at 3 and 9 o'clock positions at the rear of the handguard, one on the end plate and at 3 and 9 o'clock on the buttstock. So, adding a padded VTAC sling was easy. Next, I added an Aimpoint T-2 red dot sight and 3x magnifier. These were attached using a Spuhr RDF-20225K mount. The Spuhr mount features a 2.25-inch height making it well-suited for firing passively using head mounted night vision.



A Magpul Industries collapsible CTR buttstock is fitted along with a MOE pistol grip to add a bit of style.



Midwest Industries chose to use a .223 Wylde chamber which offers the best of both the 5.56x45mm NATO and commercial .223 Remington chamber designs.



A look at a five-shot group fired at 100 yards using Black Hills Ammunition's 77-grain OTM load.

Practical accuracy of the lightweight carbine proved very good when put to the test.

ACCURACY CHART MIDWEST INDUSTRIES 16-INCH LIGHTWEIGHT AR-TYPE RIFLE				
Load	Bullet Weight (gr)	Muzzle Velocity (fps)	SD	Average Group (in.)
.223 Rem				
Speer Gold Dot	75	2,573	18.2	1.5
5.56x45mm NATO				
American Eagle M855 FMJ	62	2,972	28.9	2.8
Black Hills OTM	77	2,783	19.9	1.3
Notes: Accuracy results are averages of four five-shot groups fired from a rest at 100 yards. Velocity figures are 10-shot averages recorded with a LabRadar Doppler chronograph at the muzzle at an ambient temperature of 68 degrees F at 1,030 feet above Sea Level.				

Accuracy was checked firing from a rest using a rear bag at 100 yards. Test ammunition consisted of American Eagle's 5.56x45mm 62-grain M855 ball, Speer's .223 Rem 75-grain Gold Dot and Black Hills Ammunition's 5.56x45mm 77-grain OTM. Four five-shot groups were fired with each load with velocity recorded using a LabRadar Doppler chronograph.

Getting to work, I was pleased to note the rifle to be accurate and running reliably. The action operated smoothly, rounds feed easily and extracted and ejected without issue. The gun cycled without issue with all the different loads and was properly gassed. It is a pleasant rifle to fire although the standard trigger could be improved upon. Zero issues were encountered.

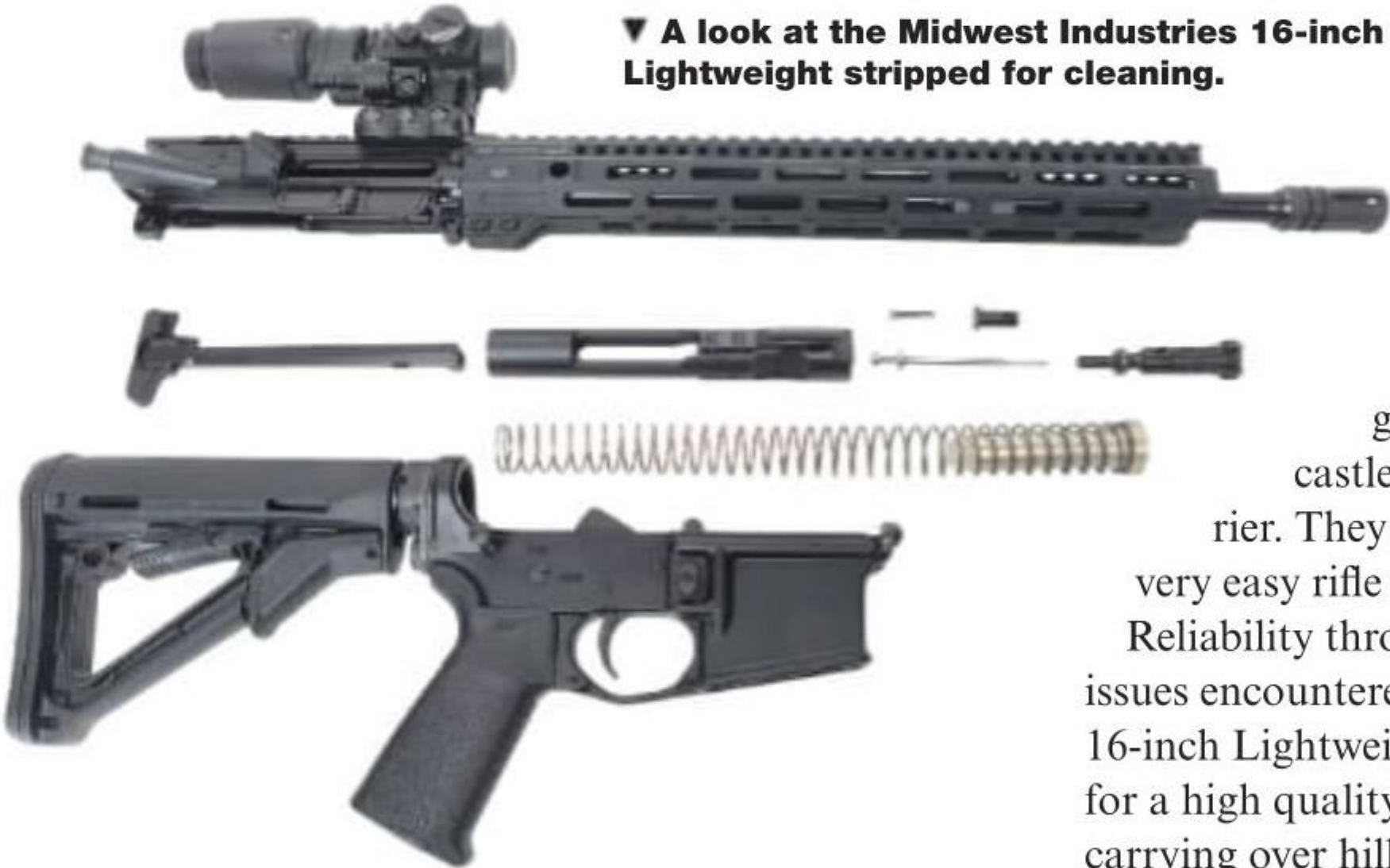
Accuracy was good for a rack grade 16-inch semi-automatic carbine. Best accuracy was obtained using Black

Hills Ammunition's 77-grain OTM load. This averaged a respectable 1.3 inches. Muzzle velocity of this load averaged 2,783 fps. Not far behind though was Speer's 75-grain Gold Dot load. This was a bit slower averaging 2,573 fps as it's a .223 Remington pressure load, but it shot well. The Gold Dot load averaged 1.5 inches. Of course, I had to try some economical 62-grain M855 ball. This averaged 2.8 inches at 2,972 fps.

Running drills with the Aimpoint T-2 both with and without the 3x magnifier showed the Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight to be a nimble and fast handling rifle. It balances well, feels good in the hands and is quick to the shoulder. Despite the light weight, it proved smooth shooting and capable of making rapid follow-up shots. The stock allows you to attach a sling in multiple ways, is comfortable and the rubber pad prevents the butt from sliding around. Magazines ejected cleanly with the push of a button.



▲ The Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight performed well during drills with magazines ejecting cleanly with the push of a button.



▼ A look at the Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight stripped for cleaning.

controls are all stock, including the charging handle, and it wears an A2 muzzle device. While this keeps the price down it doesn't allow the Midwest Industries to jump out at you from the rack. Many customers are not going to consider things like gas key and castle nut staking or the quality of the bolt carrier. They want eye candy. That said, this would be a very easy rifle to customize to fit your individual needs. Reliability throughout testing was flawless, with zero issues encountered. Overall, the Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight performed well. If you are looking for a high quality but lightweight AR-15 for hiking and carrying over hill and dale this is one to consider. **TN**

I ran drills with the Midwest Industries 16-inch Lightweight in daylight and at night. At night, I did a mix of drills shooting passively through the T-2 with a head mounted PVS-14 night vision monocular. The Spuhr mount brings the T-2 up high enough so shooting passively is much easier and more natural.

Regarding practical accuracy, I found the Midwest Industries Lightweight AR to perform very well. I engaged steel targets during the day at 70, 100, and 280 yards. Shooting at 280 yards felt very comfortable, I didn't have to fight the gun or struggle to make nice center hits. The gun is easy to hit with at a distance and proved very consistent with Black Hills' 77-grain load.

Complaints? If I was going to grumble, I guess my only complaint would be this model is fairly vanilla. The

MIDWEST INDUSTRIES 16-INCH LIGHTWEIGHT RIFLE	
Action Type:	Stoner DI with rotating bolt
Caliber:	.223 Wylde
Feed:	STANAG magazines
Barrel:	16 in., Melonite, 1:8-inch twist
Overall Length:	37 in., 33 in. (collapsed)
Weight:	5 lbs., 15.4 ounces
Finish:	Anodized black
Trigger:	GI single-stage
Sights:	None, MIL STD 1913 rail
Price:	\$1,385 MSRP
Contact:	(262) 896-6780, MidwestIndustriesInc.com



James Tarr likes to optimize firearms and his shooting experience for maximum performance, and that is what *Miscellaneous Greatness* is all about.

MISCELLANEOUS — PART 7 GREATNESS

A Look at Products from Aimpoint, Brownells, Meprolight, Safariland, SilencerCo, and Streamlight.

By James Tarr

It's been a while, so it's time for another installment of my "Miscellaneous Greatness" series, where I talk up some products I've been using that I really like. Some of them were review products that came in and didn't get sent back, others were things I've stumbled across in my daily life. In no particular order...

■ Safariland Liberator Electronic Muffs (Safariland.com)

As a general rule, I don't like earmuffs and don't use them, because they're either too hot, or squeeze my head, or both. Electronic earmuffs are, as a rule, superior to standard muffs in performance as they allow you to hear and talk at a normal volume, but I've always been underwhelmed with the sound quality of e-muffs. I have a bin

full of electronic muffs in my basement I never use, and just hand out when I take other people to the range. However, I was at a Safariland event this past spring and given a set of their Liberator HP 2.0 electronic muffs, and I have to say they are the best electronic muffs I've ever tried.

Safariland's Liberator electronic muffs are expensive but have the best sound quality and most comfortable ear cups of any muffs Tarr has ever tried.





Tarr is a huge fan of the Safariland Liberator electronic muffs as well as Brownells' 733 C7 upper receiver assembly, which he's built into an SBR for the full *Heat* aesthetic.

First, the ear “gel cups” are so soft that you barely feel them, and whatever eye pro you’re wearing, they’ll mold around the temples for a good seal while not driving them into your skull. The muffs are not comically large, or heavy. But the best thing about these muffs is the sound system. The audio is so good you’ll forget you’re wearing muffs at all.

There is a slight background hiss (which you’ll soon tune out), but beyond that the sound is so natural it doesn’t sound like speakers feeding it into your ears, it sounds like you’re not wearing muffs and you’re just hearing everything with your unprotected ears. Between that and the soft ear cups, several times during the two-day Safariland event I forgot I was wearing them—and there is no better praise I can give ear pro.

No, they are not cheap. The basic Liberator HP 2.0 setup, with an over-the-head strap and replaceable batteries, runs \$349. But these are professional-grade electronic muffs like SF and SWAT use, and expandable with the purchase of PTT mics, helmet attachments, and the like.

■ **Brownells' *Heat* Upper (Brownells.com)**

Technically, this is the 733 C7 Upper Receiver Assembly from Brownells but everyone most likely knows it from the best gunfight to ever appear in a movie, the bank robbery scene from *Heat* (1995). In that legendary scene both Chris Shiherlis and Neil McCauley (Val Kilmer and Robert De Niro) were running 11.5-inch Colt 733 C7 “Commando” rifles, firing on full-auto and going through mag after mag in downtown Los Angeles as they attempted to break contact with the LAPD.

Brownells' 733 C7 Upper Receiver Assembly is a faithful reproduction of

the upper of those guns. As it has an 11.5-inch barrel, it’s going to have to go on a pistol or a lower registered as an SBR to stay legal under our current unconstitutional laws. It has an A1 birdcage flash hider, narrow CAR handguards, fixed front sight tower, and carry handle.

Brownells' 11.5-inch barrel has a lightweight A1 profile. It has a 5.56 NATO chamber, a 1:7" twist, and a chrome-lined bore and chamber. That 1:7 (one rifling turn in seven inches) twist rate isn’t period accurate, as those original guns likely had a 1:12 twist rate, but it will allow you to shoot heavier bullets than Vietnam-era 55-grainers without worrying about them keyholing.

The upper receiver of the 733 is interesting. This is/was a transitional model, introduced after the Vietnam-era CARs but before the M16A2 came out, and the receiver you see here is the C7, originally produced by Colt Canada, and later added to many US-made Colt carbines. The C7 has the original carry handle and rear sight of the M16A1, and the teardrop-shaped forward assist, but it also has the “Burton bump” shell deflector found on all the M16A2 rifles. If you rewatch 1995’s *Heat* (and why wouldn’t you?), you’ll see McCauley and Shiherlis are running this exact top end on the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

What will shock you is just how light and handy it is, something lost in most modern ARs. I bought this upper with my own money, and while there are a few braces that look similar to an original CAR stock, I decided to go authentic. I SBR’d an old Rock River Arms lower receiver assembly and put an authentic 1990s-era CAR stock on



Brownells' 733 C7 upper receiver assembly is a faithful reproduction of the 11.5-inch upper Colt was selling in a transitional period between the A1 and A2 models.



Tarr's son getting trigger time behind the 733 C7 on an SBR'd lower. It has remarkably low recoil for how light it is.



Tarr has been feeling in a retro mood lately. On the left is an HK SP5K that he SBR'd, tipped with a SilencerCo Omega 9K, and on the right is the Brownells 11.5-inch 733 C7 upper with a period-correct carry handle mount and Aimpoint optic.

it I found in my basement. The upper receiver assembly weighs 3 lbs. 8 oz. according to my digital scale. Total unloaded weight of the gun as seen is just five pounds 6.7 ounces. The only thing on my gun not “retro” is the Magpul grip and curved trigger guard, as I hate the feel of the original A1/A2 grips, and the factory trigger guard lets the frame dig into my knuckle.



Tarr has 520 rounds through the Brownells upper without a single malfunction, using all GI-type aluminum magazines, including authentic pre-ban Colt 20-rounders.

If you've never run an AR with a carrying handle, note that there is a hole in the middle of the handle, and various types of optic mounts attach to the carrying handle using that hole. For accuracy testing, and to get a better idea of just what the muzzle was doing under recoil, I mounted a red dot on the 733. In my basement, I had an ARMS carry-handle mount with unusually-spaced slots—it is so old it pre-dates the Picatinny rail (standardized in 1994). I bought a Vortex 30mm Tactical low scope ring from Midway USA (\$25) and installed my old Aimpoint CompC atop the gun.

Recoil on this gun was surprising low for how light and handy it is, and while shooting I discovered it wasn't my imagination—under recoil the dot didn't rise at all, it just vibrated in place. The Aimpoint makes for a little faster shooting at distance, and it provides huge 90s retro vibes, but I think I'm just going to stick to the iron sights for this gun. In part, because I know how to run iron sights fast at CQB distances. This is a trick I learned from a friend who was issued a Colt 635 (9mm SMG) when he worked for the DEA. At CQB distances, instead of looking through the rear sight, you look just over it. Use the wings protecting the rear aperture as the notch of a rear sight and center the entire front sight tower between them. You're basically using your entire front sight tower as your front sight. Doing this you can shoot with both eyes open, and while it's not MOA precise, it allows you to shoot iron sights accurately enough as fast as you can pull the trigger. However, this is something you need to practice, as you'll hit high. But with iron sights there's no faster technique inside 20–25 yards.

For testing I just didn't feel using polymer Magpul PMags would be appropriate, so for all of my shooting I used GI contract aluminum magazines made by D&H, Brownells, and Colt (although they all had Magpul followers). I even used a few old 20-rounders (Colt and Adventure Line) with the original metal non-tilt followers that were ahead of their time.

Currently, I have 520 rounds through the upper, without cleaning, and only the lube that came on it from the factory. The only problem I had was the bolt not locking back on one of my ancient 20-rounders, reliability has been 100%. On one range trip I got the gun so hot I couldn't touch the carry handle. The heat has discolored the end of the barrel and the front sight post. But the upper just keeps purring along. I love it. MSRP is \$719.

■ Streamlight Wedge XT (Streamlight.com)

I've mentioned this light in my CCW column, but as I truly carry it every day, and have for over a year, I feel it deserves a mention here. If you are looking for a good general-purpose EDC flashlight that can, in a pinch, serve double duty as a tactical illuminator, the Streamlight Wedge XT might be for you. It's not perfect...but darn does it seem to be close.

It's got two illumination modes, 500 or 50 lumens, and while it's programmable I like that the high beam



◀ Tarr has been daily carrying the Streamlight Wedge XT for over a year now and loves it for its size and performance.

▶ The Streamlight Wedge XT on the left next to an original Wedge, which is a bit long and has weird controls. The Surefire Stiletto on the right Tarr likes, and it maybe has better controls, but Tarr likes that the Wedge XT is noticeably smaller.



comes on first, and I've never seen a need to change that. Click it twice if you want the low beam. It's got a simple rubberized push button switch on the end, and is plug-in rechargeable via USB-C. I've been carrying this light for well over a year and have only recharged it once. It throws a wide beam, nearly ninety degrees, so it's great for general flashlight use or "tactical" use at indoor distances.

The best part of this light is you get all that performance and features in a size and weight you'll barely notice. It is 4.25-inches long, 1.1-inches wide, and 0.6-inches thick, not including the pocket clip, and it weighs 2.62 ounces. It's short, flat, light, and bright, which is why it's perfect for EDC. You'll forget you're carrying it. It's available in black or "coyote" and seems to be under \$90 most places online.

■ Meprolight M22 (Meprolight.com)

This optic might as well be a family member, because I really like it...in spite of all its imperfections. It is confounding and irritating and yet I still have it on my dedicated truck gun (a Daniel Defense Mk18 pistol) because of what it is and what it can do.

I wrote this fiber optic/tritium-powered reflex optic up for the *Firearms News* website, and since I've done that, I've gotten in the light module for it, which really makes a difference. The Mepro M22 was designed to be an improvement over the earlier M21, smaller, lighter, and with a brighter reticle. The M22 has windows in the sides, top, and front of the polymer body through which you can see the fiber optic collector rods coiled in a spiral. It comes complete with a QD throw lever mount.

Fiber optic illumination means the reticle automatically adjusts brightness according to ambient light, and there are no batteries to fail. At night, the radioactive tritium

faintly illuminates the reticle, and the tritium will usually last for ten years or so.

Currently, there is just one model of M22, but you have your choice of two illuminated red reticles, a 3.5 MOA/40 MOA circle/dot they call their bullseye reticle, or a triangle that's advertised as 10 MOA, but really, it's 15 MOA tall. I am a big fan of circle/dot reticles, but the version in the M22 feels a bit cluttered to me. The walls of the 40 MOA ID circle are 4.5 MOA thick. For comparison, the EOTech HWS pairs a 1 MOA dot with a 68 MOA circle. I went with the triangle.

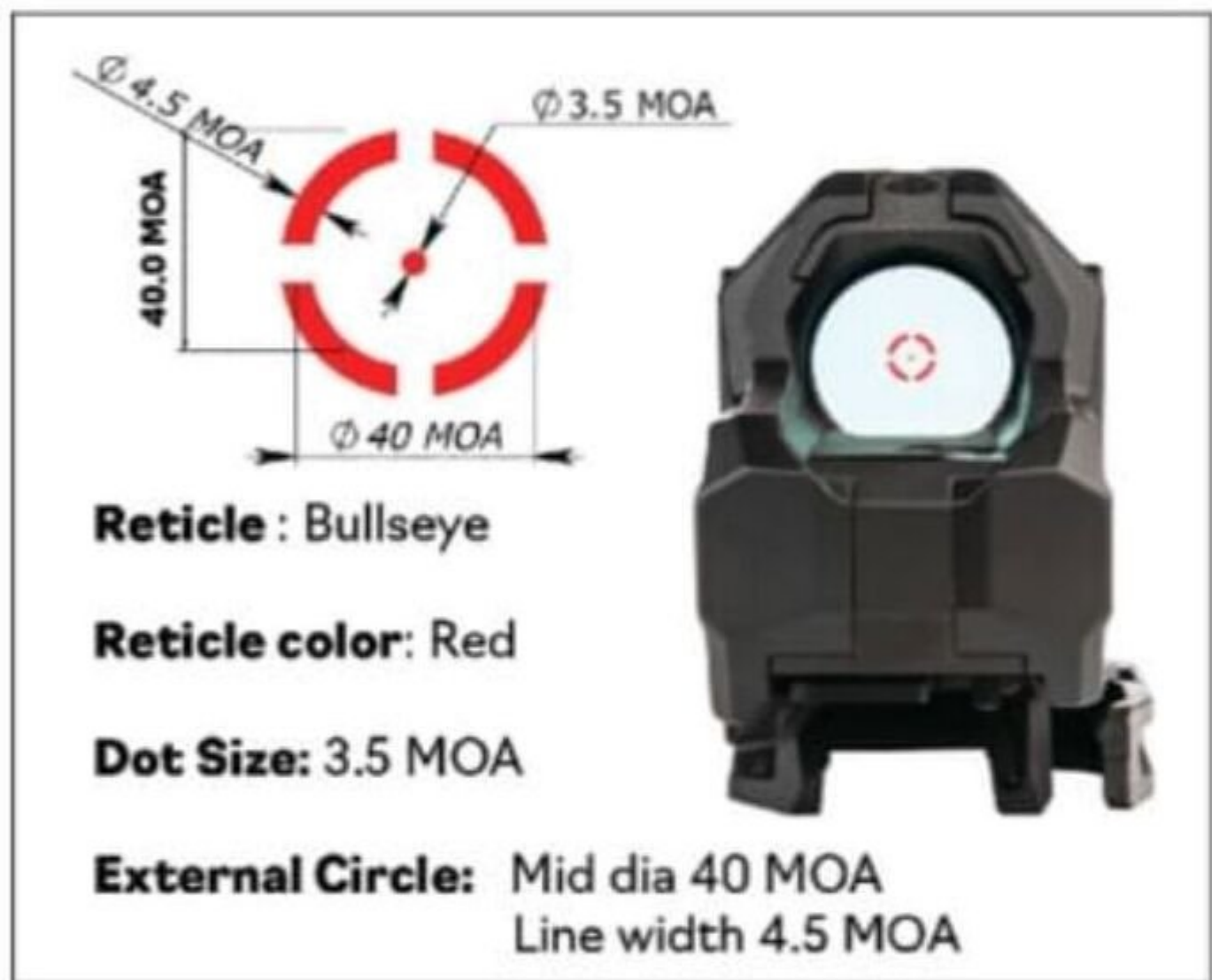
Trijicon at least two decades ago perfected fiber optic-powered reticles, and some of them are so bright in direct sunlight users have had to put tape over the collectors. The M22, on the other hand, has the opposite problem, and I'm darned if I know why, considering fiber optics aren't exactly cutting-edge tech. The reticle is bright enough outdoors, but just barely, and in other lighting



Meprolight's Mepro M22 is a dual-illuminated fiber optic/tritium reflex sight that can be had with a triangle or circle/dot reticle. It's seen here with an optional polarizer.



Tarr has put the M22 on his dedicated truck gun, where the lack of batteries and electronics make it more durable.



Tarr likes circle/dot reticles, but the dimensions of the “bullseye” reticle for the M22 make it seem too cluttered to him. For comparison, the ring of an EOTech is 68 MOA wide, with a 1 MOA dot.



Tarr is a fan of triangle reticles as they can be used both for precision (the point) and at speed (the entire triangle). But note that the “10 MOA triangle” is more like 15 MOA tall.

conditions you might find yourself struggling to spot it. Which makes no freaking sense. ‘Confounding’ I think is an accurate word. But I like the triangle reticle, and I like that it is always on, and truly EMP-proof.

I got a polarizer, which screws into the front end. Once installed, it has a lens which you can rotate that lowers or increases the amount of tint, from just a tiny bit to darn near blacking out your view through the window. What this tint does is make the reticle seem brighter in comparison to the background, even at lower levels, which is a good thing. It adds barely any length, and less than an ounce of weight.

Now available from Meprolight is the M22 Light Module, which replaces the side panels of your optic, adds a bit of a sun shield over the window, but—most importantly—adds illumination for when you’re running your optic indoors or in poor lighting conditions. Powered by one CR2032 battery it simply brightens your existing reticle. It has three brightness settings, and you can adjust them manually or set it on automatic, where it will adjust based on the ambient lighting around you. With it, you won’t need the polarizer. Per my contact at Meprolight (as this info isn’t on their website but should be)—the light module has 10,000 hours of battery life (dependent upon use, of course), and the light module has an auto-shutoff after 30 minutes.

Yes, I understand that battery-powered illumination isn’t EMP-proof, but the optic still works without it, and you won’t need it outdoors, and I really like big triangle reticles as they allow both precision and speed. The optic itself is 9.2 ounces including the built-in QD mount, and with both the polarizer and light module installed it was 10.57 ounces on my scale.

The M22 has an MSRP of \$499.99, and the M22 Light Module is \$124.99. The polarizer doesn’t seem to be available yet, but figure it will be \$50–\$75.



The Light Module installed on the M22. It adds a bit of a sunshade, and a battery illuminator that brightens the reticle for use indoors or when running a white light.



Tarr wanted a short/light/tough suppressor for his HK MP5K PDW build, and the SilencerCo Omega 9K is just that. Using a 3-lug mount it adds only 3⁵/₈" to the overall length. (Photos by Andy Grossman)

■ SilencerCo Omega 9K (SilencerCo.com)

The more time I spend around silencers/suppressors, the more particular I get. Even if you're shooting subsonic ammunition, the only way you can get your gun Hollywood quiet is if your suppressor has a lot of volume, which adds size but also weight. So, if it's not going to be whisper quiet...I'm thinking it shouldn't be big or heavy, either. (Or expensive.) And this was on my mind as I started looking around for a suppressor for the Heckler & Koch SP5K I decided to SBR, to turn into a semi-auto version of my favorite SMG, the MP5K PDW.

I decided on the SilencerCo Omega 9K, as it seemed the best balance of size, weight, performance, and price.

The 9K has tubeless construction, made with 17-4 stainless steel and Cobalt-6, which is a high strength steel alloy high in cobalt. Baffles made of Cobalt-6 provide better resistance to wear/erosion than those made of stainless steel

or even Inconel. The Omega 9K is suitable for either 9mm or .300 AAC Blackout, super- or sub-sonic ammunition.

There is an expansion chamber just past your muzzle, five baffles, and then a smaller expansion chamber between the last baffle and the integral end cap. The suppressor itself is just 4.54-inches long, and 1.48 inches in diameter.

For its size/volume, the noise reduction of the Omega 9K is excellent. SilencerCo states their muzzle average dB for subsonic ammo is 135.8 for 9mm and 133.7 for 300 BLK. That is very competitive, especially when you consider how short and light it is. As shipped the Omega 9K weighs just 7.3 ounces. It is compatible with Alpha mounts and ships with a 5/8x34 adapter, piston spring, and retainer cap, as well as a three-lug tool.

The muzzle of my HK SP5K PDW is threaded 1/2x28mm, and arguably direct-threaded suppressors have some advantages over ones using QD mounts, but I wanted to use the three-lug mount on the HK's barrel for



SilencerCo's Omega 9K comes with everything you see here—a 5/8x34 adapter, piston spring, and retainer cap, as well as a three-lug tool.



The 3-lug adapter shown removed from the Omega 9K—and a little dirty after Tarr put several hundred rounds through it.



The HK MP5K PDW is Tarr's favorite SMG, and with the addition of the SilencerCo Omega 9K he has a great semi-auto version of it.

two reasons—first, it's the traditional way of mounting a can to an HK, and second, it allows the suppressor to sit farther back, shortening the overall length when installed.

With the mount installed, the Omega 9K weighed 9.2 ounces, with the center of gravity toward the rear of the suppressor. With it mounted, you really don't even feel the weight on a loaded gun. Best of all, that three-lug adapter tucks the suppressor back onto the barrel, right up against the front sight tower. Using the three-lug mount the Omega 9K only adds 3⁵/₈-inch to the overall length of the gun. That's nearly nothing. It's so short when installed that I can fit the SP5K, wearing the can (with the stock folded) into the original case HK provides with the pistol.

The Omega 9K is \$749, and SilencerCo's 3-lug mount is \$139, which is very competitive. It pretty much doesn't come off my MP5K PDW, as I am 110% happy with the setup.

■ Aimpoint ACRO C-2 (Aimpoint.us)

I believe the C-2 has been covered by other people in this magazine, so I'll just give it a very brief shout-out. The ACRO P-1 and P-2 were purpose-built enclosed optics meant to mount on pistol slides, and they've pretty much become the standard for durability. But, from day one, people started mounting them on long guns. If you do the math, the square-ish window of the ACRO is actually larger than the round window of Aimpoint's Micro.

The C-2 is a version of the ACRO specifically intended for use on long guns—that C stands for Carbine, and its specs have been a bit tweaked. But what's great about the C-2 is that it's sold as a package, with a high-end mount of your choice and flip-up lens covers, for \$50 less than just a bare ACRO P-2 (\$599 instead of \$649).

The ACRO P-2 has a 3.5 MOA dot, is waterproof to 35 meters, and has four night vision and six daylight brightness settings. The C-2 has a 2.5 MOA dot, is waterproof to five meters, and has two night vision and eight daylight brightness settings. Otherwise, the specs are identical, this is an enclosed optic with a 7075 aluminum housing and glass lenses. The C-2 can be had with your choice of a Scalarworks, Reptilia Corp., or B&T flattop AR mount. Just bought separately, those mounts run between \$85–\$159, depending on the brand, and Aimpoint charges \$48 for the flip-up lens cover set if bought separately.

The optic is powered by a CR2032 battery advertised as providing 50,000 hours of life and weighs just 2.1 ounces (plus the mount). The ACRO has been tested to withstand 20,000 rounds of .40 S&W ammo when mounted on a pistol slide, so sitting atop a low-recoiling AR will be like taking a vacation. A small light optic like this seems perfect for an AR pistol or SBR, and you can't beat an Aimpoint for quality or durability. **FN**



The C-2 is a version of Aimpoint's ACRO specifically intended for use on carbines, and it comes as a kit, complete with flip-up lens covers and your choice of one of three mounts—this is a Reptilia Corp. flattop mount.



Aimpoint's ACRO C-2, intended for carbines, seems perfect for SBRs or AR pistols. It is small and light while still having more window area than the Aimpoint Micro.

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carport where he shot and killed Silva, ending the deadly attack before it became a towering inferno.

Green says his client is a licensed firearm owner, a claim that Honolulu Police Chief Arthur Logan confirmed, stating that the handgun used to kill Silva was indeed registered. Keamo-Carnate is licensed to own a pistol (Hawaii has a restrictive process in order to own firearms).

Although this is clearly a case of a legally armed person stopping a mass murder, Keamo-Carnate was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder that Sunday just after midnight and released pending further investigation around 8 PM later that day.

Green says his client believes Silva was trying to drive the front loader and 55-gallon drums of fuel into the house in an attempt to hold the people inside at gunpoint, and set the house on fire.

"This is not over. He can't get into his head what he just saw happen then he's

locked... in a cell... It's unbelievable. They will run it down, interview witnesses, but they would be crazy to charge him," Green said shortly after the shooting.

And he was correct. While prosecutors didn't comment immediately on charging decisions, they ultimately chose not to move forward with any legal action against Keamo-Carnate.

Keamo-Carnate lived in the home at the time with his wife, children, and mother-in-law. He is considering civil action against Silva's estate and other potentially liable parties according to Green, who also noted that Silva had "threatened to shoot" the Keamo family twice before in 2021 and 2022.

Even after the violence that evening, Green warned that the threats were ongoing, with a Silva family member threatening to return to the scene after Hiram James Silva Sr. had been killed.

Chief Logan of the Honolulu Police urged calm and advised anyone with

evidence of plans for retaliation or threats between the families to call 911 and report it immediately.

The Medical Examiner's office released the identities of Silva's three victims, all women between the ages of 29 and 36. The two others shot, a 52-year-old woman and a 31-year-old man, were critically wounded in the rampage, both requiring surgery. Representatives of the family say that procedures in both cases were successful.

This situation highlights the dangers of ongoing conflict between neighbors where constant proximity and escalating animosity blend into fatal disaster. It also demonstrates how, faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, an armed citizen is never out of the fight. The tragedy of this incident is inescapable; however, I do not wish to imagine the soul-crushing results that may have been if not for the actions of one man to protect his family, and his right to do so. **TM**

LEFTIST GOVERNORS RETALIATE AGAINST ELECTION RESULTS

BY THREATENING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

By Darwin Nercesian

The 2024 Presidential Election saw a large shift across the country, with Donald Trump winning all seven battlegrounds and receiving more votes in Democrat-controlled states than ever before, flipping many counties red in traditionally blue strongholds. While this can be credited to the fact that President-Elect Trump connects more broadly with working-class citizens than do the self-proclaimed "elitists" on the left, much of the evolution is in response to the failures of the Democrats that have plagued Americans, especially over the past four years. From inflation, border security, and migrant crime waves, to

the woke administrative state being turned against political opponents and the handling of overseas conflicts, many Americans have been left hungry, exhausted, and desperate to return to a more prosperous time.

Despite the prevailing climate, and with a clear rejection of sanity and reason, it has become increasingly apparent that the extreme left in the United States refuses to learn from their lessons. While this can be served up like low-hanging fruit to ridicule and despise, it can be used more efficiently and to benefit Americans as an opportunity, one that we pray Donald Trump's second administration, including conservatives across the

country, will seize, particularly when it comes to the Second Amendment.

New York

Gun control governors have already begun throwing temper tantrums in the wake of the election, retaliating against Americans by further threatening their gun rights despite the United States Supreme Court's bolstering of the Second Amendment, for the most part, throughout the Biden administration. One such example is President-elect Trump receiving more votes in New York City than any Republican in the past 40 years,



with an 11.5% swing in his favor and all but a single county in New York voting more Republican or remaining the same relative to 2020.

Meanwhile, New York Governor Kathy Hochul, who called trump supporters “anti-American” leading up to the election, was utterly disinterested in the message sent by voters.

“If you’re voting for these Republicans in New York, you are voting for someone who supports Donald Trump and you’re anti-women, you’re anti-abortion, and basically, you’re anti-American,” said Hochul on MSNBC.

Choosing to target gun rights, amongst other topics, Hochul announced in a press conference that she had convened a team of “experts” in the wake of the election to develop strategies aimed at defying policy and legislation from the incoming Trump administration and the now Republican-controlled House and Senate. Alongside Soros-funded Attorney General Letitia James, the governor doubled down on leftist policy displaying her insolence towards not only voters but also the U.S. Supreme Court. This should come as no surprise, however, as she had previously enacted new restrictive gun control measures in response to the High Court striking down New York’s unconstitutional gun control laws in their landmark 2022 *Bruen* decision.

California

On the opposite coast, President-Elect Trump received more votes from Californians than in 2016 or 2020, with an 8.4% swing in his favor. This has not stopped Governor Gavin Newsom, however, from bragging about being the top dog when it comes to gun control, despite his state leading the nation in active shooter incidents in 2023. Californians have suffered leftist policies to nightmarish proportions, including the Los Angeles City Council infamously cutting \$150 million from the police budget, forcing the LAPD to advise residents

to “cooperate and comply” while being robbed or attacked by criminals.

In San Francisco, crime was so out of hand that residents showed Soros-funded, soft-on-crime District Attorney Chesa Boudin the door much like Los Angeles voters recently rejected George Gascón’s bid for reelection. In addition, Californians passed Ballot Proposition 36 with a landslide 70% approval, reinstituting tougher penalties on criminals.

Governor Newsom has responded to constituents by stating he is “ready to fight” the incoming Trump administration, calling a special legislative session “to safeguard the state’s progressive policies.” “The freedoms we hold dear in California are under attack — and we won’t sit idle,” said Newsom.

Unshockingly disingenuous, however, the California governor’s record does not speak to him being a defender of liberty at all, with recently leaked sensitive data on thousands of concealed carry license holders in the state, the governor’s new 11% tax on all firearms and ammunition, being found in violation of the First Amendment by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and attempting to eliminate youth recreational shooting sports.

It seems the only freedoms Gavin Newsom cares to defend are those of terminating life in the womb and shielding criminals from consequences.

Illinois

In Illinois, where Trump closed the gap with nearly 2.5 million votes compared to Kamala Harris’ three million, Governor Pritzker firmly secured his own blinders, stepping up the rhetoric with the message being, “If you come for my people, you come through me.” Seemingly clueless, or at least indifferent to the shifting landscape, Pritzker is a dyed-in-the-wool gun control advocate who has been particularly incensed since an Illinois state court struck down HB 5471, one of his signature gun control laws, earlier this month. The “Protect Illinois Communities Act,” which he signed into law in

January 2023, banned most semiautomatic firearms, and certain models of semiautomatic handguns, including standard capacity magazines.

Dishonorable Mentions

The list of degenerate governors would not be complete without Massachusetts’ Maura Healey and New Jersey’s Phil Murphy continuing to parade the anti-Second Amendment agenda which must be deafening as it echoes the empty caverns between their ears, at least to the extent that they are unable to hear the winds of change. Trump swung 8.7% favor in Massachusetts while topping 10.1% among New Jersey constituents. Speaking of possible White House Second Amendment policies, Murphy vowed, “If it’s contrary to our values, we will fight to the death,” an ominous statement in contrast to then President Trump telling protesters to “march peacefully” in January 2021.

With voters sending a clear message to state and federal lawmakers earlier this month, it seems the left has not received the memo, as these governors and activist groups overflowing with useful idiots continue to push the same policies and rhetoric that got them here in the first place.

While they reject the voices of Americans as the progressive drum beats on under the guise of defending freedom, someone may want to advise this governor’s collective of their abysmal record when it comes to recognizing the inalienable and constitutionally protected rights of their constituents, particularly the Second Amendment.

Taking Advantage

With the Republican Party in control of the White House, House, and Senate come January, one might think that conservatives have it made in the shade, but make no mistake, we’ve been here before and it wasn’t quite that way. In fact, President Trump was not a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment during his first

administration as some might offer. Keep in mind that I don't think he is against gun rights, but rather is not well-versed in the gun debate and needs to plant his feet more firmly on the issue.

One such example was President Trump's directing the ATF to ban bump stocks. Given that this debate arose after the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting that left 58 people dead, emotions were extremely high at the time with Democrats desperate to stand atop the bodies and pass any measure they could push from their anti-Second Amendment playbook. Trump, on the other hand, seemingly seeing bump stocks as a harmless compromise to show he's reasonable without giving up too much, took the bait without understanding that there is no compromising with these people and that they will never stop until American gun rights are a footnote in history.

On February 28, 2018, President Trump once again did not grasp the implications of his words in the aftermath of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. When asked about due process as it pertains to the gun rights of those who may be suffering from mental illness, Trump responded by saying, "Take the firearms first and then go to court," a statement that will live in infamy and one which he never officially walked back. At the same time, he also promised his administration would "work on getting the age [of commercial gun sales] up to 21 instead of 18." Trump also suggested support for expanding federal background check laws, including universal background checks, however, he later threatened to veto two House bills on the matter if they made it past the Senate.

This isn't to say that the Second Amendment did not see victories under Trump, because it did. President Trump repealed the Social Security Administration Rule, an Obama-era measure that would have allowed names of beneficiaries with non-violent mental health conditions to be submitted to the FBI NICS database, unjustly targeting citizens without due process.

The Trump administration also provided guidance on a case that allowed a company to publish blueprints for 3D-printed guns online, supported national reciprocity even though it did not pass, and removed the United States from the UN's Arms Trade Treaty in 2019, protecting American gun rights from international regulation.

Arguably, his biggest contribution to the Second Amendment was the appointment of over 200 conservative federal judges, including Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. Their record has not been flawless, however, especially in the case of Amy Coney Barrett, who sided with Democrats in *United States v. Rahimi*, a case bringing into question whether people under a domestic violence civil restraining order have the right to own a gun, and her recent break with conservatives during the *VanDerStok* hearing on homemade firearms in early October. Otherwise, the appointment of these three justices has benefited Second Amendment rights in multiple cases, with the *Bruen* decision being a key Constitutional win.

When Trump took office in 2017, assault weapons bans existed in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey. Only in the case of New Jersey was the ban ruled unconstitutional and overturned as of 2024, with the state now restricting assault weapons to those who acquire a permit. President Trump, in his first administration, took the view that states can act as they want, overlooking the fact that this does not give them license to violate the Constitutional rights of Americans. As a result, blue states continued to beef up gun control regulations leading to seven additional states passing assault weapons bans during the Biden administration, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Virginia, and Washington.

Then there was the attempt on Donald Trump's life while speaking at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania on July 13th, 2024. The shooter nearly

succeeded, hitting the now President-Elect in the ear using an AR-15. Since that day, Trump has spoken more openly about the Second Amendment and his firm support of American gun rights. Perhaps having learned his lessons from dealing with Democrats in his first four years, and certainly having learned some lessons from them after leaving the Oval Office, his stance appears to be more grounded on the subject, and he has already re-acquired his sights on national reciprocity.

"I will protect the right of self-defense everywhere it is under siege... And I will sign concealed carry reciprocity. Your Second Amendment does not end at the state line," according to the newly invigorated President-Elect.

While national reciprocity would be a huge win for American gun rights, the first part of that statement rings very loudly in my ears, as the Second Amendment is not only "under siege" in certain states, but also by the federal government itself, with regulatory agencies redefining and re-interpreting their way into the homes of law-abiding citizens. If a second administration President Trump truly wishes to restore and defend gun rights, now is his time to live up to the expectation, or let hollow words fall upon deaf ears like any other politician.

Moreover, this great shift in the country is an opportunity for conservatives and libertarians everywhere to respond to the voices of tired and hungry citizens, to restore some level of faith in those they elect to govern, whether we are talking about gun rights, rogue federal agencies, border security, crime, foreign policy, taxes, and the economy. While President Trump will have one more crack at it, conservatives as a whole have a chance to show Americans that they are listening, that they are interested in the ideas of the very people who put them in office, that they believe in America's Founding and ideals, and that they will once again hold those values sacred.  [Cont. to page 106]

Popular CoQ10 Pills Leave Millions Suffering

Could this newly-discovered brain fuel solve America's worsening memory crisis?

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA — Millions of Americans take the supplement known as CoQ10. It's the coenzyme that supercharges the "energy factories" in your cells known as *mitochondria*. But there's a serious flaw that's leaving millions unsatisfied.

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ATF PROSECUTES SHERIFF

OVER USING DEPARTMENT GUNS AT PUBLIC MACHINE GUN SHOOT

By David Codrea

In October, a coalition of public and private firearms rights defenders “filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit opposing the ATF’s unlawful attempt to expand the scope of the 1986 machine gun ban (also known as the Hughes Amendment) through its prosecution of former Iowa Police Chief Bradley Wendt,” a Palmetto State Armory video announces.

“Amici curiae [friends of the court] consist of firearms associations, States, and two companies that design, produce, and sell firearms,” the brief declares, identifying them as the “Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition, Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation, Palmetto State Armory, B&T USA, and the states of West Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Utah in support of defendant appellant” Wendt.

THEIR RECOUNTING OF THE CHARGES SOUNDS DAMNING: “WENDT USED HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF POLICE TO OBTAIN MACHINE GUNS FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USE AND PROFIT, INCLUDING TO BUY MACHINE GUNS FOR HIS OWN STORE (BW OUTFITTERS, A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE IN DENISON, IOWA).”

“In July, Chief Wendt was sentenced to federal prison for taking his police department machine gun to a public range day event,” the Palmetto State Armory video elaborates.

“Knowing that a jury could easily find this conduct lawful, ATF realized they needed something beyond the law passed by Congress to obtain a conviction—namely, jamming into

the jury instructions an additional requirement that taking the machine gun to the range be part of his ‘official duties’—something not found in the law.”

To hear the Department of Justice tell it, they had Chief Wendt dead to rights after he was sentenced to “60 months in federal prison for conspiring to make false statements to the ATF, making false statements to the ATF, and illegal possession of a machine gun.” Their recounting of the charges sounds damning: “Wendt used his position as Chief of Police to obtain machine guns for his own personal use and profit, including to buy machine guns for his own store (BW Outfitters, a federal firearms licensee in Denison, Iowa).”

“Generally, machine guns made after May 1986 are illegal to transfer and possess. But law enforcement agencies can buy machine guns,” DOJ explains. Wendt wrote law letters to

ATF “requesting the purchase or demonstration of 90 machine guns for ... his two-man department [and] said he was buying the machine guns for the official use...”

“Evidence at trial showed that Wendt purchased machine guns for the Adair Police Department, but later resold those machine guns at a personal profit of nearly \$80,000,”



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DOJ states. “Wendt was also convicted of one count of illegal possession of a machine gun, based on his personal possession of a belt-fed, M60 machine gun registered to the Adair Police Department. Wendt, along with his gun store BW Outfitters, hosted a machine gun shoot in April 2022, where he charged the public to shoot machine guns, including several registered to the Adair Police Department.”

Police designating themselves the “Only Ones” to be trusted with arms and claiming exemptions to infringements the people are subjected to invites corruption, and seeing officials “hoist with their own petard” hardly invites sympathy. Organized law enforcement is the de facto standing army feared by the Framers as control freak politicians declare even semi-automatics to be “weapons of war” to be denied to the masses, while the whole point of the Second Amendment is to have a populace armed and trained for “the security of a free State” and for defense of themselves.

So, it's not unfair to wonder what's in it for gun owners to come to Wendt's defense?

First, anything that helps establish the utter illegitimacy of the government involving itself in imposing and enforcing infringements works in gun owners' interests. As is stopping ATF from enforcing even more unenacted edicts by "unilaterally expanding its regulatory authority with criminal consequences—this time by

ted to an agency that lacked the discretion to consider them is an issue of law which never should have reached the jury."

"Wendt was in lawful possession of the machinegun," the brief documents. "The district court's jury instruction contravened the law" it shows.

"[I]nstead of requiring that Wendt prove he possessed the machinegun under the authority the City of Adair

of a pin to gun owners who know, as Continental Congress Delegate Tench Coxe observed back in 1788, "Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American.... [T]he unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."

We have the right to own, buy, and sell arms, and any suggestion to the contrary at the time of the Constitution's ratification would have resulted in it being rejected. Not only do DOJ and ATF have no legitimate authority to impose infringements, but Congress also has no enumerated authority to delegate them.

Unfortunately, much like Napoleon placing the crown on his own head, that authority has been usurped and established, and the federal Leviathan has amassed the occupying troops to impose its will. At least, for now, we still have the courts, as imperfect

"BY ITS OWN TERMS, SECTION 925(A)(1) REMOVES FIREARMS ACQUIRED BY POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE GCA—RENDERING WENDT'S PROSECUTION UNLAWFUL. THE LAW EMPOWERS ATF TO REGULATE THE TRANSFER AND POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUNS BUT IS SILENT AS TO THEIR USE."

incorporating guidance documents and regulatory provisions into jury instructions."

"The jury found Wendt was not acting within the scope of his official duties when he possessed the M60 machine gun," DOJ crows.

Police Department—which he did—the court demanded that he prove he used the firearm in the course of his official duties," the brief exposes. "The instruction injected a use-dependent inquiry found nowhere in the text."

"ATF'S TACTIC IS CLEAR," THE PALMETTO STATE ARMORY VIDEO CONCLUDES. "PURSUE THROUGH PROSECUTION WHAT IT CAN'T ACHIEVE BY REGULATION—MUCH LESS LEGISLATION—IN THE HOPE IT CAN CREATE CASE LAW FAVORABLE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

Not so fast, the brief responded.

"First, as the Chief of Police, Wendt was entirely exempt from the firearms prohibitions at issue here," it argues. "By its own terms, section 925(a)(1) removes firearms acquired by police officers from the GCA—rendering Wendt's prosecution unlawful. The law empowers ATF to regulate the transfer and possession of machine guns but is silent as to their use."

"Wendt was charged with submitting false statements which the ATF—under the terms of its own regulations—could not consider," the brief continues. "False or not, the materiality of statements submit-

"Wendt's false statement convictions are equally defective," the brief contends. "As a matter of law, Wendt's statements in the Law Letters were incapable of influencing ATF because they fell outside the scope of what the agency could properly consider."

"ATF's tactic is clear," the Palmetto State Armory video concludes. "Pursue through prosecution what it can't achieve by regulation—much less legislation—in the hope it can create case law favorable to the federal government."

All the legal technicalities being raised may seem like arguing how many angels can dance on the head

and often wrong a recourse as they provide. As such, the coalition supporting Chief Wendt is doing what it can with the options it has, and thus is working not just on his behalf, but on all of ours.

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