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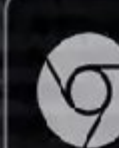
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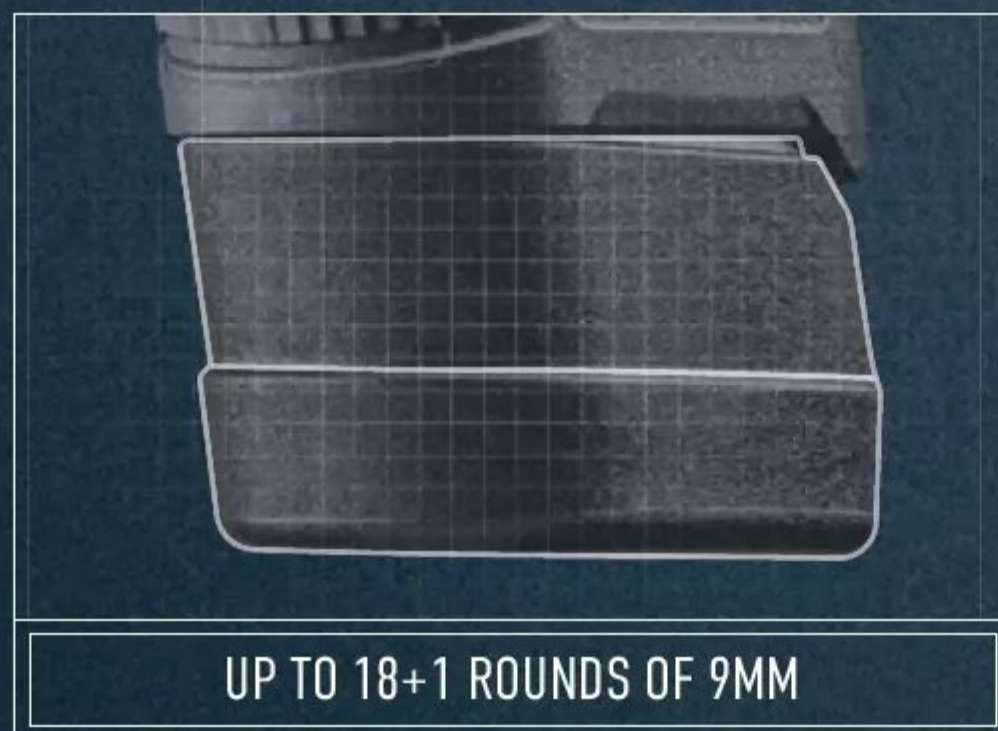
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IF YOU HAVE TO ASK

Should you modify a defensive firearm?

Ask that question to a dozen firearms instructors and I feel it's safe to assume you'll get at least 11 "absolutely not" replies. And as for that twelfth instructor, that response will likely be, "Well ..."

But, in large part, that's a cop-out answer—a CYA attempt to avoid any potential trouble in court should that gun be used in your personal defense. And I get it: That's the safe play.

Now, I've got a 1911 in a safe on my nightstand, to which I added a light. That gun came with a rail, but it did not come with that light. I also added night sights, because if I have to use it in a defensive situation, I'm predicting that predicament to unfold at night.

For the record, the trigger on that particular gun remains unaltered from its factory condition.

So, from a legal perspective, did I modify that gun?

I've asked this question to a couple different firearms attorneys, and to date, two have said yes and two have

said no. I then asked those same attorneys if my "modifications" could ever be used against me in court, and all four said "potentially." There are not templates to follow in the legal proceedings of any defensive shooting case.

My heavily contemplated logic here is that the light and night sights will improve my odds of staying alive in a home-invasion situation. If I have to use it, I want to be as fast and accurate as possible.

My personal cop-out here is that I'm not telling you to modify anything, and I'm not telling you to not modify anything. That decision must be yours.

And as you contemplate that decision, read Patrick Sweeney's article beginning on page 68 of this issue. He makes some excellent points to consider regarding the modification of defensive firearms.

And regardless of what you decide to do, or to not do, decide with conviction and stick to your guns. **GDTM**

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6MM GT



The ‘Glorious Tiger’ of 6mm chamberings.

HISTORICAL NOTES

The 6mm GT is a 2019 collaboration between George Gardner (GA Precision) and Tom Jacobs (Vapor Trail Bullets). Designed with competition shooting in mind, they wished to create a 6mm cartridge that could use forgiving propellants and feed reliably from AICS magazines. They also wanted the round to extend barrel life yet still provide high muzzle velocities with tight rifling twists to stabilize long, high-BC 6mm bullets.

Accordingly, the 6mm GT has a 35-degree shoulder angle for easy feeding, an optimized case nearing 100 percent capacity with about 35 grains of Varget and develops 3,020 to 3,080 fps with 103- to 105-grain bullets.

The 6mm GT works very well on deer, pronghorn and sheep as a hunting round. The 6mm GT can also be chambered in AR-type semi-autos, though it's used primarily in bolt guns.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Known jokingly as the “Glorious Tiger,” the 6mm GT took off in the PRS and NRL match scene from 2019 onward. From the base to the shoulder junction, the 6 GT case is 0.100-inch longer than the 6mm Dasher, and it has a 35-degree shoulder versus the Dasher’s 40-degree design. Gardner and Jacobs also increased the neck length by 0.050 inch compared to the Dasher, making the brass 0.150-inch longer overall. Both dimensional changes help the 6 GT feed well from unmodified .308-size magazines, unlike the 6mm Dasher. Because it uses less propellant, the

6mm GT marginally increases barrel life compared to the 6mm Creedmoor. Hornady 6GT brass is available from GA Precision. According to Gardner, the 6mm GT cartridge was specifically developed to use Varget powder, but Hodgdon H4350 is also a good choice. The 6mm GT shoots 107-grain Sierra Match Kings at around 3,015 fps MV with 37.8 grains of H4350. Berger 105-grain Hybrid bullets generate 3,015 fps muzzle velocity with 34.2 grains of Varget. Brass is available from Hornady and Alpha Munitions. GA Precision and Clays Cartridge Co. supply loaded ammunition. **GDTM**

6MM GT LOADING DATA AND FACTORY BALLISTICS

BULLET (GRAINS/TYPE)	POWDER	GRAINS	VELOCITY	ENERGY	SOURCE
105 Berger Hybrid	FL	-	3,020	2,126	Clays Cartridge Co. 1538
105 Lapua	N140	34.8	3,000	2,098	MDTTac.com
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THE PERFECTION EFFECT

Testing and evaluating defensive pistols.



I'm often asked how I evaluate new pistols sent to me for review. The short answer is that I have a standard protocol I use. It starts with a familiarization of the pistol and any

new to me, or new to that model, features it might have. Then, I typically run about 50 to 100 rounds of FMJ ammo through the pistol to check for reliability and for additional familiarization.

If a pistol fails this segment due to

reliability issues, I simply send it back.

If the pistol makes it through those first 50 or 100 rounds, I begin precision testing. I'll select three to five factory range and carry loads, and then I'll generally shoot three to five, five-shot groups from a rest at 10

Austin Crawford
at Wilson Combat
explains their test
fire procedure to the
author.



Among other tests,
Wilson Combat likes to
confirm reliability with
the first and last three
rounds in the maga-
zine. It's where they've
identified reliability
issues to commonly
occur.



yards, while also chronographing each shot fired. I have a standard here, too. If I cannot cover all those groups with a snuff can—2.5 inches in diameter—I'll also send the pistol back.

Also, during precision testing, I'm looking to see how reliable the pistol is with the varied munitions I'm testing in it.

The final segment of my testing protocol involves subjecting the pistol to various shooting drills for which I have lots of data obtained with other pistols I've reviewed. This allows me to compare the pistol's—and my—performance with similar pistols I've tested. It also gives me a chance to work with the pistol from the holster and in a self-defense context.

Often, if possible, I'll let others of varying experience levels shoot the pistol and consider their opinions. Generally, a complete pistol test involves about 500 to 600 rounds, unless

I *really* enjoy shooting it, in which case I might shoot twice that much.

THE AUSTIN EFFECT

Recently, I spent a week at Wilson Combat, touring the manufactur-

The author conducting
the Wilson Combat
testing procedure on a
pistol they built for him
to review.



ing facility and interviewing and interacting with the engineers, gun builders and testing crew. Wilson Combat thoroughly tests every gun they build before it leaves the factory. Austin Crawford heads up the testing department and not only is he a good shot, but he and his team are also intimately familiar with all Wilson Combat firearms. This allows them to effectively diagnose any issues they might encounter. I spent the day with Austin learning their testing process, and I think you might find it interesting because they've developed a protocol that's proven to ensure only pistols that work make it out the door.

When a gun arrives in the testing department, a member of the test crew familiarizes themselves with it. Granted, Wilson Combat has a limited number of base models, but there are accessories and options like reflex sights.

Next, the test firer tapes the sides of the slide, top of the slide and the mouth of the magazine well to prevent any damage to the finish that could occur during testing. Then, the pistol is taken to the test range with all the magazines that ship with it, and they're included in the test. As for ammunition, Wilson Combat has selected loads for function

testing and for precision testing in each cartridge they chamber pistols for.

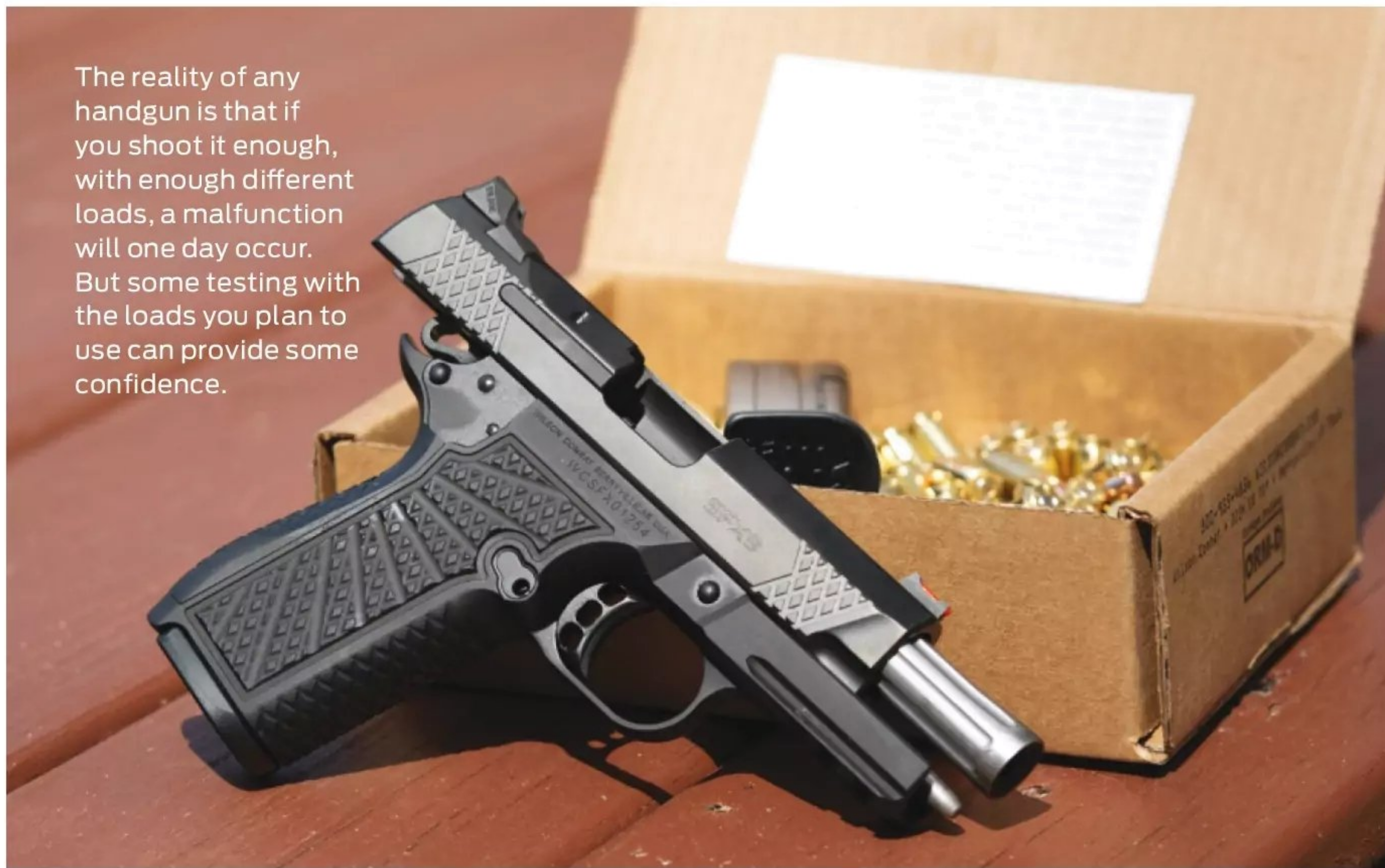
However, if you order a custom pistol, you can specify what loads you want it tested with.

The first test a pistol must pass is a magazine dump. Then, they further check the pistol for reliability by firing five magazines—using the magazines that ship with the pistol—loaded with only three rounds. Then, another five magazines are fully loaded, but only the top three rounds are fired from each. Finally, and only with 9mm pistols, they'll fire a full magazine filled with light-recoiling PMC 115-grain FMJ ammunition, one-handed, with a semi-limp wrist.

Over his nearly 50 years of building quality custom handguns, Bill Wilson has learned that, if a malfunction is likely to occur, it'll generally appear during this test. If one—just one—stoppage occurs, the pistol goes back for fixing.

Next, the test team targets the pistol. With every pistol Wilson Combat offers, depending on the model, they guarantee sub 1.0- or 1.5-inch precision at 25 yards. To establish this, they fire three shots from the pistol, from a sandbag rest, at 15 yards. The test shooter pulls the target and brings it back to his bench, where he has two aluminum

The reality of any handgun is that if you shoot it enough, with enough different loads, a malfunction will one day occur. But some testing with the loads you plan to use can provide some confidence.



discs proportionally sized for group measurement at 25 yards. If the disc will not fully cover the group, just like with a reliability issue, the pistol goes back to the builder. Of course, the shooter is allowed some leeway if they feel they pulled a shot.

Also, they regulate the sights to the point of impact as part of this process.

Wilson Combat had just put a SFX9 pistol together for me to review, and while I was in the test bay, Austin ran it through the full protocol to include zeroing. After he finished, I ran the pistol through the protocol, too. It performed just fine for me, and my test target passed the precision test.

However, for me, the pistol hit about 3 inches low. We found my sight picture and hold was slightly different—lower—than Austin's.

After the testing was complete, Austin and I cleaned the pistol and boxed it up with the test target, just as they do with every other firearm they sell. The only difference was that the pistol they will ship to me will also contain my test target. When I pick the pistol up at my dealer, I will—just as I do with every other pistol I test—begin my own testing protocol. Why? Not all tests are designed to evaluate the same things.

THE YOU EFFECT

The point of all this is to illustrate there are several ways to test a pistol. Based on your experience, you might do it differently, but two things are for certain. The first is that when you get a new pistol from Wilson Combat, you can rest assured it passed a reliability, zero, and precision test, before it left the factory. The other thing is that before you trust a Wilson Combat or any pistol for personal protection, *you* need to test and verify those things *with your carry ammo*. Never leave that up to a manufacturer or a gun writer. **GDTM**

The author with the precision test target he fired at Wilson Combat that passed the precision standard.

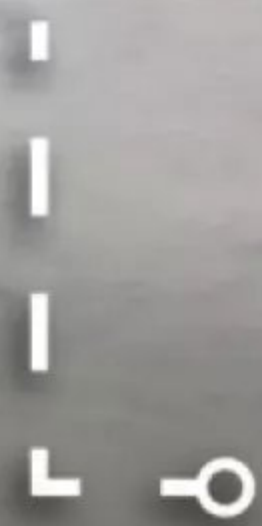


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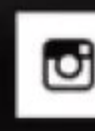


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THE SECOND AMENDMENT

From founding principle to modern battleground.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is one of the most fiercely debated and passionately defended provisions in American law. Enshrined in the Bill of Rights, it declares: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

While only 27 words in length, its meaning, scope and application have been the subject of centuries of legal, political and cultural debate.

ORIGINS AND FOUNDING INTENT

The Second Amendment was ratified in 1791, part of the original Bill of Rights demanded by Anti-Federalists who feared the potential tyranny of a centralized government. Not trusting

that the newly formed government would abide by its limited, prescribed powers, they wanted explicit protections for individual liberties—including the right to self-defense.

At the time, English common law, as articulated by jurists like William Blackstone, already recognized a natural right to resist oppression and defend oneself. The Founders believed this right predated the Constitution and therefore should be preserved—not granted—by the Second Amendment.

The language of the amendment reflects this mindset. It doesn't *create* a right; it *recognizes* one. That's why it says, “the right of the people,” suggesting an existing, inalienable liberty. Importantly, the phrase “a well regulated militia” has often been misunderstood. In the 18th century, “well regulated” meant well trained, not tightly con-

trolled by the government, and “militia” referred to able-bodied citizens, not a standing army.

LIMITED REACH—AT FIRST

Initially, the Second Amendment applied only to actions of the federal government. States were free to regulate firearms as they saw fit. Indiana, for example, included its own version in its state constitution: “The people shall have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State.” This dual protection remained largely uncontested for decades, in part because federal firearms regulation was virtually nonexistent.

That changed in the 20th century, beginning with the National Firearms Act of 1934, passed in the wake of gangland violence during Prohibition. It imposed taxes and registration

“The language of the Second Amendment reflects the mindset of the Founders. It doesn't create a right; it recognizes one. That's why it says, ‘the right of the people,’ suggesting an existing, inalienable liberty.”

requirements on certain weapons like machine guns and short-barreled rifles. This law led to the Supreme Court's 1939 decision in *United States v. Miller*, which upheld the act in a confusing and often misinterpreted opinion. Many lower courts would later use *Miller* to argue that the Second Amendment protected only a "collective" right related to militia service.

THE MODERN LEGAL REVOLUTION

The tide began to shift in 2001 with *United States v. Emerson*, when the Fifth Circuit Court ruled that the Second Amendment protected an individual right. This created a circuit split, setting the stage for the Supreme Court to intervene.

That happened in 2008, with the landmark case *District of Columbia v. Heller*. In a 5-4 decision, the Court confirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess firearms, particularly for self-defense within the home. It was a momentous ruling but limited in scope: The case involved Washington, D.C.—a federal enclave—not a state.

The Court addressed that gap two years later in *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), incorporating the Second Amendment against the states via the Fourteenth Amendment. This meant that state and local governments were now bound by the same constitutional limits as the federal government regarding the right to keep and bear arms.

EXPANSION AND CLARIFICATION IN BRUEN

Despite *Heller* and *McDonald*, many courts continued to uphold gun restrictions using "interest balancing"—weighing the government's interest against individual rights. That changed dramatically in 2022 with *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. The Court rejected interest balancing entirely and clarified the standard that should apply in Second Amendment cases: gun laws must be consistent with the *text, history, and tradition* of the Second Amendment. If there wasn't an analogous restriction at the time of the founding, the law is likely unconstitutional.

The *Bruen* decision also distinguished between the right to "keep" arms (possession) and to "bear" arms (carry). It confirmed that the Second Amendment covers both, including carrying firearms in public for self-defense.

THE RAHIMI DECISION: A RETREAT?

Most recently, the Court addressed *United States v. Rahimi* (2024), involving a federal law that prohibits firearm possession by individuals subject to domestic violence restraining orders. In an 8-1 decision, the Court upheld the law, finding it consistent with the nation's historical tradition—despite the absence of a close founding-era analog that disarmed individuals without a criminal conviction.

Critics, like me, argue that *Rahimi*

waters down the *Bruen* standard by using historical "analogs" that are only loosely similar, such as surety laws and laws against "affrays" (going armed in a way that terrified the public). Justice Clarence Thomas, the lone dissenter, warned that mixing historical justifications from different laws to justify modern restrictions undermines the originalist framework the court adopted in *Bruen*.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The future of Second Amendment jurisprudence is uncertain. Challenges are already underway against bans on so-called "assault weapons," restrictions on magazine capacity, and controversial ATF regulations such as those governing pistol braces. The outcome of these cases will hinge on how faithfully courts apply the methodology clarified in *Bruen*—and whether they adhere to the constitutional principle that rights are not privileges granted by the state but liberties inherent to the people.

As it stands, the Second Amendment continues to be forged—sometimes strengthened, sometimes tested—by each new ruling. Its history is a reminder that freedom is not preserved passively; it is upheld by vigilance, debate and, at times, resistance. **GDTM**

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BATTLING THE 'BANG'

Strike mufflers that aren't suppressors.

Owning and shooting an AR-15 pistol, or SBR, is fun. Well, it starts out fun, but the muzzle blast gets to be a bit much after a short while. Indoors, it's even worse.

And, if you happen to be working in a team environment ... well, others will grow to hate you.

Quickly.

I've even heard of SWAT team members being retired with medical disability due to the muzzle blast of an SBR too close to them. What do you do? The "easy" answer is to put a suppressor on it. But that isn't always an option. Some departments still won't allow it. Or they do, but not personal equipment, and they "just haven't finished the paperwork yet."

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And you? You're still waiting for your suppressor.

So, how do you mitigate the blast and not make your pistol or SBR longer? Strike it—as in Strike Industries' Oppressor Lite V2.

This is a two-metal assembly. The mount and interior are steel, but the housing is aluminum. This brings the weight down to 5 ounces. It looks like a really short suppressor, but there's no front cap or baffle on it, so it isn't one. But it diverts the muzzle blast forward away from you. So, you get less, the target gets more, and those beside you don't get the blast from a flash hider or (far, far worse) muzzle brake.

The mounting system is really slick as well. Instead of a simple direct-thread (which means it has to be there all the time), the Oppressor Lite V2 uses a quarter-turn ratchet lock system. Now, to do this, you need a Strike Industries

mount—which is not a problem, as the Strike Cloak flash hider is both a mount for the Oppressor and a superb flash hider just by itself.

The assembly is simple. Remove whatever mount or flash hider you now have on your barrel. Clean the threads and degrease the thread of the barrel and the Cloak. Now, apply some strong thread-locker on the threads and tighten the Cloak on. Let it cure, and when you want to use the Oppressor Live V2, simply press it down onto the Cloak until you feel the spring compress. Then, turn and hear the ratchet until it stops. Done. To remove, let cool (oh, it will get hot). Then, press back and rotate the other direction. You'll hear and feel the system release, and you can then pull the Oppressor forward and off.

The Oppressor Lite V2 is short enough and light enough that it won't alter the handling of your AR-15 pistol

or SBR. In fact, at just 5 ounces, it's probably lighter than some of the QD mount systems that you need to put on the muzzle in order to mount a suppressor. If you spend any time in the winter shooting on an indoor range, you and those around you will appreciate the effect that the Oppressor Lite V2 brings to the table. And to mount it, you get to use a really good flash hider. (There are other muzzle devices in the strike pantheon and others that the Oppressor can mount on.)

All this goodness doesn't come cheap, but quality never does. To mount up, you'll need the Cloak at \$45 and the Oppressor Lite V2 at \$95. Still, that's less than the tax stamp you need to pay to lay hands on your very own suppressor, and the Cloak and Oppressor can be shipped right to your door as soon as the charge clears your credit card.

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UPDATED & IMPROVED

Springfield 1911 TRP AOS.

What we love and what we hate about the 1911 is actually the same thing. An old design that has stood the test of time, the 1911 is not easy to manufacture. It is labor-intensive and requires expensive methods of production. If you want a top-tier 1911, you'll also need it to be hand-fitted and that will cause the price to skyrocket.

You might hate the cost, but what drives the cost is exactly what makes the 1911 special. Reducing the cost requires that you reduce what you love about the platform. This is the paradox of the 1911.

Springfield Armory's 1911 TRP was released in the late 1990s after the FBI Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) adopted the Springfield Professional as their primary pistol. The Professional was a more expensive 1911 that was semi-custom and hand-fit. But if you take everything else about the Professional, and reduce the cost of manufacturing a bit, you end up with the TRP.

The TRP is built for the balance between quality and cost but refuses to compromise on quality where it mat-

ters: match-grade barrel, aggressive grips, easy-to-shoot iron sights and just enough aesthetics to make it sexy. That is the TRP people have known and loved for almost 30 years. But like most things, technology can still make it a little better. Enter the TRP AOS.

THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT

A lot of the time when you try to bring back the classics with a modern style, it just doesn't work. Take any live-action-remake Disney movie for example. They might have something in common with the masterpiece, but they've lost all the magic.

Maybe that is why Springfield has taken what feels like forever to finally update and expand the TRP line. It might have taken a long time, but the results speak for themselves. This is the TRP you should know and love but now made better with the AOS system and offered in 9mm.

The TRP has been a long-time favorite for a workhorse 1911 that normal people can still mostly afford. While \$2,000 MSRP isn't inexpensive, it's a good middle-ground if you want a great American-made 1911 but aren't willing

or able to pay custom prices that can be double or more.

Just about any check box you could ask the TRP to fill, it does. It's pretty enough to be a barbecue gun or a safe queen, but reliable and durable enough that you can honestly count on it as a duty or defense weapon if you want to. That magic of the TRP wasn't lost with this update, it was made better.

These new TRP models have the same iron sights if you don't want to take advantage of the AOS system but also have an industry-leading optics system if you do. A rock-solid mounting option that has been proven durable and easy to configure is a pure enhancement upgrade for the TRP. But one you can ignore if you choose. And at the same MSRP, there is just nothing to complain about.

NOW IN 9MM

Maybe this is my hot take for the week but let the record reflect that if you ask me: the best AKs are ones in 5.56 NATO and the best 1911s are in 9mm. .45 ACP might be the classic American cartridge, but 9mm is better.

The TRP in 9mm with the AOS sys-





tem is a treat of a pistol to shoot. Even in the 4.25-inch barrel model instead of the clearly superior 5-inch model, the 9mm TRP still feels great in your hands. Made with an aluminum frame instead of steel for the CC model, this comes in almost 12 ounces lighter than the steel full-size .45 ACP TRP and that weight reduction helps a lot if you want to carry it. I can only imagine the steel-frame 5-inch version of the 9mm would be an even softer shooting 1911 that might be the crown jewel of the new TRP lineup.

The only major difference besides caliber between this new 9mm version and the older .45 ACP models is the fact that these carry nine rounds of 9mm in the mag instead of only eight .45 ACP. Throw a great red dot on top like the Trijicon RMR-HD and you have the final evolution of John Browning's masterpiece.

AGENCY ARMS AOS SYSTEM

We've covered the AOS system a lot in the past, but it is worth a more complete explanation if this is your first time reading about it. The Agency Optics System was designed by Agency Arms and is hands-down one of the best optic mounting platforms around. Springfield has made great use of the system incorporating it into pistols like the 1911 DS Prodigy.

AOS uses a plate system that combines

the rear iron sight and a mounting plate for the optic into one unit. The plates are interchangeable in AOS system cuts so any plate will fit any gun cut for it. There are a number of plates available that cover just about all of the optic footprints on the market. The AOS plates also let you choose between irons forward of the dot or irons behind the dot, depending on what plate you get. The plates are easy to install, easy to use and designed to actually take a beating. Adding them to the TRP is the perfect way to update the TRP line.

LOOSE ROUNDS

If you're a fan of the old TRP but want something a little more modern that can mount optics, the new TRP AOS is a fantastic choice. If you want to get into the 1911 world and need a Goldilocks 1911 that will last a lifetime, the TRP AOS is a clear front-runner, and you won't be disappointed.

The TRP is a known value and easily one of the best factory 1911s on the market. Springfield has kept all of that while only adding to it by enhancing the capability of it with the AOS. **GDTM**



SPRINGFIELD ARMORY 1911 TRP AOS .45

CALIBER: .45 ACP

COLOR: Black or tan

BARREL: 5-inch forged stainless steel, match grade, 1:16

SLIDE: Forged carbon steel, black Cerakote, optics-ready

FRAME: Forged carbon steel, two-piece magwell, coyote brown or black Cerakote

SIGHTS: Tritium front, black serrated rear

RECOIL SYSTEM: Two-piece N.M. full-length guide rod

GRIPS: VZ Grips Hydra G-10

MAGAZINES: (3) 8-round

WEIGHT: 39.2 ounces

LENGTH: 8.6 inches

HEIGHT: 5.5 inches

MSRP: \$1,999



SPRINGFIELD ARMORY 1911 TRP AOS CC 9MM

CALIBER: 9mm

COLOR: Black or tan

BARREL: 4.25-inch forged stainless steel, match grade, fully supported ramp, 1:16

SLIDE: Forged carbon steel, black Cerakote, optics-ready

FRAME: Forged aluminum alloy, carry contour, coyote brown or black Cerakote

SIGHTS: Tritium front, black serrated rear

RECOIL SYSTEM: 2-piece N.M. full-length guide rod

GRIPS: VZ Grips Hydra G-10

MAGAZINES: (3) 9-round

WEIGHT: 27.3 ounces

LENGTH: 7.9 inches

HEIGHT: 5.5 inches

MSRP: \$1,999





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01 Springfield Armory Kuna 9mm Pistol

Springfield Armory just launched the Kuna, a roller-delayed 9mm PDW built for fast handling and rock-solid performance. Named after Croatia's fierce pine marten, this pint-sized powerhouse features a rugged monolithic aluminum upper, a fixed 6-inch cold-hammer-forged barrel and fully ambidextrous controls. The roller-delayed system cuts recoil and muzzle rise for smooth, flat shooting. Add translucent 30-round mags, flip-up hybrid sights and AR-style ergonomics, and you've got a seriously capable personal defense tool. Available with a Pic rail end plate or with a Strike Industries folding brace. Compact, smartly built and ready for anything—the Kuna delivers.

MSRP: Starting at \$999

02 Caldwell Velociradar

The Caldwell Velociradar is a feature-packed chronograph that's built like a tank and smart as a whip. Designed for shooters who dabble in everything from rifle to archery, this full-figured unit skips the fragile touchscreens for big, glove-friendly buttons—perfect for cold-weather range days. It uses Chirp Radar tech to calculate DOPE charts from a single shot and syncs with a slick, glitch-free app to track profiles and sessions. While slug and pellet readings can be finicky, its rifle performance shines. The Velociradar is a worthy tool for serious shooters who want reliable data and versatile functionality.

MSRP: \$550

03 Defiance Deviant CRF Action

Defiance Machine just dropped its new Deviant Controlled Round Feed (CRF) action—a modern take on the time-tested Mauser-style design. Beloved by dangerous game hunters, CRF actions maintain control of the cartridge from mag to chamber, reducing feeding errors and preventing double feeds. Unlike legacy CRFs, the Deviant CRF is single-load safe, letting the extractor snap over the rim without damage. It also features a Winchester-style three-position safety. Offered in short, medium and long actions with standard or magnum bolt faces, the Defiance CRF is certain to be on target for a certain segment of shooters.

MSRP: \$2,995

GEAR TO GET



04 CCI Uppercut .22 WMR 40-grain

CCI just upped the rimfire self-defense game with its all-new Uppercut 22 WMR. Loaded with a 40-grain jacketed hollow-point featuring precision nose skiving, this round delivers consistent, reliable expansion and the penetration needed to stop threats. It's the first defensive rimfire load in CCI's history—yet it performs like a veteran. From revolvers to semi-autos, Uppercut performs across platforms with the accuracy and ignition reliability CCI is known for. Whether you're carrying for personal protection or building a backup kit, Uppercut 22 WMR brings serious punch to the rimfire world.

MSRP: \$25.99, box of 50

05 Heckler & Koch G36 .22LR

Heckler & Koch just dropped a rimfire twist on a modern military classic—the HK G36 .22LR. Built-in collaboration with Umarex, this scaled-down version of the iconic German service rifle is ideal for low-cost training or just pure plinking fun. With an 18.125-inch barrel, skeletonized folding stock and ambidextrous controls, it's got the looks and feel of the original ... but it shoots the affordable .22 LR. Choose between 10- or 20-round mags and start customizing—the G36 .22 is compatible with existing G36 accessories. Expect smooth shooting, full function and a whole lot of range-day grins.

MSRP: \$679

06 Hornady 3-in-1 Power Case Trimmer

Hornady's new 3-in-1 Power Case Trimmer is a game-changer for high-volume reloaders. With its 2,000-plus-rpm motor, this bench beast trims, chamfers and deburrs in a single, seamless step—saving time without skimping on precision. It handles cases from 22- to .0-caliber and lengths from 1.450 inches to 3.5 inches, with micro-adjustments down to 0.001 inch for dead-on accuracy. Built-in carbide blades and a click-adjustable dial ensure every piece of brass is consistent and clean. Quiet, powerful and ergonomic, this is the tool reloaders have been waiting for. Fast brass prep just got way more precise.

MSRP: \$775

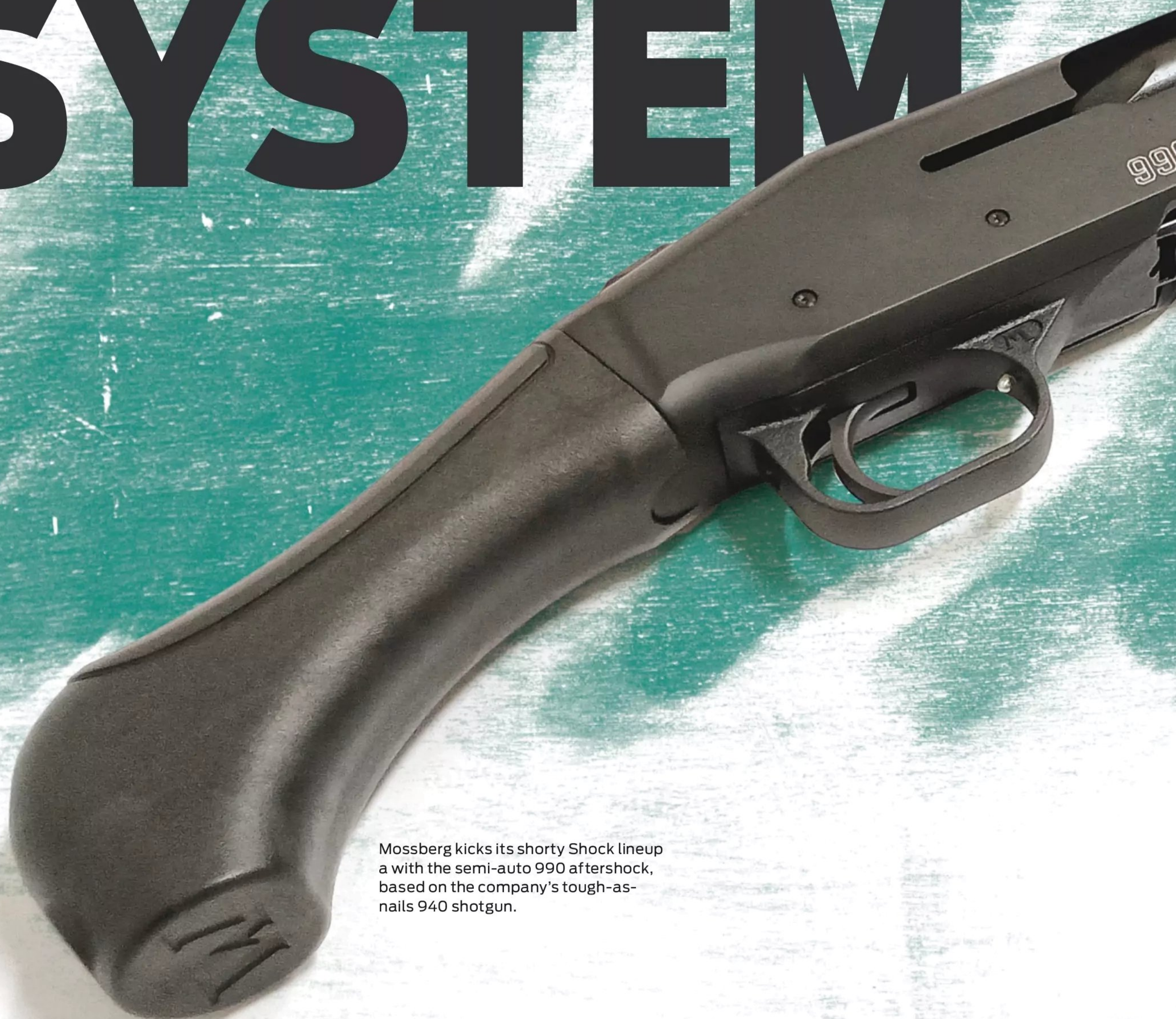
07 JK Armament 155 RPX .30CAL

JK Armament's new 155 RPX .30CAL might just be the most versatile suppressor on the market. This featherweight, mission-configurable can is built for everything from 9mm pistols to .300 Win. Mag.—with just a quick endcap swap. Featuring a Grade 5 titanium blast baffle and seven modular aluminum baffles, it's tough enough for full-auto and light enough for hunting. The .36-cal bore and HUB threading mean it fits your entire arsenal, and it runs whisper-quiet on both rifles and pistols. Oh, and it's backed by an unlimited lifetime warranty. What's not to like?

MSRP: \$849



SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM



Mossberg kicks its shorty Shock lineup a with the semi-auto 990 aftershock, based on the company's tough-as-nails 940 shotgun.



Mossberg takes its semi-auto smoothbore compact ... real compact.

Since its debut in 2017, Mossberg's short-barreled, bird's-head grip smoothbores have sparked plenty of debate. Are they range toys? True defensive tools? Does it even matter? Because a 14-inch scattergun with serious firepower is just plain cool.

Now, Mossberg is cranking the Shock series—what the ATF classifies as “Non-NFA Firearms”—up to 11 with the latest evolution: the 990 AfterShock. This time it's built on the company's battle-hardened 940 semi-automatic platform,

making it faster, harder-hitting and a lot more fun.

Wrists, beware—the 990 AfterShock is here to test your mettle. But let's be real: A little extra wear and tear might be worth the sheer firepower packed into this compact beast.

THE LONG ROAD TO THE AFTER-SHOCK

I got my hands on a 14.25-inch barreled AfterShock for testing ahead of its 2025 NRA Convention debut. But this wasn't my first rodeo with the platform.

Back in 2022, a group of gun writers—myself included—were invited to Gunsite Academy in Arizona to test an early prototype. Those early AfterShocks felt like pre-production models—functional but unrefined. Mossberg took its time perfecting the design, ensuring that the final product wasn't just another novelty but a legitimate defensive option.

The result? A more polished, user-friendly version of the original concept, albeit as “user-friendly” as a bird's-head 12-gauge can be.



Mossberg outfits the 990 with the same strap found on the 590 Shockwave, giving shooters a firm handle on the gun.

The gun's receiver is drilled and tapped, allowing shooters to mount a Picatinny rail, thus an optic.



Even if you go without an optic, the gun's fiberglass piping for the bead is plenty visible and all you need in close quarters.

The AfterShock's bird's-head grip includes a rubberized saddle that improves your handle on the gun, while not proving overaggressive.

action predecessor—the 590 Shockwave, which is often fired from the hip—the 990 AfterShock is manageable enough to be fired at eye level with confidence.

AFTERSHOCK GRIP: TAMING THE BEAST

What sets the Shock series apart is its signature injection-molded bird's-head grip. Unlike traditional pistol grips, which direct recoil straight back into your wrist (and possibly your face), the bird's-head design angles recoil downward, making it far more manageable.

Mossberg wisely opted for a smooth grip surface with a rubber insert on the backstrap for extra friction, ensuring a secure hold without shredding your hands under recoil. Up front, the forend features a textured grip and a strap for added control—borrowed from Mossberg's pump-action models.

While the strap aids in stabilizing the gun, I personally would have preferred a hand stop instead, as it would feel more natural and solid in a semi-auto platform.

990 ACTION: THE GAME CHANGER

The real reason to get excited about the AfterShock? Its action. This isn't just another semi-auto—it's powered by Mossberg's proven 940 gas system.

When Mossberg introduced the 940 series, it changed the game for the company's semi-autos, which had previously struggled to gain traction. By exten-

sively testing the 940 with high-volume shooters and refining its gas system, Mossberg created a shotgun that eats everything from light target loads to heavy magnums without a hiccup.

That same reliability is now packed into the 990 AfterShock, making it not only a blast to shoot but also surprisingly controllable. Unlike its pump-



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The controls of the AfterShock mimic the 940 Tactical, which is good. They're intuitive and well laid out.

AFTERSHOCK CONTROLS: BUILT FOR DEFENSE

Mossberg nailed the controls on the AfterShock, carrying over the battle-tested layout from the 940 Tactical. The oversized charging handle, bolt release and tang safety are all designed for quick and easy manipulation under stress. But the real standout feature is the loading system.

Mossberg widened the loading port, elongated the elevator, smoothed out the magazine follower and removed any sharp edges on the port that might snag your thumb—making reloads lightning fast. Truth be told, I wish every shotgun had a loading gate this slick.

UPGRADED AIMING SYSTEM

Early AfterShock prototypes were equipped with a simple brass bead sight—not ideal for a defensive firearm. Thankfully, Mossberg upgraded the commercial version with a fiber-optic bead for improved visibility.

Even better, the receiver is drilled and tapped, allowing shooters to mount a rail and optic. While I appreciate the flexibility, I would have preferred a direct optic cut, like the 940 Tactical's RMSc footprint, for a more secure mounting solution. Given the AfterShock's high-recoil, bump-prone nature, a milled optic mount would be a sturdier option.

AT THE RANGE WITH THE AFTERSHOCK

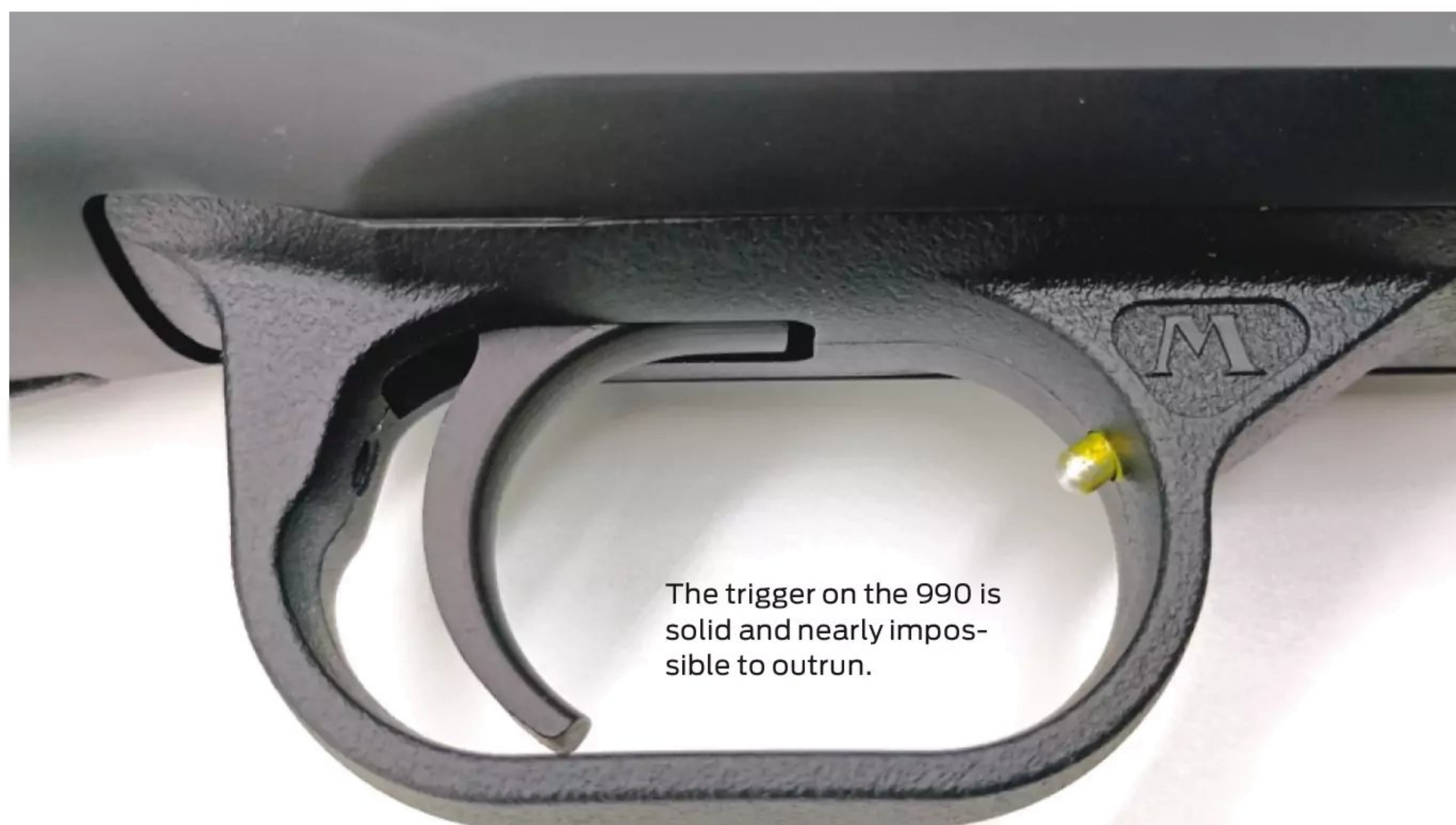
Between my time at Gunsite and my personal testing, I've put hundreds of rounds through the AfterShock, and it's left a lasting impression—though not without some reservations.

First, let's address the obvious: The AfterShock is undeniably badass. In a sea of cookie-cutter ARs and polymer handguns, this smoothbore stands out. And with its proven 940 gas system, it runs like a dream. I fed it everything from light target loads to 3-inch slugs, and it cycled flawlessly, save for two minor malfunctions within the first 20 rounds—a break-in issue that quickly resolved itself.

In terms of accuracy, the AfterShock delivers where it counts—close in.

At 10 yards, Hornady Critical Defense 00 buckshot put 9 out of 9 pellets on target, with 8 landing in center mass. Move beyond this range and the pattern loosen and hits don't land where you want them.

As a sidenote, shooting slugs at



The trigger on the 990 is solid and nearly impossible to outrun.



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SPECS AFTERSHOCK

GAUGE: 12

OVERALL LENGTH: 27.125 inches

BARREL LENGTH: 14.75 inches

WEIGHT: 6.04 pounds

CAPACITY: 5+1

CHOKE: Cylinder

MSRP: \$1,120



Gunsite the AfterShock could technically hit a target at 100 yards—but it was far from a tack driver. At this distance and payload, hits were counted as anything that landed on the 18x30-inch target—including outside the silhouette.

Still, it's impressive for a 14.25-inch barrel with a cylinder bore choke. For home defense, this precision is more than sufficient.

THE LEARNING CURVE

That said, shooting the AfterShock from an aimed position requires some practice. The compact beast requires a push-pull technique: Push forward with your support hand while pulling



One of the best things about the 990 is the oversized port, beveled and sporting an elongated elevator. In short, it's easy to feed.

The AfterShock isn't a long-range firearm, but at close range delivers its payload fairly accurately. At 10 yards, it landed 9 out of 9 Hornady Critical Defense 00 buckshot on target, with 8 in center mass. At 5 yards—the head shot—is devastating.

An oversized charging handle and bolt release makes the AfterShock quick to manipulate, even with gloved hands.



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back with your strong hand to maintain control.

I found the technique effective but takes getting used to. I would wager many shooters would find it infeasible or unappealing—it is hard on the wrists. The good news is that Mossberg does offer the short stack with a Crimson Trace Lasersaddle, so aimed hip shots are possible with the gun.

My two cents on the matter? If the AfterShock is your defensive iron of choice, it's well worth the \$200 investment to Form 4 the gun and make it into a short barrel shotgun by adding a stock.

Mossberg nickel-boron coated the piston ring of the 990, ensuring it's corrosion resistant as well as self-lubricating.

FINAL THOUGHTS

The Mossberg 990 AfterShock is a niche firearm, but that's part of its appeal. It's compact, powerful and fun as hell to shoot.

Is it the best home-defense option out there? That depends. If you're willing to put in the time to master it, the AfterShock is a formidable gun. But if you want something more traditional and accurate, Mossberg's full-sized 940 Tactical might be a better fit.

Either way, the 990 AfterShock is a testament to Mossberg's innovation, proving that even in an age of ARs and striker-fired handguns, there's still room for something different. And let's be honest—sometimes different is just plain awesome. **GDTM**



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THE SHOOTING SYNDICATE

Gunwerks Nexus Rifle: A systemized, shooting solution.







The Gunwerks' system, which encompasses the rifle, scope, range-finder, bipod and ammo, is all about simplifying hits at distance.

If you're interested in shooting at long range, particularly as it relates to hunting, there's hardly any doubt you've heard of Gunwerks. Gunwerks gained their initial fame through their acclaimed *Long Range Pursuit* television show. Founded by Aaron Davidson in Otto, Wyoming, Gunwerks' 45,000-square-foot headquarters that's built around a 100-yard shooting range is now located in Cody, Wyoming. Though generally thought of as a rifle manufacturer, you could better describe Gunwerks as a full-service, long-range shooting syndicate. Gunwerks can provide you with all the gear you need to go the distance.

I've been writing about rifles, professionally, for more than a quarter century, but somewhat embarrassingly, during all those years I've never shot a Gunwerks rifle. Not too long ago, my

friend Neal Emery, who previously worked at Hornady, went to Gunwerks, and we were finally able to change that.

To give me an idea of what Gunwerks rifles and the company is all about, Emery sent me one of their Nexus rifles to review. The Nexus is the flagship rifle from Gunwerks, and not only did Emery loan me a rifle, but he also provided some of the other gear Gunwerks is becoming known for and that some shooters might be overlooking.

THE NEXUS

This rifle is unique in several ways. For years and even to this day, many precision rifle manufacturers build their guns on a Remington 700 action or Remington 700 clone. Gunwerks builds the Nexus rifle on a proprietary aluminum action that allows you to switch the barrel to change between cartridges.

Gunwerks makes this possible by using barrels with an extension similar to what's used on an AR-15 or the Q Fix rifle. The forward section of the action is split and held together by three screws. You simply loosen those screws, slide out the old barrel and slide in the new one. Also, to accommodate different cartridges with different rim diameters, you can change the bolt head and even the bolt handle.

But there are many other unique features with the Nexus rifle.

Instead of drilling the action for scope mounts, Gunwerks machines Picatinny rail sections into the action, and this eliminates a connection and potential failure point for optics mounting. Gunwerks has also engineered a bolt-shroud mounted, three-position safety that locks the bolt in the rear position and allows for safe



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The quick-attach feature of the Gunwerks Elevate Bipod 2.0 is great for field applications.

zero one of seven riflescopes from Revic, Leupold and Kahles, and they'll also provide you with a long-range data package (\$1,275). This includes a Gunwerks long-range ammo loaded with a Berger bullet and a ballistic turret for your rifle-scope that matches that load. But this is all tuned to the elevation and temperature you want. In fact, you can even order an additional data package (\$595) for ammo loaded with a lead-free bullet that also includes another ballistic turret.

SHOOTING RESULTS

Gunwerks had chambered the test rifle Neal loaned me in 6.5 PRC, and they outfitted it with the Revic Acura RS25i riflescope. It also came with a data package for a 140-grain Berger bullet Gunwerks load that had a muzzle velocity of 2,972 fps. Ordered, this rifle, optic and data package would have cost

unloading in the middle position.

Then, there's the stock, which is carbon-fiber that has very unusual hand-stitched leather accents at the grip and comb locations for handling comfort. The bottom metal is also unusual because it extends from the grip all the way down the forend. There's a short section of Picatinny rail at the end and a full length ARCA rail behind that for bipod and tripod attachment.

But the ingenuity and uniqueness does not end there. Gunwerks designed an aluminum, flush-fitting, three-round, detachable magazine box that allows for easy top loading while it's in the rifle. With the carbon-fiber-wrapped barrel, you have the option of 20 or 24 inches, and it comes with a threaded muzzle and a muzzle break with a timing nut. The stock is outfitted with numerous quick-detach sling swivel mounts at the front and rear. And a user-adjustable, Trigger Tech Primary trigger is standard.

When you order the rifle, you first select your cartridge, and the options include the 6.5, 7mm, and .300 PRC, and .28 Nosler. Next, you choose either a black or flat dark earth chassis color, select your barrel length of 20 or 24 inches and set your length of pull at either 13, 13.5 or 14 inches. You can also

specify the riflescope you want included with your rifle, and that's where things can get a bit technical.

Not only will Gunwerks mount and



At \$140 for a box of 20, the Gunwerks 6.5 PRC 140-grain VLD ammunition is expensive, but it shoots with laser precision.



Gunwerks smartly machines the Picatinny scope bases into the aluminum action of the Nexus rifle.

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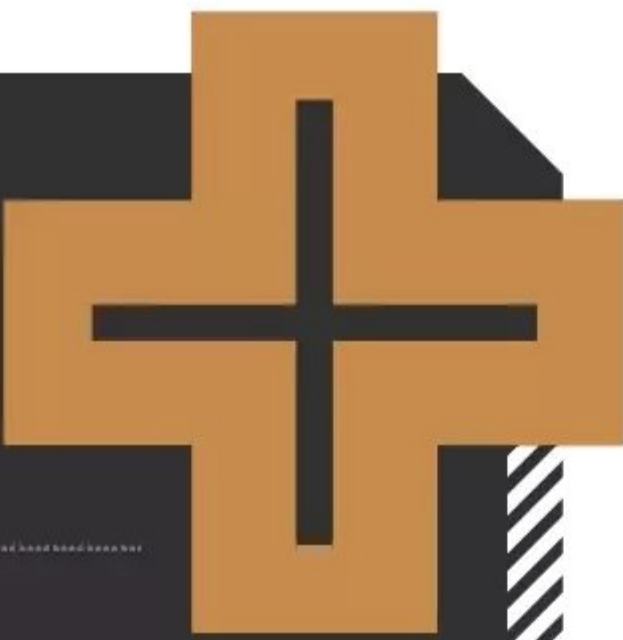


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- LENGTH: 41.5 inches
- WEIGHT: 6 pounds, 14 ounces
- BARREL: 20 (tested) or 24 inches
- ACTION: Gunwerks NXT
- TRIGGER: Trigger Tech Primary trigger
- CAPACITY: 3+1
- FINISH: Hard anodized black or flat dark earth
- STOCK: Carbon fiber with leather accents and an ARCA and Picatinny rail
- AVAILABLE CHAMBERINGS: 6.5 PRC, 7mm PRC, 300 PRC, and 28 Nosler
- PRICE: \$6,475 (base price)



SHOOTING RESULTS

LOAD	VEL	SD	ENG	PRECISION
Gunwerks 140-grain Berger VLD Hunting	2,972	12.2	2,746	0.88
Federal 140-grain Fusion Tipped	2,996	16.7	2,790	0.96
Hornady 143-grain Precision Hunter ELD-X	2,937	22.1	2,681	0.92

NOTES: Reported muzzle velocity (VEL), standard velocity deviation (SD) and muzzle energy (ENG) were established by firing 10 shots over a Caldwell G2 chronograph with the screens placed 10 feet from the muzzle. Reported precision for each load represents the average of three, five-shot groups fired at 100 yards from a sandbag rest. A Silencer Central Banish Backcountry suppressor and a Revic Acura RS25i 5-25x50mm riflescope set at maximum magnification were used for all precision testing. Temperature: 62 degrees F, humidity: 32 percent, pressure: 29.87 in-Hg and elevation: 2,200 feet.

\$9,945. That’s a hell of a lot of money for a rifle/scope/ammo combination, so I expected great things on the range. And great things are what I got. I installed a Silencer Central Banish Backcountry suppressor and set up at the bench with the Gunwerks factory ammo and two other loads. The first five-shot group I fired with the Gunwerks ammunition measured 0.89 inch, and I fired all five shots—as I normally do when I precision test a rifle—in less than 60 seconds. After two more five-shot groups, the average group size for that load was 0.88 inch. I then fired three, five-shot groups with the other two factory loads, and the average for all nine, five-shot groups fired was only 0.92 inch. To evaluate the data package, I shot the

rifle out to 450 yards with 8-inch steel plates as targets. I corrected for trajectory by dialing to the correct distance with the Gunwerks supplied custom turret on the Revic riflescope. I never missed. I cannot rate the Gunwerks rifle as anything but outstanding: It performed flawlessly in every way. However, it is not the rifle for everyone. Clearly, the cost alone is a bit staggering. But aside from price, this is not what I would consider a general-purpose hunting rifle. By itself, the rifle weighs 6.875 pounds. That’s not bad, but if you add in the Revic scope, which weighs 2.4 pounds, the weight jumps to more than 9 pounds. I did all the shooting from Gunwerks wonderfully engineered, quick-release 12.3-ounce Elevate Bipod 2.0 (\$395), which upped rifle weight

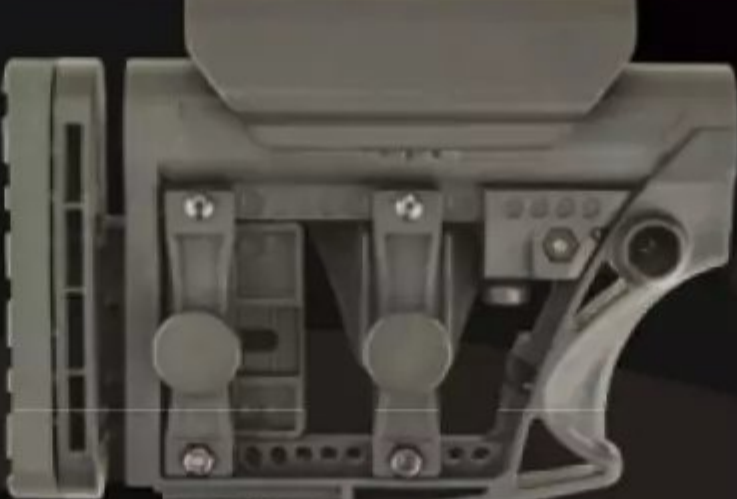
- The interchangeable bolt head on the Nexus rifle has dual plunger ejectors to ensure the reliable ejection of fired cases.
- The detachable magazine on the Nexus rifle is well made and you can easily top load it when it’s in the rifle.
- For those who appreciate maximum interface options with bipods and tripods, the Nexus rifle has a full-length ARCA rail and a short Picatinny rail on its stock.
- The grip on the stock of the Nexus rifle is near vertical and is wrapped in hand stitched leather for comfort and to help maintain a secure grip.



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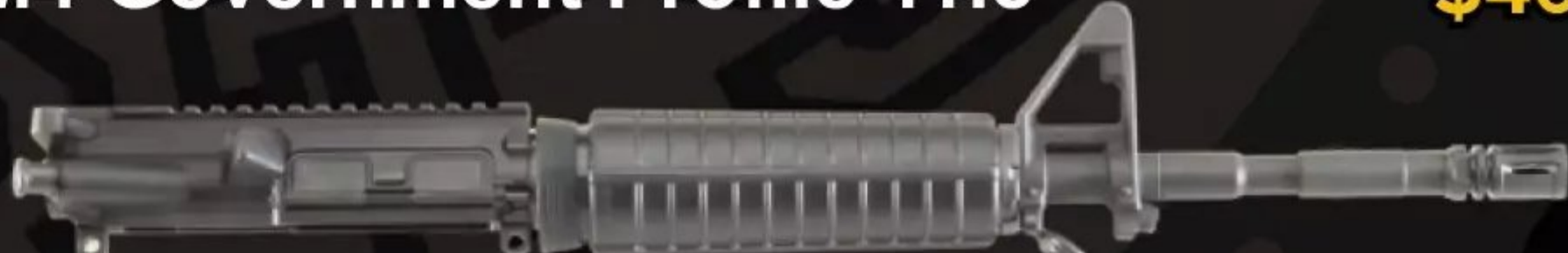


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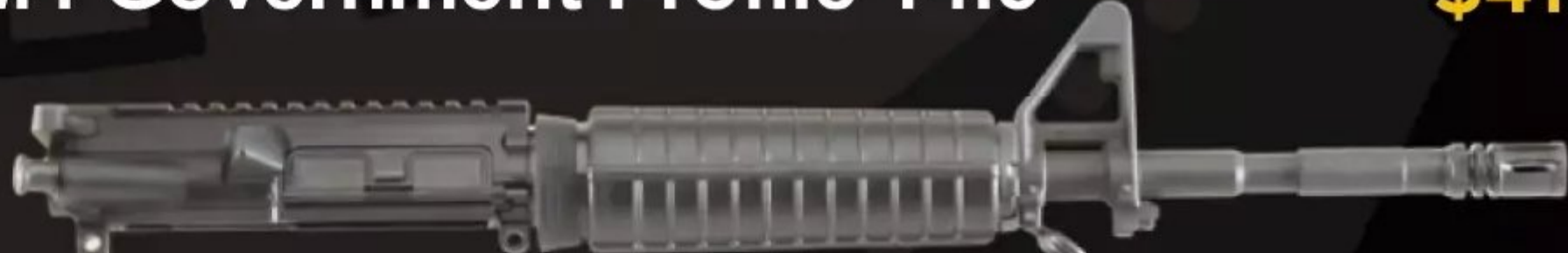
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you might desire, and then shoot factory ammunition or your own handloads. But the base premise of the Gunwerks concept is to let them put the complete package together for you.

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In that venue, Gunwerks is unique and singular, and it’s a very practical approach. And while at first blush it might seem extremely expensive, in the real world, it’s not altogether financially impractical. I’ve known several who embarked on the long-range hunting rifle journey and spent more on rifles, optics, range finders and ammunition that did

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Collectively, a fully kitted Gunwerks rifle and system are perfectly tuned to eliminate all your excuses for missing. Well, except for plain old piss-poor shooting, and, surprisingly, Gunwerks can help with that too.

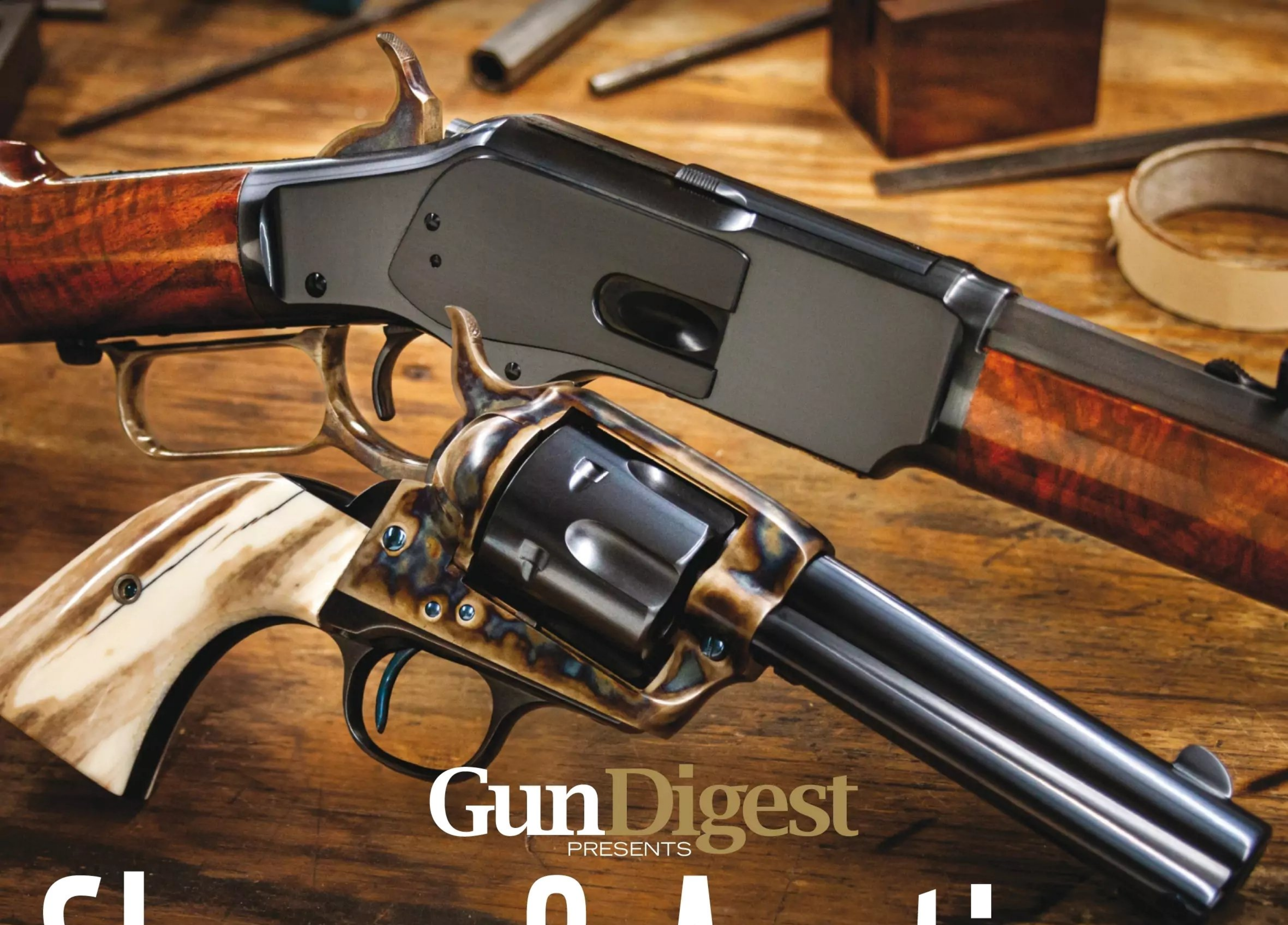
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If I were to summarize the Nexus rifle in as few words as possible, I think I’d have to quote Warren Buffet, “Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.”

However, if left to my own hillbilly upbringing, vocabulary and logic, I say: If you want to live at long range, stop drinking stupidly expensive boutique coffee and spring for the Gunwerks’ system and training. Encourage your kids to study enough to fund their higher education with scholarships. **GDTM**



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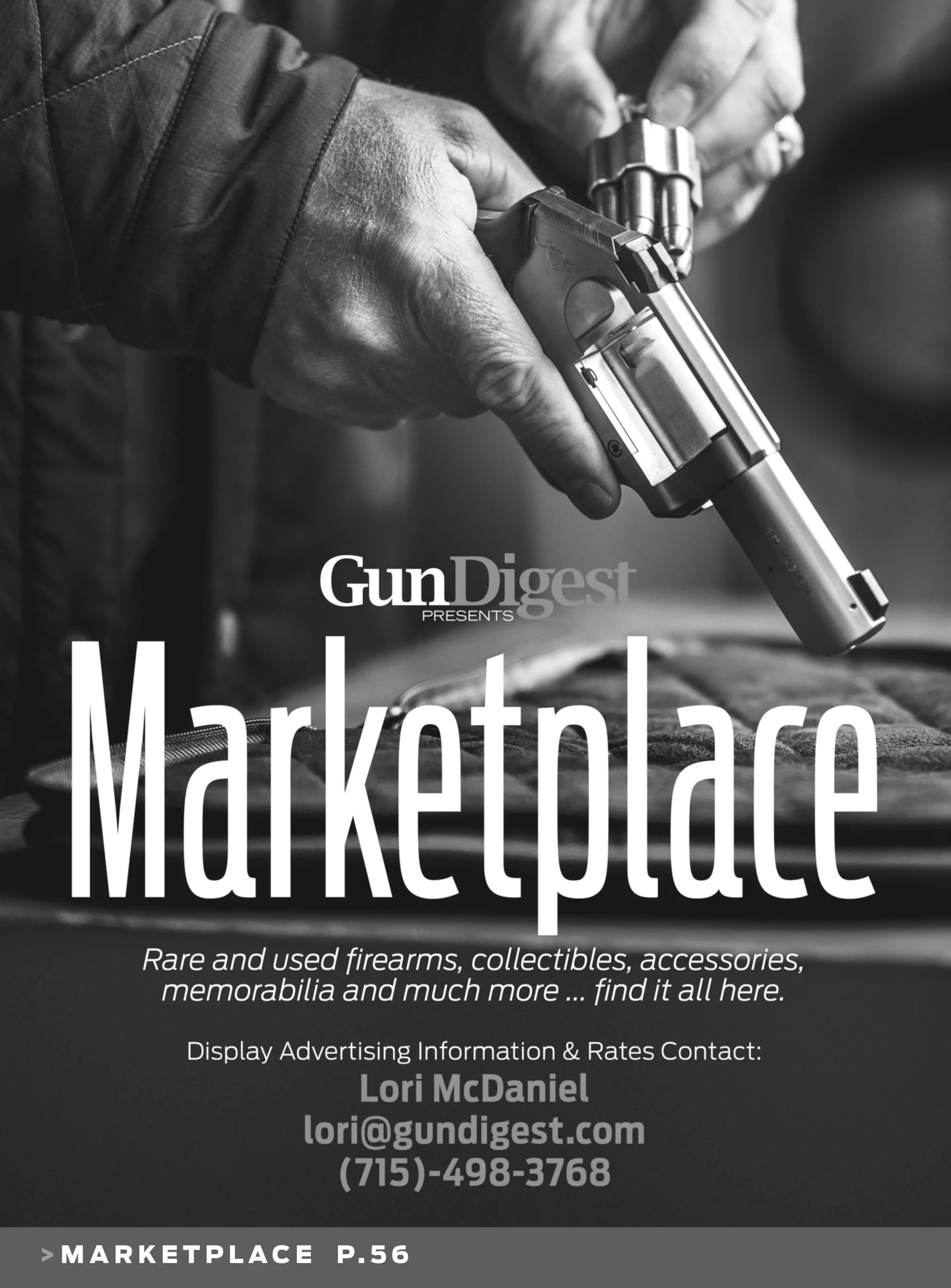
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PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS

1-W Browning (Belgian) .22 LR "Challenger Model" Auto Pistol 6 3/4" barrel with mint bore, 99 1/2% original bright blue and gold plate on trigger, ramp blade front and fully adjustable target style rear sights, minty fancy grained, checkered Walnut grips with flared bottoms, ".22 LR Browning" marked 10 round magazine, near new overall, made in 1970, with original manual (C&R) \$795

2-W Browning (Belgian) .22 LR "Challenger" Auto Pistol 6 3/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, gold trigger, factory target style sights, minty Walnut wrap around checkered wood target grips with flared bottoms, made in Belgium 1969, collector quality, looks near new (C&R) \$725

3-W Colt .38 Special "Officers Model Target" Revolver 6" barrel with bright excellent bore, original factory adjustable sights, checkered trigger, polished hammer sides are mint showing normal edge wear, 95%+ original blue with fluted cylinder showing spots of flaked areas toned to brown, barrel shows thinning to gray towards muzzle, light freckling on frame, checkered backstrap and smooth front strap shows thinning to brown, checkered Walnut grips with diamond around escutcheon screw and gold "Colt horse" medallions, all matching, excellent function with nice smooth action and tight lockup, manufactured 1914 (C&R) \$725

4-W Colt .38 Special "Officers Model Match" Double Action Target Revolver 6" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% original blue, pinned front sight, and fully adjustable rear sight, checkered Walnut grips with silver medallions, excellent function, collector quality, manufactured 1967 (C&R) \$950

5-W Colt .38 ACP "Diamondback" Revolver 4" full lug, vent rib barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue with some thinning at muzzle, sharp edge wear along fluted cylinder, serrated front ramp sight and adjustable "Accro pattern" rear sight, serrated wide spur hammer still showing nice original blue on top with high polished sides, grooved trigger with 98% original blue, crisp rampant Colt on left side of frame, checkered two piece Walnut factory grips with gold medallions with some scratches on butt, tight lockup, excellent function, manufactured 1968 (C&R) \$1450

6-W Colt .22 LR "Huntsman Sport Model" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue showing scratches and some pin prick pitting on barrel and slide, correct black checkered plastic grips with rampant colt monogram on right grip, comes with (1) original ten round magazine, excellent function, manufactured 1956 (C&R) \$625

7-W Colt .22 LR "The Woodsman Sport Model" Early Style Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, fixed blade front and windage adjustable factory open sights, 98%+ original bright blue, excellent checkered Walnut grips, minty (2) tone magazine marked "Colt Woodsman/Cal. 22 LR", made in 1938, excellent function and super looker (C&R) \$865

8-W Colt .22 LR "Targetsman Model" 3rd Series Auto Pistol 6" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, blade front and fully adjustable target style rear sights, excellent checkered thumbrest grips showing the mildest of wear, made in 1976 as a 3rd series pistol, collector quality (C&R) \$775

9-W Colt .22 LR "The Woodsman Model" 1st Series Target Clip Feed Auto Pistol 6 5/8" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% original blue thinning along front and back straps to a gray/blue, metal shows slight high edge wear, adjustable front and rear sights, checkered Walnut grips, comes with one 10 round two tone magazine, excellent function, and sharp looking manufactured 1927 and just about collector quality (C&R) \$1175

10-W Colt .22 LR "Woodsman Sport Model" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98% original bright blue, ramp blade pinned front and fully adjustable target rear sights, 2nd model push button style magazine release with original correct magazine, minty checkered brown plastic thumbrest grips with Colt logo impressed on right panel, all original, made in 1951, collector quality (C&R) \$1175

11-W Colt .45 ACP "Model 1911" Target Auto Pistol 5" MK IV Series 70 marked barrel with mint bore, MK IV series 70 upper with "Triangle" brand fully adjustable target rear sight and 1/8" target blade front sight, front of slide is marked "Crauford Combat" over "Pleasant Valley, NY", the lower is a WW-I blued, early 1918, Colt made original showing 80%+ slightly faded blue and "JMG" (J.M. Gilbert/ Major 1918) inspectors stamp, small parts associated with WW-I era Colts are mostly correct period pieces (hammer grip safety, mainspring housing, trigger, safety lever) grips are WW-II checkered plastic and magazine is a full blue style, a WW-I slide would make this a nice collector grade 1911 (C&R) \$1295

12-W CZ 9mm Luger "Model P-09" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, front white dot sight, rear sight removed and Burris "fast fire III" dot sight added, scope has a 3 MoA dot reticule and crisp clear optics, 99% black matte finish on slide, black polymer frame with front Piccatinny equipment rail on frame and stippled grip sides, ambidextrous de-cocker and slide serrations, comes with one high cap 19 round magazine, excellent function, manufactured 2014 \$450

13-W ETAI .30 Mauser "Royal Model H" Broomhandle Copy Auto Pistol 5 1/2" barrel with fair bore, metal is mostly gray/brown with scattered light pitting, 1000 meter marked tangent rear sight, slotted backstrap, made by Beistegui-Hermanos of Spain around 1920-1930, externally looks like a Mauser Broomhandle but different mechanically, not often seen in any condition, serial number and description match the "Wikipedia" entry (C&R) \$1495

14-W Harrington & Richardson .22 LR "Model 649" Western Style D.A. / S.A. Revolver 5 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, fixed sights, 97% original blue with matte blue frame, noticeable spots of pin prick pitting at muzzle, on smooth un-fluted cylinder and frame, smooth one piece Walnut grips, ejector rod for reloading, has transfer safety bar, manufactured 1976-1985, excellent function \$245

15-W Harrington & Richardson .22 LR "Model 949 / Forty Niner 2nd Model" Revolver 7 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue and case colors, 9 shot double action or single action western style revolver, excellent smooth one piece Walnut grips with H&R silver medallions, excellent function, made in 1973, sharp looking (C&R) \$425

16-W High Standard .22 LR "Model A" Target Auto Pistol 6 3/4" barrel with excellent bore, factory target style adjustable sights, 96% original blue, "Hi Standard" marked clip, excellent function but missing right hand wood grip and slide hold open spring, looks like an H-D Military but hammerless, grip screws are present, made in 1940 (C&R) \$335

17-W High Standard .22 LR "Model H-D Military" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 96% original bright blue with a little fading on sides of barrel and front strap from holster wear, target style front and rear sights, minty full checkered Walnut grips, mint two tone factory magazine, excellent function, made in 1947 (C&R) \$695

18-W High Standard .22 LR "Model H-D Military" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% original blue with a little wear toward muzzle and thinning along back and front straps, fine pin prick pitting along front strap, fixed front sight, fully adjustable rear sight, excellent full checkered Walnut grips, comes with one two tone magazine showing light wear, excellent function, manufactured 1947, near collector quality (C&R) \$725

19-W High Standard .22 LR "Model 107 / Supermatic Citation" Target Auto Pistol 5 1/2" heavy barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, excellent function, manufactured 1970, minty "Herrett" checkered Walnut thumbrest target grips with flared bottom, red floorplate High Standard marked original magazine (C&R) \$595

20-W High Standard .22 LR "East Hartford Model" Over/Under Derringer Pistol 3 1/2" barrels with mint bores, 99% original blue, mint black plastic grips, as new in original box with end label, old sales slip from 2010, instruction manual and warranty certificate \$350

21-W High Standard .22 LR "Sentinel Deluxe" Double Action, Swingout Cylinder Model R-107 9 Shot D.A. Revolver 4" barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 98% original blue, mint checkered brown plastic grips, excellent function, made in 1969 (C&R) \$495

22-W Iver Johnson .32 S&W "Safety" Hammerless Top Break Revolver 3" solid rib barrel with fair bore, fixed sights, 90% nickel finish with flaking at muzzle, frame and on flutes of cylinder, front strap shows significant loss and is now a brown patina, light case colors show on trigger, black hard rubber IJ "owl" logo grips, left grip has a chip missing at butt and right grip has a replacement escutcheon grommet, still works well (C&R) \$95

23-W Iver Johnson / U.S. Revolver Co. .32 S&W Short Revolver 2" ribbed barrel with excellent bright bore, fixed sights, hammerless top break action with automatic ejection of 5 shot cylinder, 95% original nickel, blue and case color with just a couple small missing flakes of nickel scattered about, nice "U.S." logo checkered hard rubber grips with a small chipout on left panel at locating pin, a very attractive "bicycle revolver" that comes in it's original repaired box with half original of end label, works fine, looks super (C&R) \$245

24-W Navy Arms Co. 44/40 "1875 U.S. Cavalry" Schofield Model Top Break Revolver 7" rib barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 99% original blue and case colors, mint cartouched smooth Walnut grips, comes with original green box with paperwork inside, manufactured by Uberti/Navy Arms as the "Schofield series", manufactured 1994-2003 \$950

25-W Ruger .22 LR "Single Six" Old Style 3 Screw Single Action Revolver 6 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, ramp blade front sight and fully adjustable target style rear sights, 97% original blue with some muzzle thinning, cylinder "drag line" and light peppery pin prick pitting, smooth 2 piece Walnut grips with "black eagle" silver medallions, excellent function, no safety transfer bar, manufactured 1968 (C&R) \$675

26-W Ruger .22 LR "Single Six" Old Style 3 Screw Revolver 5 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original blue with slight "drag line" around cylinder, fixed sights, early style "flat gate" loading port, minty smooth Walnut 2 piece grips with Ruger "black eagle" medallions, excellent function, made in 1956, unconverted (C&R) \$695

27-W Ruger .22 LR "Model SR-22P" Auto Pistol 3 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99 1/2% original black anodized finish, (3) white dot sighting with fully adjustable rear sight, aluminum slide and polymer frame, mint replaceable grip shape (2) provided, loaded chamber inspection port, as new in original box with (2) 10 shot magazines, manual and accessories, made in 2017 ... \$295

28-W Ruger .357 Magnum "Model GP100" Talo Distributor Exclusive "Match Champion" Double / Single Action Stainless Revolver 4 1/4" heavy slab barrel with mint bore and target crowned muzzle, all matte stainless surfaces are like new, Hi Viz "Literwave" fiber optic front sight, factory "Hogue monogrip" wrap around, pebble grain Ruger logo grips are in mint condition, as new in original Ruger lockable case with Ruger cable lock and manual, not approved for CA or MA, shipped in 2023, super look and function \$985

29-W Ruger .45 ACP/.45 Colt "New Model Flat Top Blackhawk" Convertible Revolver 5 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99%+ original blue, mint faux ivory grips with Ruger medallions, matching numbered cylinder, manufactured 2015, as a "Lipsey's Distributors" exclusive, as new all original, collector quality \$965

30-W Ruger .45 Colt "Vaquero Model" Single Action Revolver 7 1/2" barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 99% original blue, 99% original case colored frame, faux factory smooth Ivorex grips with Ruger eagle medallions, excellent function showing only a light cylinder drag line, shipped in 1993 and comes in its lockable black plastic case, no paper or accessories .. \$595

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31-W Sauer & Sohn .32 ACP "Model 38-H" WW-II Nazi Police Auto Pistol 3 1/4" barrel with excellent bore, fixed sights, 95% original blue showing some light scuffing and very fine peppering over late war hasty machining, "Nazi eagle N" and Nazi "Police eagle C" clearly marked on frame, slide has only "Cal. 7.65" marking on left side, minty checkered black plastic "S&S" in intertwined logo grips, very good blued "SS" logo magazine, excellent function but late war finish (C&R) \$1325
32-W Smith & Wesson 9mm Para "Model 59" Double / Single Action High Capacity Nickel Auto Pistol 4" barrel with mint bore, 99% bright nickel finish, factory open sights, black nylon checkered grips with logos are like new, made in 1979 and looks and functions near new overall, with (1) 14 shot high capacity original, a very sharp looker \$695
33-W Smith & Wesson 9mm Para "Model 659 High Cap Stainless" Double / Single Action Auto Pistol 4" barrel with mint bore, 1/8" blade front and drift adjustable factory sights, all stainless surfaces are like new with only the sides of hammer showing a little pitting, minty checkered black nylon grips with "S&W" imprint logo, ambidextrous safety, 14 shot stainless "S&W" marked magazine, made around 1986 and has excellent function \$57
34-W Smith & Wesson 9mm Para "Model 6904" Double / Single Action Auto Pistol 3 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99% original blue/black finish, (3) white dot fixed sights, mint checkered black wrap around grips, (1) 12 shot finger rest bottom magazine, excellent function, looks near new \$395
35-W Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Model 317-2 Airlite" Revolver 2" barrel with mint bore, 8 shot cylinder, about new overall with no signs of actual use, fixed sights, case colored hammer and trigger, mint finger groove checkered rubber boot grips, as new in original blue plastic case with end label and keys (no paper), made in around 2002 \$525
36-W Smith & Wesson .38 S&W (Not Special) "Model 33-1" Revolver 4" pinned barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 99% original bright blue and case colors, mint "Magna" style checkered Walnut square butt grips with matching numbers and silver S&W medallions, sloped flat latch, looks and functions as new, sometimes known as "Regulation Police" this one made around 1960 (C&R) \$895
37-W Smith & Wesson .38 Special "Model 637-2 Airweight" Double Action Revolver 1 7/8" barrel with mint bore, aluminum alloy frame with stainless barrel and cylinder, case colored hammer and trigger, mint S&W logo pink boot grips with regular black rubber boot grips in original blue plastic case with all paper, cable lock and matching end label, made around 2005 \$385
38-W Smith & Wesson .38 Special +P "Model 638-3" Airweight Revolver 1 7/8" barrel with mint bore, aluminum alloy finish, fixed sights, shrouded hammer, as new in original blue plastic case with lock, key and all paper, grips have built in very bright flashlight with gray rubber front and back straps \$445
39-W Smith & Wesson .38 Special "M&P Model of 1905 4th Change" Double Action Revolver 4" pinned barrel with mint bore, 97%+ original blue with a few specks of pitting on sharp edges and right side of barrel at muzzle, (5) screw frame, fixed sights, all matching numbers, 95% lightly faded case colors, mint diamond center, checkered Walnut round butt grips correctly without medallions or serial number, looks and works near new, made in the 1930's (C&R) \$585
40-W Smith & Wesson .45 ACP "Model 645 Double / Single Action Stainless Steel" Auto Pistol 5" barrel with mint bore, red ramp front and drift adjustable white outline rear sights, ambidextrous safety, checkered front of squared off triggerguard, mint checkered black nylon S&W logo grips, looks and functions as new, made around 1986 \$695
41-W Springfield Armory .45 ACP "Model 1911-A1" Loaded Target Stainless Auto Pistol 5" barrel with mint bore, all metal surfaces are in near new condition, 1/8" blade front and fully adjustable "LPA" marked target style rear sights, target style lightened, serrated trigger, skeletonized spur hammer, full beaver tail grip safety, oversize safety lever, straight back serrated mainspring housing, beveled magazine housing bottom, minty checkered Walnut large diamond grips, (8) shot blued magazine and spare set of grooved synthetic grips plus owners manual, all contained in a blue Springfield Armory lockable case, as new overall \$895
42-W Uberti .357 Magnum "Model 1875 Lawman" Single Action Revolver 7 1/2" barrel with excellent bore, 97% original blue, slightly faded case color and tarnished brass, fixed sights, minty smooth Walnut (2) piece grips, looks and feels like an 1875 Remington, excellent function, nice quality \$625
43-W Walther / Interarms .380 ACP "Model PPK" Auto Pistol 3 1/4" barrel with mint bore, stainless steel finish showing light rub marks and scratches, fixed sights, black plastic checkered grips with logo, comes with two original magazines (1) with a standard floorplate and (1) with a finger rest floorplate, included is it's original black plastic hard case with correct side label, inside is original paperwork and instruction and safety manual along with cleaning rod, plastic latch on case is broken, manufactured 2021 \$595
44-W Walther .380 ACP "Model PPK/S" Stainless Auto Pistol 3 1/4" barrel with mint bore, all stainless surfaces are like new, factory red dot front and rear sights, mint fancy checkered brown wood grips with "Walther banner" marking, as new in original logo textured black plastic double latch case with (2) stainless magazines (1) flat bottom (1) fingerrest bottom, white outer box is serialized to gun and contains a cable lock and manual \$615
45-W Walther .380 ACP "Model PPK/S" Double / Single Action Auto Pistol 3 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 98% original bright blue, fixed sights with (2) white dots, imported by "Interarms" and marked "made under license of Carl Walther Waffenfabrik Ulm/Do", mint checkered black plastic grips with Walther banner logos, comes with (1) flat bottom blued magazine marked "Walther Cal. 380 ACP", matching numbers, French proofed on barrel and slide with butt very discretely marked "Manurhin" and "Made in France", super quality and very sharp looking oddity made sometime in 1960's during a fight over markings between France and Germany (C&R) \$795
46-W Walther 9mm "Model P-38 /BYF 44" WW-II Auto Pistol 5" barrel with excellent bore, 95%+ original blue with some mild pitting mostly on the right side of slide and tip of slide on left side, usual (4) digit serial number but no letter suffix or prefix, "WaA 135" Waffen proofed frame, locking block and magazine, oddly there is also a lightly struck "eagle N" commercial proof on slide just before serial number, excellent serrated black synthetic grips with a couple scratches on right panel, "P38V" and "Waffen WaA 135" marked magazine, comes in a nice P-38 marked black leather holster marked "A. Fischer/Berlin/1949/P-38", excellent function and nice looking outfit especially for late war production (C&R) \$1195

47-W Carl Gustafs / Swedish 6.5x55 "Model M96" Mauser Bolt Rifle 29 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% arsenal blue finish showing some sharp edge wear, M41 rectangular post front sight and U shaped notch rear tangent sight, turned down bolt handle, all serialized parts are matching except the rear steel buttplate, smooth straight grip stock with finger groove forend, Walnut matching handguard, excellent function (C&R) \$765

48-W Chinese 7.62 x 39mm "Model SKS" Autoloader Rifle 20 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99% original blue, folding spike bayonet, factory military open sights, minty light colored hardwood pistol grip stock, 1992 made and about new overall \$875

49-W EMF / Rossi .45 Colt "Hartford Model 1892" Clone Saddle Ring Lever Carbine 20" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue and case color on receiver and lever, very good+ dark Walnut straight grip stock with blued steel carbine buttplate, super smooth action, excellent function, missing "ring" from saddle ring, a very nice quality reproduction of a Winchester model 1892 \$735

50-W Enfield .303 British "No. 5 MKI" WW-II "Jungle Carbine" Bolt Rifle 20 1/2" barrel with integral flash hider and bayonet fixture, poor pitted bore, "wing" protected front blade and elevation adjustable ladder rear sights adjustable to 800 yards, mismatch bolt and small parts, good serviceable Walnut stock with rubber bumper buttpad well worn, side mount sling bar at rear and swivel on barrel band, "CAI" import marked barrel, "7/45" marked receiver, excellent function but looks like it saw a lot of war time action around the world (C&R) \$775

51-W Henry Arms Co. .357 Magnum "Big Boy" Model H006MR" Lever Carbine 16 1/2" barrel with mint bore, as new overall with blue and brass fixtures showing no use, fixed sporting open sights, large loop lever, nice lightly figured dark Walnut straight grip stock, in original numbered box \$795

52-W Ishapore / Enfield .303 British "No. 1 MK 3" Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with bright very good bore showing some pitting, protected front blade sight, tangent rear sight, 90% arsenal blue with its loss along sharp edges toning to gray, wrist is marked with crown over "R.F.I." (Rifle Factory Ishapore) dated "1952" over "No.1 MK 3", Walnut smooth straight grip stock with "TDE" with arrow inside circle acceptance mark on right side some dings and dents cover both buttstock and full length forend wood and handguard, brass buttplate with nice mustard brown patina, comes with one magazine and its original brown canvas sling, manufactured 1952 (C&R) \$595

53-W Japanese Government 7.7mm Arisaka "Type 99" Bolt Service Rifle 26" barrel with very good bright bore, 98% rebuild blue, ground "mum", mismatch on bolt, non laminate original pistol grip stock with steel buttplate, side mount swivels, wiping rod and bayonet fixture, original non-"aircraft wing" rear sight, excellent hardwood stock with non original finish, works fine and looks good (C&R) \$285

54-W Mauser 8mm Mauser "Model 98/BNZ-45" Sporterized Bolt Rifle 23 3/4" stepped barrel with mint bore, rear sight and front insert removed, "Pachmayr" swing over side mount on receiver plus drilled, tapped, and plugged for receiver sight, cut down original laminate stock, bolt and safety modified for scope use, works fine \$295

55-W Mosin Nagant 7.62x54R Polish Radom "Model M44" Bolt Carbine 16 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, all matching numbers, dated "1953" and marked "11" in an oval signifying manufacturer by "Radom" factory in Poland, cruciform folding bayonet, green cloth sling with leather keepers, all correct and original features in mint collector quality (C&R) \$895

56-W Mosin Nagant 7.62x54R Polish Radom "Model M44" Bolt Carbine 16 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, all matching numbers, dated "1953" and marked "11" in an oval signifying manufacturer by "Radom" factory in Poland, cruciform folding bayonet, all correct and original features in mint collector quality (C&R) \$865

57-W Norinco 7.62x39mm "Model SKS" "26" Jianshe Arsenal Type 56 Auto Rifle 20 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98% arsenal blue protected front post sight with some damage to left side of the protected housing, rear type III ladder sight missing its spring base, receiver latch is the proper late 26 arsenal type, correct late China issued bolt carrier serialized to rifle, serialized to rifle is correct late Chinese stamped sheet metal triggerguard, early type bayonet lug, comes with Chinese spike bayonet missing the retaining screw to attach the bayonet to rifle, factory original fixed 10 round standard magazine is numbered to rifle, pistol grip "Catalpa wood" or "Chu wood" stock showing a triangle with a number "4" just below receiver and the left side is numbered to rifle, handguard "French tickler" appears to be correct for this 24 million series, 1980's (last known factory 26 year production), excellent function, comes with correct sling, all matching \$650

58-W Remington .300 Savage "Model 722" Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with excellent bore, silver bead front sight, express style rear sight, unmarked 2.5-7x scope mounted on a one piece Buehler base, 98% original blue with some handling marks, checkered Walnut pistol grip stock with roll-over cheekpiece in good condition showing some repairs and handling marks, rectangle plug where a receiver sight was once mounted, original metal buttplate, manufactured 1949, a nice light kicking high power rifle with ballistics very similar to a .308 Winchester (C&R) \$595

59-W Rossi / Interarms 44/40 "Model 65-SRC" (1892 Winchester Clone) Lever Carbine 20" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, blade front and sporting open rear sights, mint dark Walnut straight grip stock with blued steel carbine style buttplate, very nice quality copy of a Winchester 1892 carbine \$795

60-W Ruger 7mm Mauser "Model 77" Bolt Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, no open sights but has Ruger 1" rings on factory Ruger integral receiver bases, minty dark Walnut lightly figured pistol grip stock with cut checkering, logo grip cap, logo solid red rubber buttplate and swivel "eyes", excellent function showing little actual use, made in 1981 \$725

61-W Ruger .350 Legend "American Ranch Rifle Model " Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 16 1/8" barrel with mint bore and capped threaded muzzle, 99% original matte black finish, no sights but has Ruger factory installed one piece Picatinny rail on receiver, "marksman" factory adjustable trigger, minty lightweight synthetic flat "dark Earth" pistol grip stock with soft vent rubber black recoil buttpad, and swivel "eyes", excellent function, made in 2022, repaired crack in triggerguard is just about invisible, comes with (4) 5 shot detachable AR style magazines and original box \$485

62-W Ruger .450 Bushmaster "American Ranch Rifle Model" Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 16.10" barrel with mint bore with muzzle break, 98% matte black finish, no sights but has a factory installed one piece Picatinny rail on receiver, minty lightweight synthetic flat "dark Earth" pistol grip stock with soft vent rubber black recoil buttpad, swivel "eyes", comes with one single column detachable 3 round magazine, excellent function \$485

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77-W Marlin .22 S, L, & LR “Model 80” Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 24” barrel with bright excellent bore, open field sights, receiver shows 90% original blue with barrel showing mostly brown to gray, receiver has been drilled, tapped and plugged for scope base, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with plastic triggerguard and checkered Marlin logo buttplate, stock has a nice oil finish with small cluster of dents on right side of buttstock, comes with one 5 round magazine, manufactured 1934-1939 (C&R) \$135

78-W Marlin .22 S, L, & LR “Model 81” Tube Feed Bolt Rifle 24” barrel with excellent bright bore, 95% original faded thin blue, factory open sights and grooved receiver, excellent hardwood pistol grip stock with Walnut stain and serrated black plastic buttplate, excellent function (C&R) \$195

79-W Marlin .22 S, L, & LR “Model Golden 39-A “ Takedown Lever Rifle 24” barrel with bright excellent bore, ramp bead front sight missing its hood, sporting open rear sight with elevator, receiver top mounted scope rail with Sears (Weaver) 4x20mm scope in Weaver 3/4” rings, scope has plain crosshairs and slightly foggy optics, 97%+ original blue showing light pin prick pitting on barrel and magazine tube, receiver shows light scratches and light pin prick pitting, oil finished pistol grip stock and forend, black plastic pistol grip cap and buttplate, gold color trigger, sling swivels, excellent function, manufactured 1960 (C&R) \$795

80-W Marlin .22 S, L, & LR “Model Golden 39-A” Takedown Lever Rifle 24” round , micro groove barrel with excellent bore, ramp front blade sight, rear sight has been removed leaving the rear dovetail slot open, scope base added to top of receiver with a crossfire “vortex” scope mounted, scope is 2-7x32 with “dead-hold BDC” reticle crisp clear multi-coated lenses that deliver amazing light transmission, 98% original blue finish, shows some small spots of pin prick pitting on magazine tube, trigger shows light gold color but mostly faded, “JM” hammer extender added, fluted smooth oil stained Walnut stock and forend, stock has white line spacer on both the pistol grip cap and Marlin logo buttplate, sling swivels, missing the bull’s-eye logo in toe line, excellent function, manufactured 1958-1959 (C&R) \$855

81-W Marlin .22 L & LR “Model 56” Clip Feed Lever Rifle 22” barrel with mint bore, 99 ½% original blue, hooded ramp bead front and sporting open rear sights plus grooved receiver, mint dark Walnut pistol grip stock with Monte Carlo and serrated steel buttplate, pistol grip cap and traditional Marlin “bull’s-eye” in toe line, about new overall, collector quality (C&R) \$675

82-W Marlin .22 Winchester Magnum “Model 57” Tube Feed Lever Rifle 22” barrel with mint bore, 99 ½% original blue, ramp bead front and sporting open rear sights plus scope rail mounted using factory holes, mint dark Walnut pistol grip stock with Monte Carlo, grip cap, Marlin logo checkered plastic buttplate and Marlin “bull’s-eye” on toe line, about new condition overall, collector quality (C&R) \$775

83-W Mossberg .22 High Velocity Short, L, & LR “Model 352” Clip Feed Auto Rifle 18” barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, factory front sight but missing original “peep” rear sight, grooved receiver with period .22 crosshair scope, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with Monte Carlo, fold down plastic forend, factory side mounted sling swivels, and serrated black plastic buttplate, excellent function and nice looking \$195

84-W Mossberg .22 S, L & LR “Model 346KB” Tube Feed Bolt Rifle 24” barrel with excellent bore, 95% original blue getting thin and showing loss at grooved receiver, factory open sights, very nice Walnut pistol grip stock with Monte Carlo, cheekpiece, factory swivels and checkered logo plastic buttplate \$195

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88-W Remington .22 S, L, & LR “Model 510-P / The TargetMaster” Single Shot Bolt Rifle 25” barrel with bright excellent bore, ramp blade front sight, factory rear aperture sight has been removed, mostly brown and gray patina with scattered peppery pin prick pitting throughout, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock showing normal dings and dents with finish wear throughout, black checkered Remington buttplate, manufactured 1961 (C&R) \$115

89-W Winchester .22 Short “Model 74 Gallery” Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24” barrel with excellent bore, factory original open sights, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock, steel buttplate with peppery pin prick pitting, triggerguard with pin prick pitting, English proof marks on barrel, manufactured 1939-1955 (C&R) \$395

90-W Winchester .22 LR “Model 77” Clip Feed Auto Rifle 22” barrel with mint bore, original sights, re-blue finish, barrel address looks clean and crisp but the Winchester proof mark on barrel and grooved receiver show wear and buffing, Walnut pistol grip stock with original buttplate, comes with one unmarked magazine, excellent function, stock shows dings and dents and staining on butt near buttplate, manufactured 1960 (C&R) \$195

91-W Winchester .22 LR “Model 77” Clip Feed Auto Rifle 22” barrel with excellent bright bore, 95% original blue, beaded blade front sight and factory sporting open rear sights plus grooved receiver, Walnut pistol grip stock showing normal dings and scratches, original plastic logo buttplate, original 7 round magazine, manufactured 1960 (C&R) \$245

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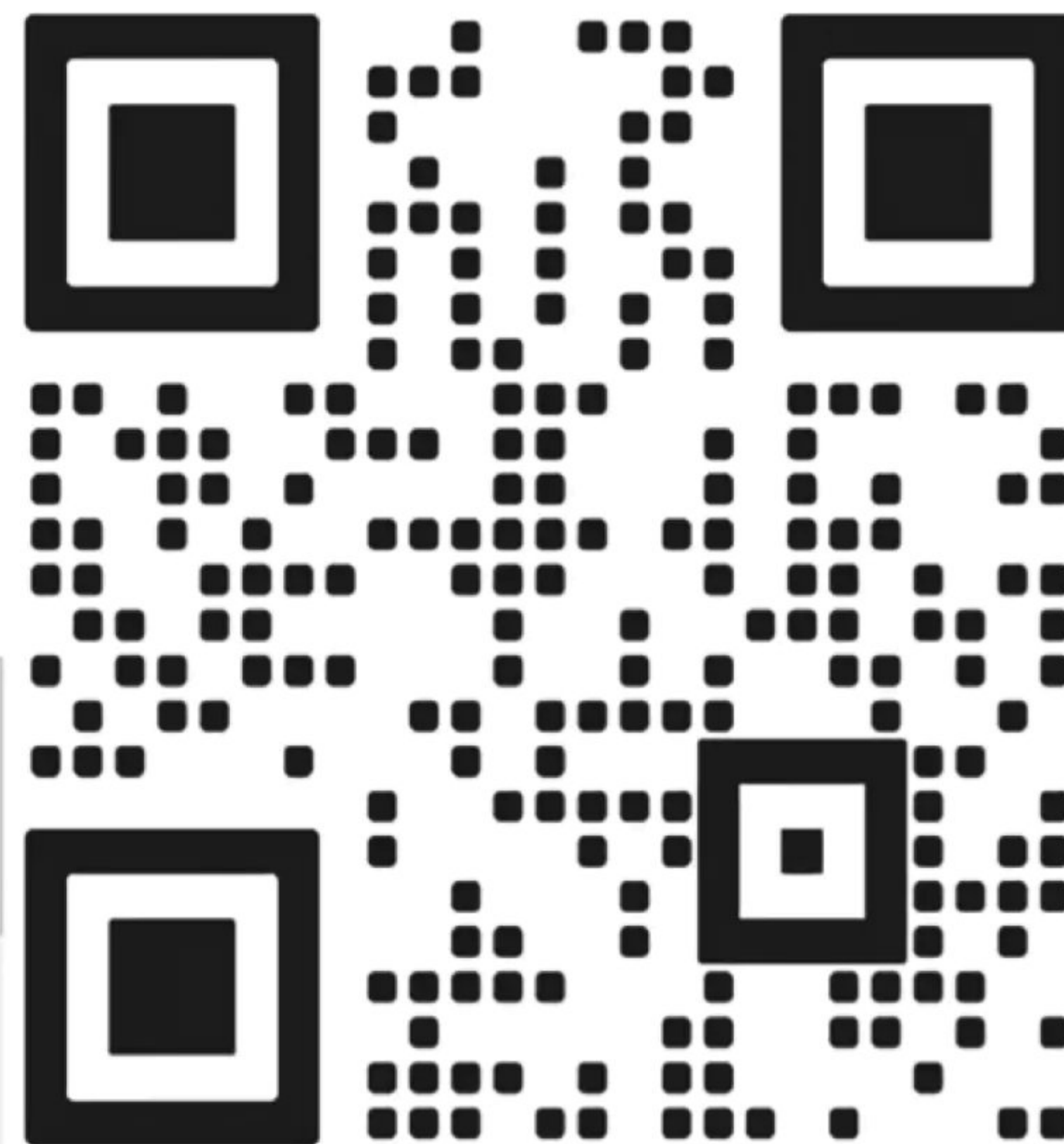
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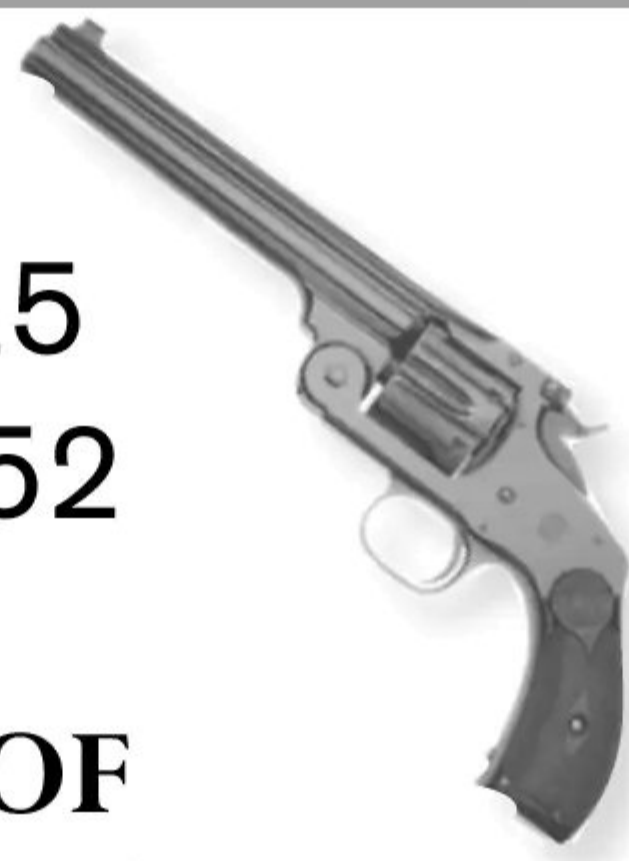


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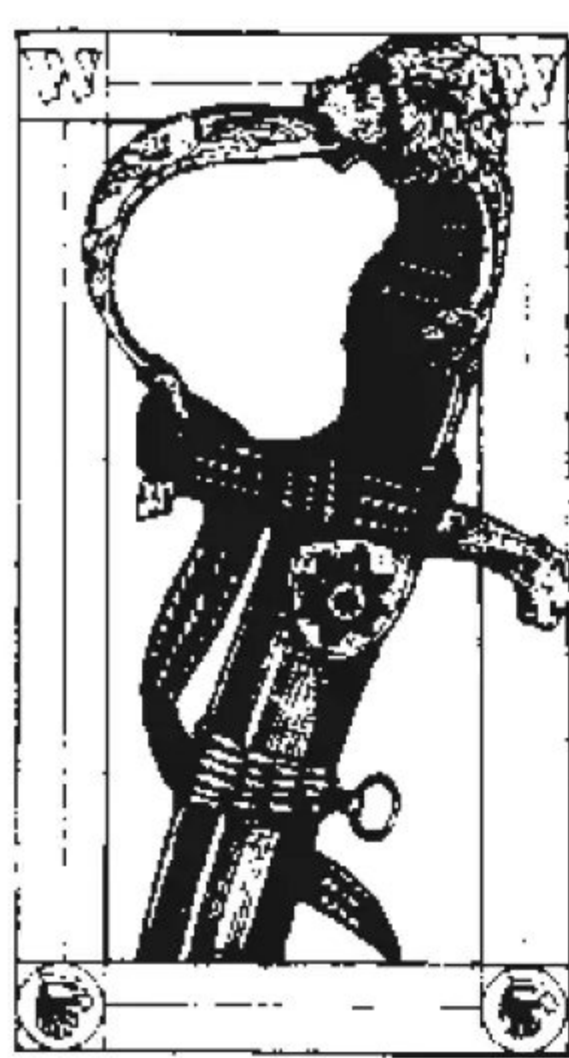
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THE 'REAL WORLD' FACTOR

Are competition
triggers for per-
sonal defense a
good idea?

In Patrol Rifle classes, it wasn't uncommon for officers to have a match trigger in their AR-15, and a factory-stock trigger in their Glock. That can lead to problems.

In factory trim, a mil-spec trigger in an AR-15 can be close enough to a factory Glock that you are all set. But if you should upgrade your AR-15 (this is just a small selection of triggers available), then you'd better look to improve your Glock—or other pistol. The two should match or come close.



Before we get to making mockery of those who insist on “the best trigger possible” in a firearm to be used for defense, we need to lay out the parameters of just what it is we’re talking about.

In truth, most triggers are good enough. Most, even those that are deemed “beyond hope” by the cognoscenti will actually do the job when required. But “good enough” is a small comfort. And this is, after all, America ... where we have choices.

You just want to be careful what you choose.

You will search for a long time to find someone more dismissive of the Glock trigger than myself. Not to pick on them in particular (oh heck, why not?), but a spongy, gritty, 6-pounds-plus trigger isn’t ideal for good marksmanship. And that’s the best, out-of-the-box trigger that they tout. Some places, like the NYPD, had even crappier triggers foisted upon them. (If you’ve never tested the trigger pull of an NYPD 1 or NYPD 2, consider yourself lucky.) The temptation to improve such a trigger pull can be great, and in a lot of instances it can be a good thing.

But, like so much in life, it’s easy to go too far.

Two examples come to mind: pro shooters on the USPSA/IPSC circuit and law enforcement. People will read about, or hear about, the top shooters using trigger pulls in the 2 pounds or less region.

“Oh, that’s what it takes to shoot fast? Then, sign me up for some of that.”

Actually, no. If you want to shoot fast, you can manage very quick shooting while using a regular trigger pull in the 3½-pound level, or even a 4-pound trigger. As long as it’s clean and crisp, you’ll be able to shoot as quickly as you need to in a defensive situation. So why do the Grandmasters use such light triggers? Because they’re trying to beat other Grandmasters, that’s why. (I know it sounds obvious, but there it is.)

THE REAL WORLD APPLICATION

If you find yourself in need of shooting in a defensive situation, you have to use both good marksmanship and good tactical awareness. It’s entirely possible to shoot too quickly in a defensive situation. The tactical awareness needed in a match consists solely of, “Is the target the correct color? Have I engaged it already?”



For a defensive situation, you're not going to need "splits" at the 0.15-second level, which is the working space of the GMs you read about. It's more like a half-second, and you don't need a 2-pound trigger for that.

So, what if you do have a trigger that light on your sidearm? Well, the chances of stress, cold weather, gloves, or just being jostled while handling your sidearm greatly increase the chances of an accidental or unintentional discharge. Simply holstering can be problematic, if something like a jacket hem or a drawstring gets in the path of the trigger as you are finishing the shove home.

The old adage that "every bullet has a lawyer attached" is one you have to

keep in mind. On the range, an accidental discharge/unintended discharge (AD/UD) will get you DQ'd from a match. It might even be cause for your gun club membership to be looked into. Out in public, an AD/UD could be a lot more serious. You will have your CPL looked at. You might find civil action being brought, from the damage your bullet created or even the emotional harm experienced by bystanders.

Back in the old days, when it was mostly (or only) law enforcement officers who were packing, an AD/UD was cause for their embarrassment and not much else. The department might or might not have taken some disciplinary action, but that was it. These days, even LE gets put on notice for an accidental or unintended discharge.

And the rest of us? It could be bad.

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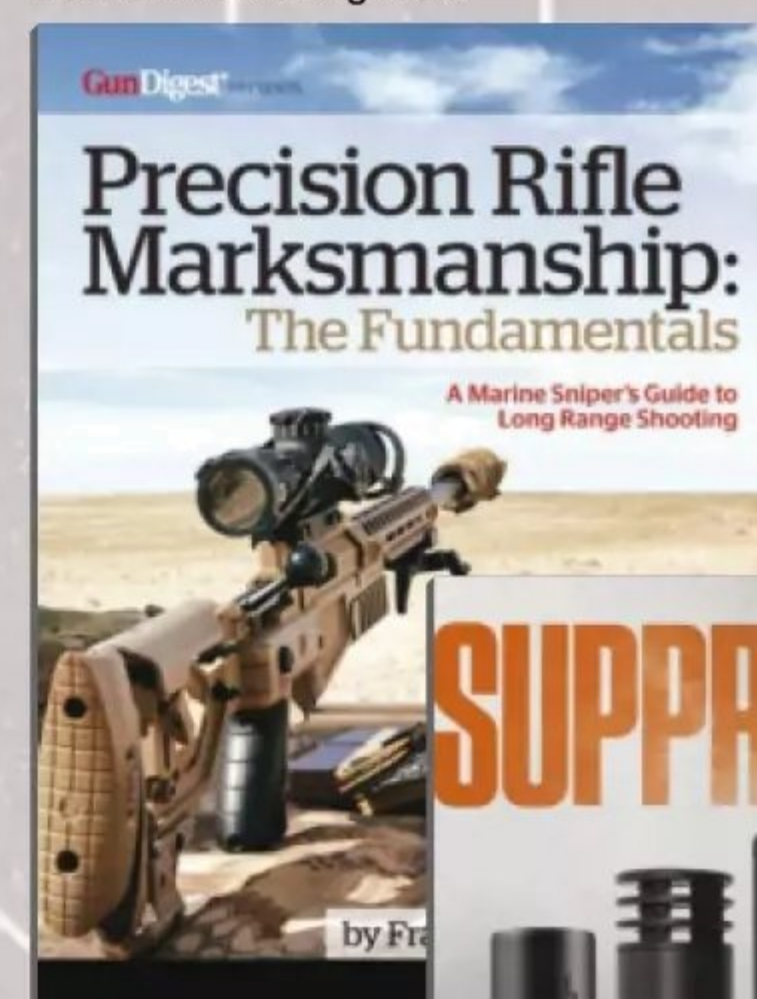
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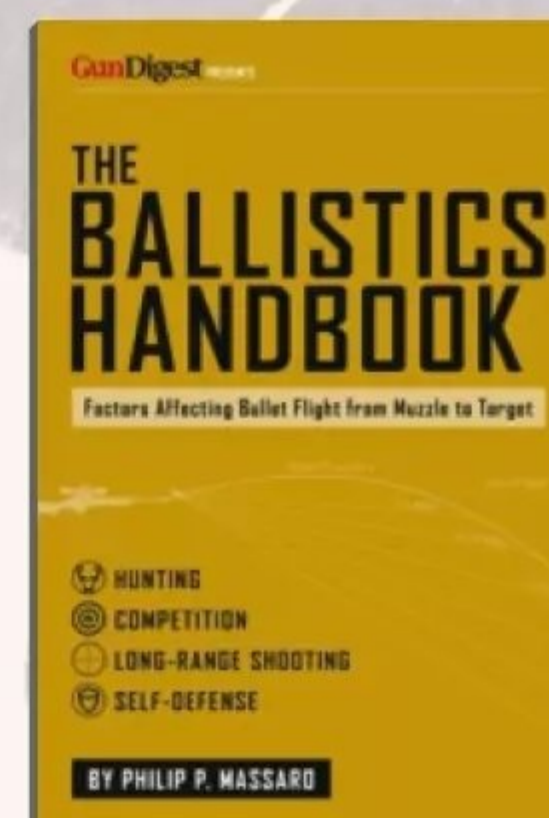
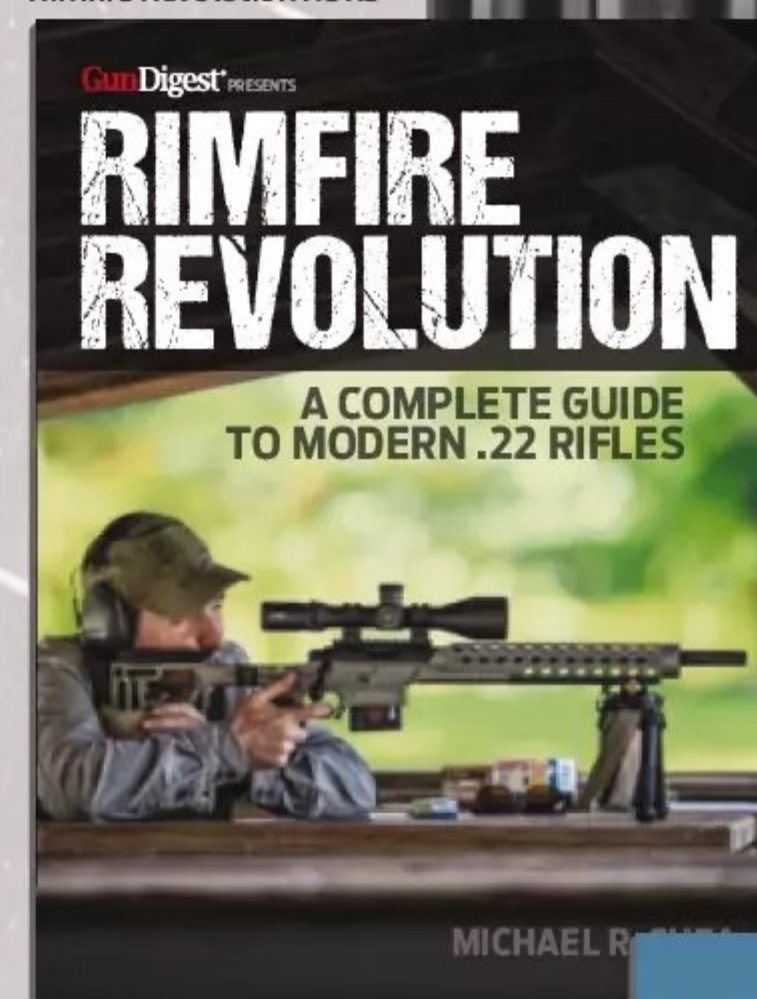
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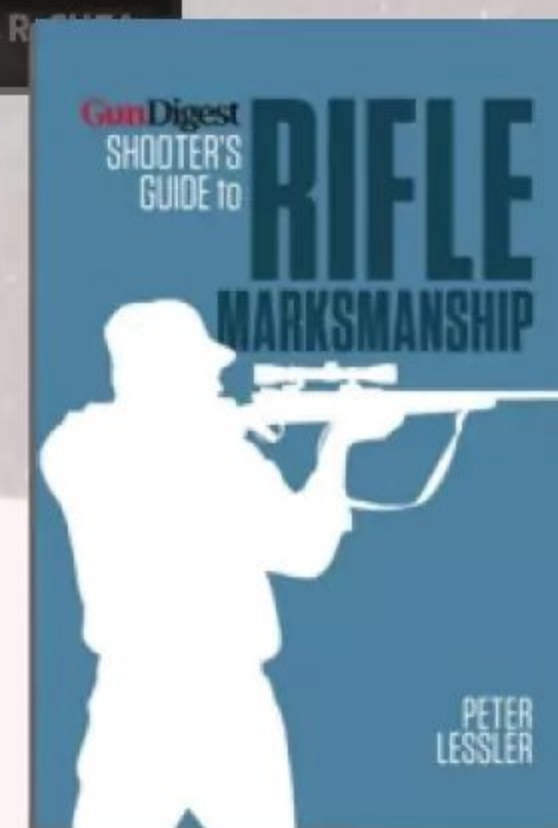
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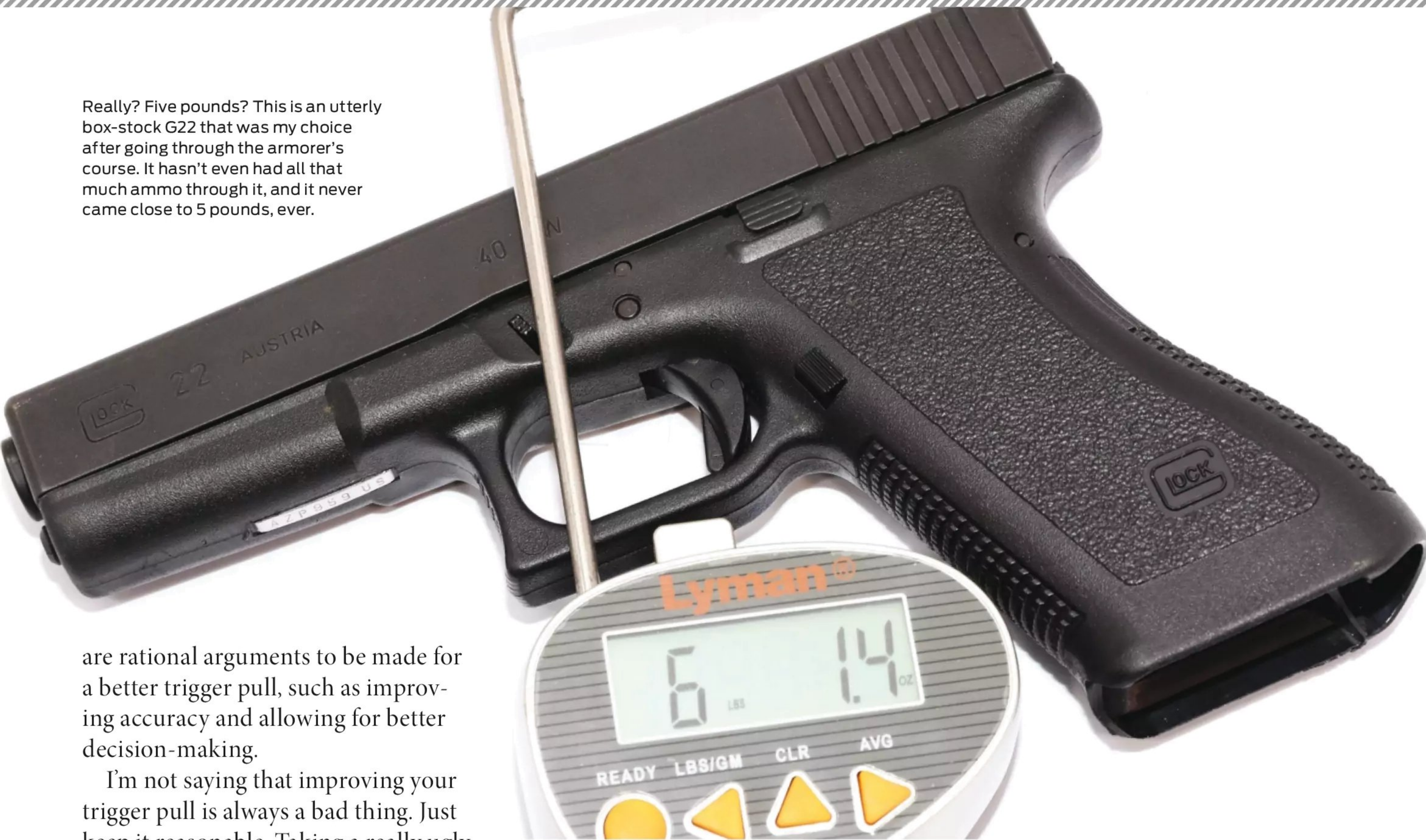
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are rational arguments to be made for a better trigger pull, such as improving accuracy and allowing for better decision-making.

I'm not saying that improving your trigger pull is always a bad thing. Just keep it reasonable. Taking a really ugly 6-plus-pound trigger pull and bringing it down to a clean four will seem like a huge improvement. And it is.

Now, if you want to make the legal side of this a better proposition for you, engage in a bit of planning. Peruse the manufacturer's spec sheets for a pistol similar to yours. (So, you have a Glock, that means pretty much any maker of a striker-fired pistol then.) Find a competitor's spec sheet that lists their pistol as having a 4-pound trigger pull. Now take your Glock and an aftermarket trigger to a pistolsmith and work the details out. You want it in writing that the task was to "match the other maker's trigger pull." (You could just trade guns over the counter at the gun store and get that 4-pound pull, but that would be too easy.)

If you then use that pistol in a defensive situation, and the question comes up as to the trigger pull, you're now on record as simply matching the factory-spec trigger pull of the competitor's model—nothing untoward about that. Of course, the pistolsmith will have to be onboard with this, no fair blindsid-

ing them when the question comes up.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DIFFERENT

The law enforcement aspect mentioned isn't so much an LE departmental thing as it is LE equipment. The problem here is one of trigger disparity. In Patrol Rifle classes, we'd run into officers who were issued Glocks with unaltered factory triggers (as required by, or issued by, the department), but the officers, when they were authorized to do so, had purchased an AR-15 for duty work. (And good on them for having done so.)

In many instances, that AR-15 came with a match trigger. They now had two firearm tools at their disposal, one with a 3-pound trigger and the other with a 6-pound trigger. Despite giving them a heads-up, there would be unintentional discharges from the trigger-pull disparity. Why?

Having spent years up to that point training with Glocks (a lot of departments were late in allowing/issuing AR-15s), the officers had fired many qualification courses with the long and heavy factory pistol trigger. Then, ar-

riving for the Patrol Rifle class, they'd have a short-travel trigger with maybe as much as 3.5 pounds of pressure required. So, when firing their AR-15, just about the time they would have taken up most of the slack and trigger weight on their Glocks, their AR-15 would discharge.

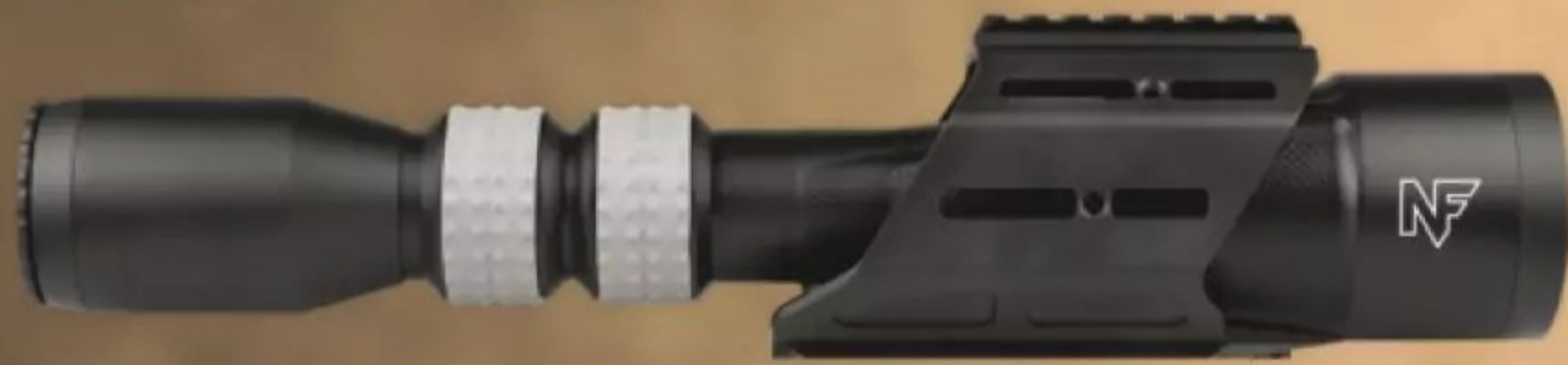
Often, this was near the target, but not at the point they planned on striking. Sometimes it was on the range floor, into the dirt or gravel below the target frame. It wasn't easy learning to switch from one to the other. Transition drills were almost a comedy of errors. Officers who had now become accustomed to the AR trigger when switching to their Glock, short-pressed the Glock trigger, subconsciously expecting it to go off at 3.5 pounds. (Nope, it's never going to do that.)

Had they just opted for the mil-spec trigger pull on an AR-15, they would have been all set. The USGI specs for an M16/M4 are close enough to the actual specs on a Glock that the two are in sync when box-stock. It's when they changed one of them that created the disparity.

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THE VALUE OF UNIFORMITY

I'll admit, the temptation to improve is great. And, in some instances, it's never been easier. It used to be difficult to improve the AR-15: Now you have no lack of "packet" triggers you can just drop in, delivering whatever trigger pull you desire. The 1911 can now gain that with

the Nighthawk drop-in trigger pack. But Nighthawk knows how to build a pistol for defense, and the trigger weight it provides? About 3¾ to 4 pounds. Sound familiar? An online search for improved Glock triggers will produce a tsunami of pages. So, keep your trigger pull weight search within proper limits.

And if you're going to depend on an array of firearms for defense, it would be a good idea to have them all with trigger pulls in a reasonable closeness to each other in pull length and weight. Here, I can point to myself as either a bad example, or an exemplar, depending on how you want to approach it. For a long time, I carried a 1911 with a match-grade (well, match-grade back in the 1980s) trigger pull of just under 4 pounds. My backup? One or another double-action revolver. They represent a combo more disparate than the Glock/AR-15 example I just gave.

However, I was shooting three, four, or five times a week in different types of competition, and used both 1911s and revolvers in those competitions. You've heard of the theory that it takes 10,000 hours of some kind of activity or practice in order to excel at it? I'm not going to say I'm some kind of genius or grandmaster shooter, but I passed the

10,000 of activity level back before Bill Clinton got in trouble with his intern.

But it took a lot of work, and that's not something a whole lot of people have the time for or the willingness to invest in.

WHAT TO DO, THEN?

Simple: If the trigger pull on the pistol you have selected for defense is truly atrocious, you have two choices—change to something with a better trigger or have your trigger pull improved. But don't seek to make your trigger pull like that of the pro shooters, the sponsored shooters who you might read about in match results. They work hard to get accustomed to those light triggers and use them for match work.

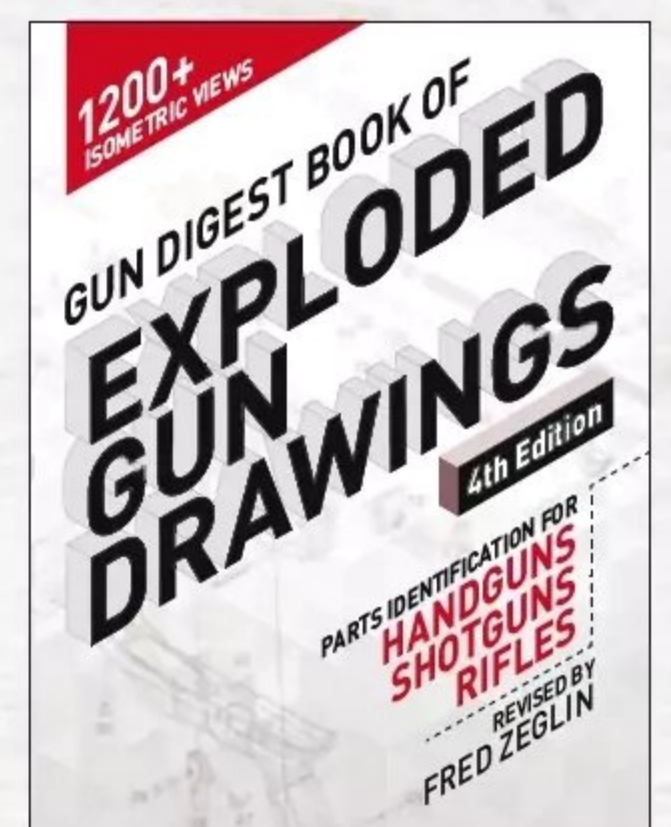
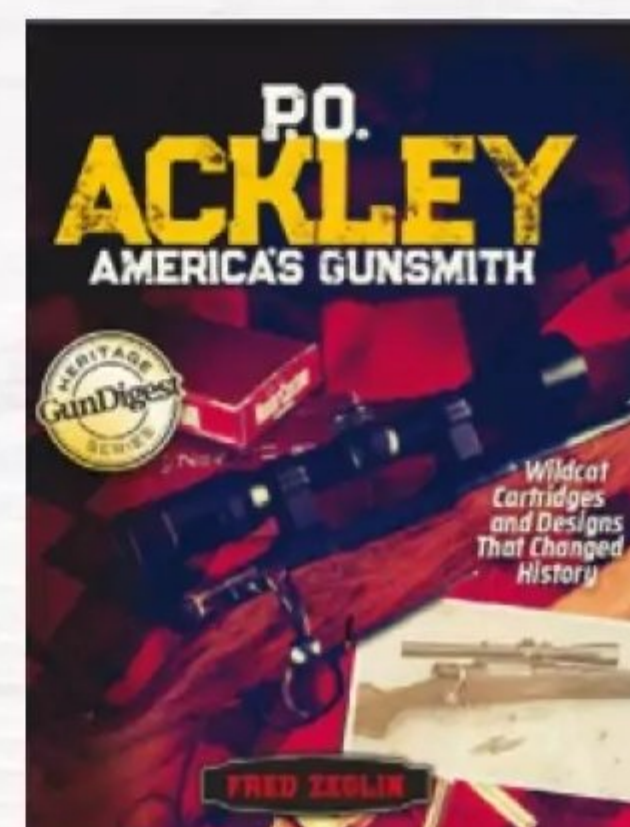
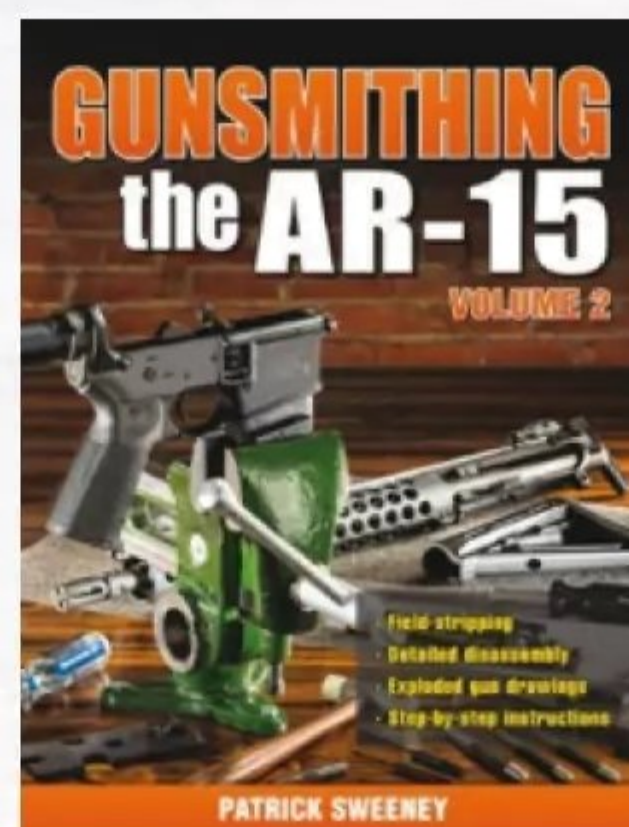
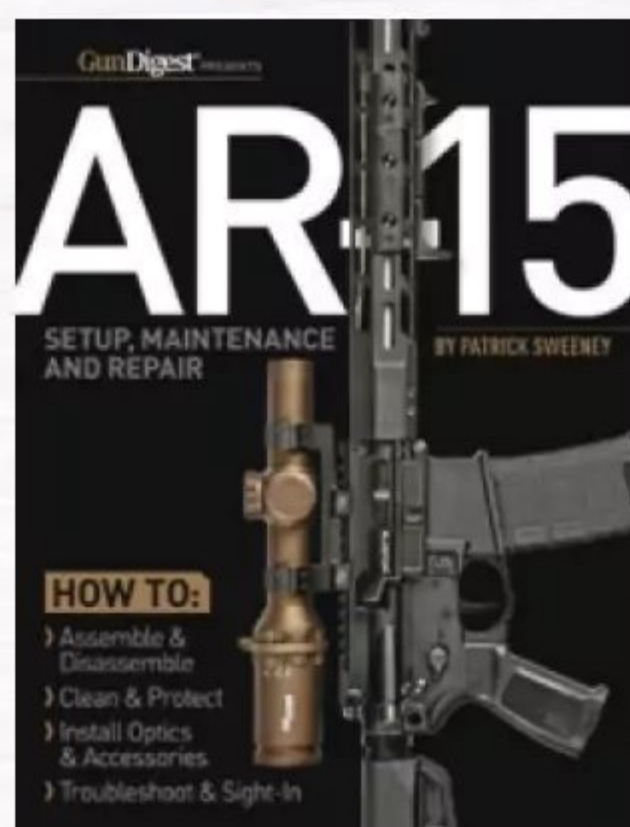
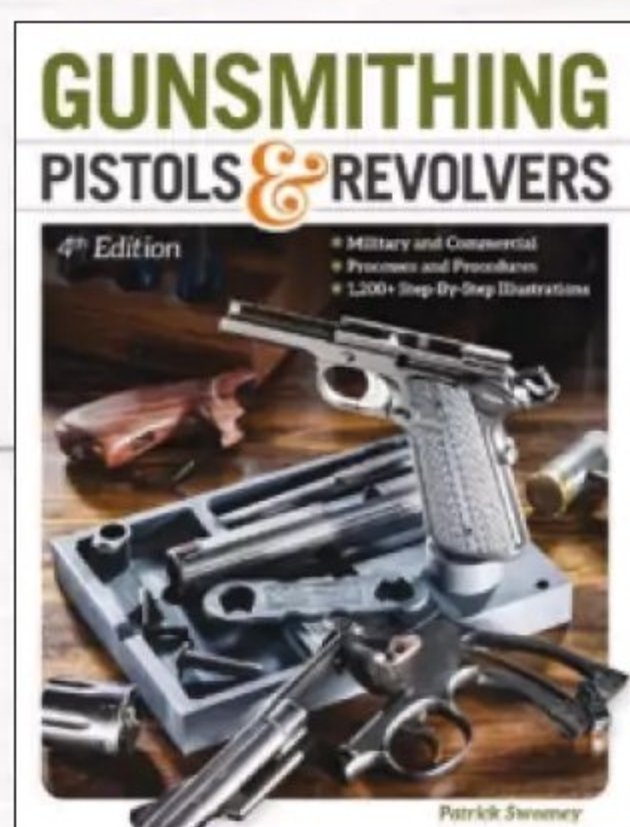
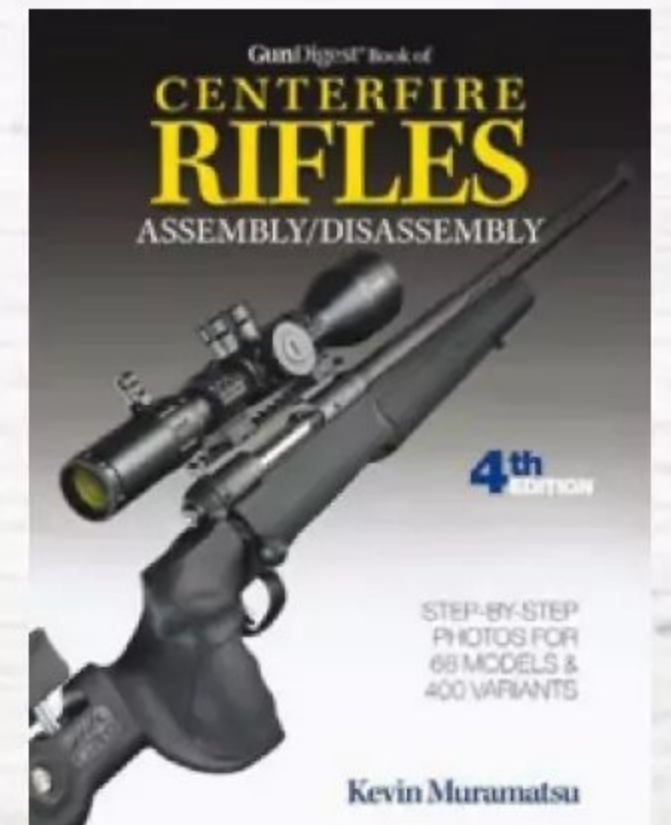
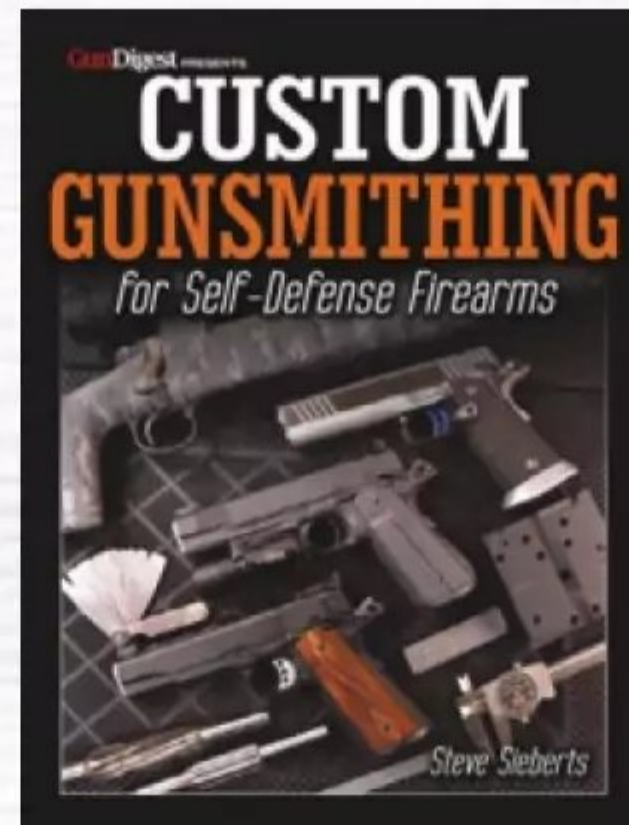
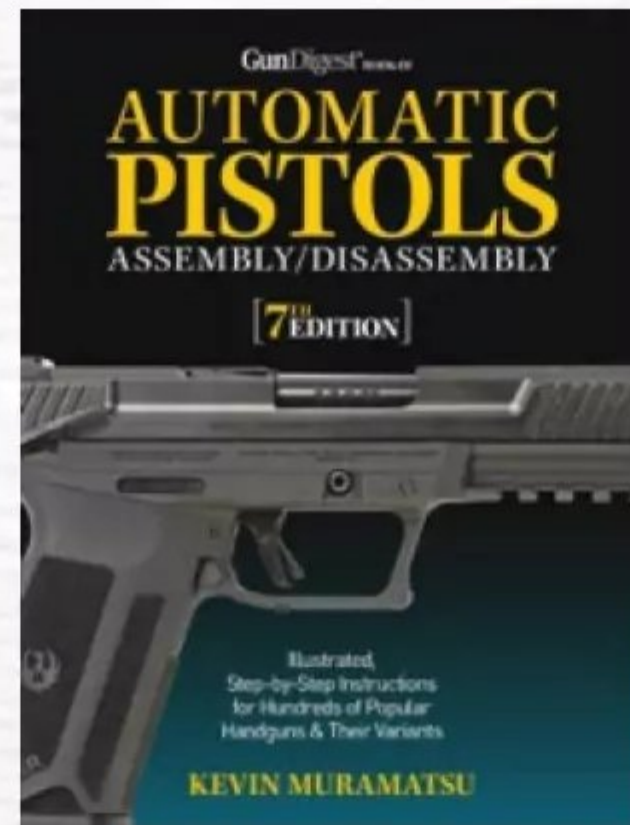
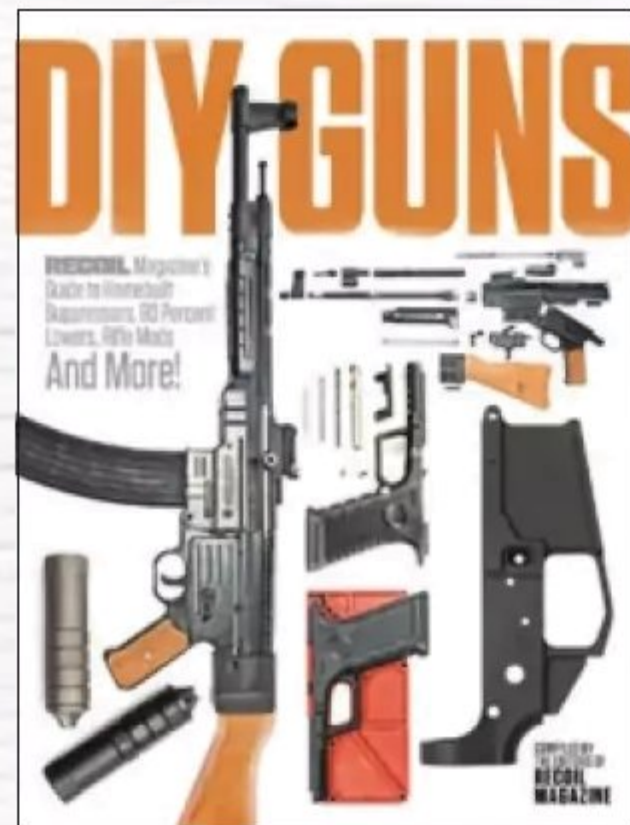
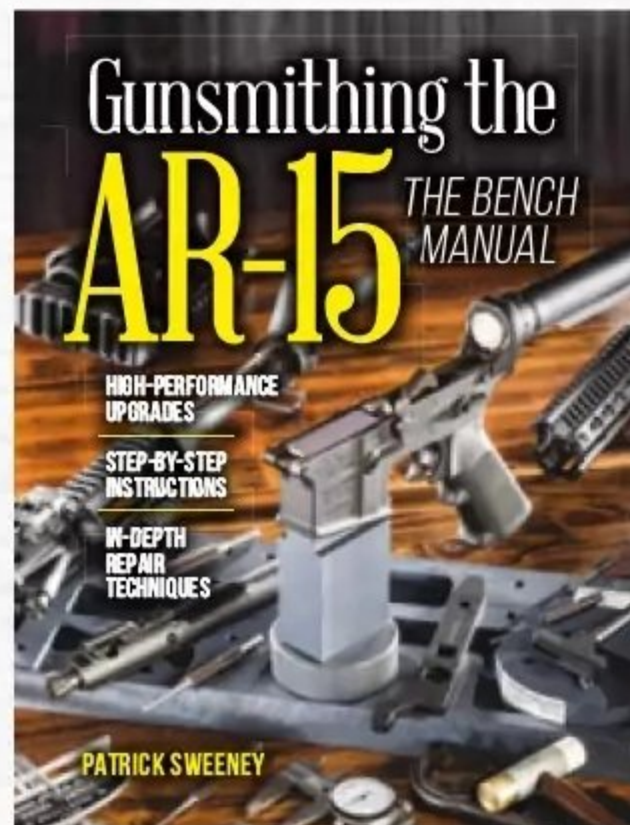
And if you're going to depend on a battery of firearms, then you've got some planning ahead of you. Figure out the one with the worst trigger. See how much it can be improved, and if it can be brought into the "reasonable" region. Then, have the rest of them tuned to match the one that was the worst, so ideally they all match. If they can't be made to match, then keep those trigger pulls reasonably close, and life will be good. At least as far as managing triggers is concerned. **GDTM**



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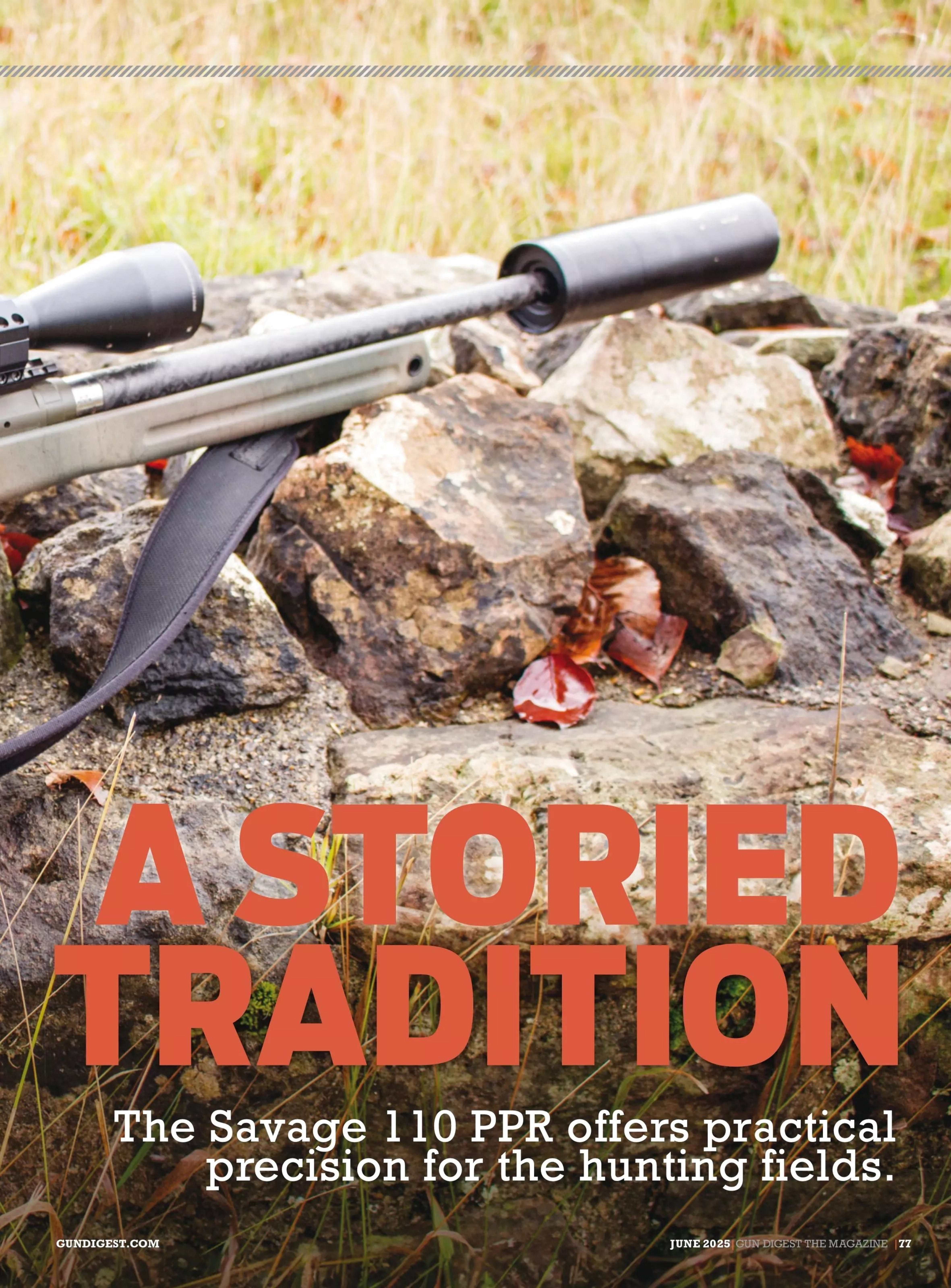
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The Savage Model 110 PPR at rest on the foundation of some ancient Roman ruins in England. The design was perfect for hunting in that area.



A STORIED TRADITION

The Savage 110 PPR offers practical
precision for the hunting fields.

Savage's 110 PPR is a sensible and serviceable design.



I enjoy all sorts of big game hunting, both here in the U.S. and Canada—as well as more exotic locations such as Africa and Australia. But I must report that the United Kingdom has a different allure; it has deep-rooted traditions and a different approach to the sport than much of the rest of the world.

Having experienced a traditional stalking hunt for Scottish red stag, I jumped at the opportunity to hunt the Cotswolds, a beautiful, forested region in the southwest of England, for fallow deer and roe deer. In addition to a great hunting opportunity, my host would be world-renowned chef Mike Robinson, whose fallow deer culling operation provides a good percentage of the venison to England's restaurants.

Upon arriving, Mike and his guides took us to the larder—the hunt headquarters, if you will—where the shooting range was also situated. Mike's face was beaming as he and Savage's Beth Shimanski unveiled the Model 110 PPR rifle. Designed for the rigors of stalking and culling in England's wet, heavy vegetation, while delivering the precision needed for the head shots taken on those game animals destined for the public, the 110 PPR—the Professional Pursuit Rifle—had input from Robinson, drawing on his vast experience in the Cotswolds.

HOLDING HISTORY

The famous Savage 110 action has been relied upon for being a part of the company's accuracy equation, and on the Professional Pursuit Rifle, it houses a fluted bolt, and a bolt face with dual plunger ejectors and a larger extractor. Atop the 110's receiver is mounted a 20-MOA Picatinny rail, to extend the long-range capabilities of the rifle. The safety remains on the tang, under the thumb, and the bolt release remains in its traditional location.

The bolt handle features an oversized ball, so that even with wet hands the action can be cycled. The Savage 110 PPR features a carbon-fiber-wrapped Proof Research barrel—20 inches long in all calibers—that's threaded for the use of a suppressor, which was used on our hunt in England, or the use of a muzzle brake that's shipped with the rifle.

Savage has equipped the 110 PPR with the AccuTrigger; though fully user-adjustable, my test rifle broke consistently at 2 pounds, 4 ounces, allowing the shooter to accurately place shots. In my time in England, I had the opportunity to use three different examples of the 110 PPR—two in 6.5 Creedmoor and one in 6.5 PRC—and I was impressed by the uniformity of the rifle. Taking precision headshots in field positions, though we had the

excellent ViperFlex quad sticks, is not the easiest of tasks, but the accuracy of the Savage rifle laid the blame of any mishaps on the shooter.

I took three spike fallow deer—known locally as a “pricket,” as their small, under-developed antlers aren't desirable for a healthy gene pool—without issue, as well as a roe buck at the end of his days. A crisp trigger is integral to accurate shooting, and I don't think it's any surprise that Savage has a winner with their AccuTrigger design.

DIFFERENT, BUT GOOD

The most interesting and unique features of the Savage Model 110 PPR is the stock they've chosen: the Grayboe Phoenix 2. This is a sophisticated, well-thought-out and well-engineered rifle stock, even if it is radically different from the classic figured walnut stocks I am so personally fond of.

While it may not have the appearance of a traditional hunting rifle, the Grayboe Phoenix 2 is all business, offering options that a hunter and precision shooter will appreciate. The stock is adjustable for both comb height and length-of-pull. The test rifle I was sent had a length of pull that measured 13¼ inches, with the addition or removal of spacers at the butt of the rifle, just ahead of the recoil pad. The comb height is adjustable via a large set screw on the right stock of the stock,



allowing the cheek piece to raise or lower when loosened, being secured when the screw is tightened. The cheek piece is adjustable with just one hand.

The Phoenix 2's grip is nearly vertical, with an ergonomic palm swell that allows the shooter to afford a solid grip on the rifle, while still being able to comfortably engage and disengage the tang-mounted safety, and without introducing additional heartbeat shake by having the trigger-hand thumb over the tang. At the front end of the trigger guard is the spring-loaded lever, which releases the polymer magazine; a gentle push sees the magazine drop from the well.

The forend of the Phoenix 2 is rather square—perfect for the use of a shooting cradle on a tripod—and the bottom of the forend is equipped with a 9-inch section of M-Lok rail for attaching a shooting aid. Both sides of the Grayboe stock are equipped with a flush cup sling attachment point at the front of the forend and at the rear of the buttstock. The barrel is completely free floated.

Despite the traditional English weather—if you don't like it, please wait 10 minutes—where we experienced the transition from bright sunshine to pouring rain to a gentle mist, the design of the Grayboe stock allowed the rifle to stay on the shoulder while walking/stalking, comfortably in the hands while closing in on a croaking fallow buck, or safely across the back while helping to transport a roe buck or fallow buck.

Painted in a camo pattern based on green and earth tones interspersed with



The PPR—Precision Pursuit Rifle—is a variant built on the proven and well-loved Savage 110 action



Coming from the factory with a 20-MOA Picatinny rail, the 110 PPR will give plenty of elevation adjustment for long-range shooting. The author mounted the new Leupold VX-6HD Gen 2 3-18x44mm scope on board for testing.



Savage equips the Model 110 PPR with the familiar three-position tang safety but features an oversize bolt knob for easy manipulation with bare hands or gloves.

SAVAGE MODEL 110 PPR 20-INCH BARREL

LOAD	CARTRIDGE	BULLET WEIGHT	ADVERTISED VEL.	OBSERVED AVG. VEL.	SMALLEST GROUP	AVERAGE GROUP	LARGEST GROUP
Hornady Outfitter	6.5 Creedmoor	120 grain CX	2,700 fps	2,586 fps	0.52"	0.60"	0.81"
Hornady Precision Hunter	6.5 Creedmoor	143 grain ELD-X	2,700 fps	2,586 fps	0.65"	0.72"	0.89"
140-grain Fusion Tipped	6.5 Creedmoor	140 grain Fusion Tipped	2,175 fps	2,604 fps	0.70"	0.80"	0.98"
Federal Premium	6.5 Creedmoor	130 grain Barnes TSX	2,825 fps	2,705 fps	0.48"	0.61"	0.78"

NOTES: Three shot groups at 100 yards. Velocities measured on Garmin Xero C1 Pro.

a thin black web, the Grayboe stock has a flat finish, so there's no worry about glare scaring off the game. And unlike many polymer stocks, the Phoenix 2 isn't "loud" stalking through the brush and limbs don't make a loud noise when rubbing against the stock. Frankly, it isn't hard to see why Mike Robinson & Co. took a shine to this design, as it checks all the boxes in the area they hunt.

SET UP TO SHINE

To prepare the 110 PPR for the range, I mounted the new Leupold VX-6HD Gen 2 3-18x44 scope in Leupold rings. This scope is similar in size, shape and weight to the original version, but Leupold

has made some interesting tweaks to improve performance. The lens coating seems to lend a bit more clarity, especially in low-light situations, and they've moved to a smaller and more ergonomic power level throw knob, but the feature I like best is the new turret design.

Instead of using a tiny Allen wrench (which I lose more often than not) to reset or slip the elevation and windage turrets, Leupold now uses a spring-loaded set screw. Depress the screw, pull up on the tab and you can quickly and easily reset the turrets to zero without the use of tools—I am absolutely a fan. The same left-side focal knob is still there, as is the illuminated reticle

(my test scope featured the excellent FireDot). Add up all these features and you've got one of the best scopes on the market, giving an excellent balance of price, features, and sheer reliability, all in a lightweight package. The 110 PPR rifle and Leupold scope combination tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 4 ounces unloaded. The 30mm main tube gives plenty of elevation adjustment, especially when used in conjunction with the PPR's 20-MOA rail, in addition to providing a bright image. And Leupold offers an additional CDS turret marked out in yardage, correlating to your chosen load and elevation, free of charge.

All four of the 6.5 Creedmoor hunting loads the author tested gave sub-MOA three-shot groups, with the rifle showing a preference for the monometal bullets.





ADDITIONAL TESTING

Having proved itself across three different rifles in England, so far as functionality goes—I didn't have a single feeding or extraction issue, nor any failures to fire—I grabbed a quartet of different types of 6.5 Creedmoor ammunition to test at my little backyard range. In the mix was the Hornady Precision Hunter ammo, using the 143-grain ELD-X bullet, the Hornady Outfitter ammo featuring the 120-grain monometal CX bullet (we used this with

great effect in England), the Federal Fusion Tipped ammo at 140 grains and the Federal 130-grain Barnes TSX load. I also had the opportunity to measure velocities with the Garmin Xero C1 Pro and was impressed with this unit.

Using three-shot groups for testing, the Savage 110 PPR I tested showed a preference for the monometal projectiles, with the best groups being delivered by the Federal Barnes TSX load and the Hornady CX load. Both averaged 0.6-inch

groups at 100 yards, with the Federal load giving just a slightly more even velocity reading. The Hornady Precision Hunter load printed three-shot groups averaging 0.72 inch, with the Federal Tipped Fusion load coming in at an even 0.8 inch.

During the bench testing, there were no feeding issues at all, nor any problems with extraction. The bottom line is that the test rifle, much like the guns I had the opportunity to shoot in England, was wonderfully accurate for a rifle of this length and weight.

A TRADITION CONTINUED

Savage's Model 110 Professional Pursuit Rifle might not look like Grandpa's fetchin' iron, but it surely makes an ergonomic and effective hunting tool. What you have is a well-balanced rifle, capable of fine accuracy, with a practical stock constructed of weatherproof material. All the metalwork is coated in a black Cerakote, and the Proof Research carbon-fiber-wrapped barrel both reduces weight and dissipates heat very well. The shorter barrel makes perfect sense for those who spend time in the confines of a deer or bear blind yet offers the capability of making shots on the longer side of the spectrum, without a huge loss in velocity.

The rifle balances well, and with the muzzle brake onboard, measures just 41½ inches from stem to stern. You get the famous Savage AccuTrigger, as well as the barrel nut and floating bolt head, which greatly help to enhance the rifle's accuracy potential, as well as that impressive Grayboe composite stock. With an MSRP of \$2,399 and a street price of right around \$2,000 at the time of this writing, you could spend more and still not have all the features wrapped up in the 110 Pro Pursuit Rifle.

Available in right-hand configurations, it's chambered for the 6.5 Creedmoor, 6.5 PRC, .270 Winchester, .28 Nosler, 7mm PRC, 7mm Backcountry, .308 Winchester, .30-06 Springfield, .300 Winchester Short Magnum and .300 Winchester Magnum. **GDTM**



The Leupold VX-6HD Gen 2 scope has the new Speedset dials that are simple to reset yet stay put no matter the conditions.

The author used the Savage Model 110 PPR in the Cotswolds area of southwestern England to take this young fallow buck, called a "pricket"; the rifle performed very well.



The Canik SFX Rival-S is a full-sized, all-steel 9mm pistol built to win matches and keep you safe.



The Rival-S comes with a holster, so you're ready for daily carry or competition.



CANIK SFX RIVAL-S

Goodness in an impressive package.



How would you like to get a competition-ready pistol that was good to go right out of the box? And while you're at it, one that's suitable for everyday carry as well? That describes the Canik SFX Rival-S to a T. Before we dive into the full details, the "S" is not the stainless but the shiny version of the two options.

Yes, chrome, not stainless, and you can get the SFX Rival-S in all-black as well.

The Canik SFX Rival-S uses the same trigger design as found on the Walther line of pistols, and it's a good one. That's why it has been tearing

If you feel the need for more, Taylor Freelance can add capacity to your Canik magazines.



up the competition circuit for some time now. Well, all of them have, but the SFX Rival-S is the culmination of years of input from Nils Jonasson. If you aren't tuned into the USPSA/IPSC competition scene you might not recognize his name, but he's won USPSA Nationals, IPSC Championships, the Steel Challenge and a lot more. Basically, Jonasson knows how to win shooting competitions, and he worked with Canik to put that knowledge into their pistols.

The triggers on Canik pistols are always good and always have been. The SFX Rival-S takes that up a notch, and it also installs one of the trigger-pull upgrades that shooters of late have been swapping into their pistols: a flat-faced trigger. The SFX Rival-S uses a machined aluminum central safety bar as the trigger face, and the trigger releases the striker when the trigger face is 90 degrees to the axis of the bore. For the left-handed shooters, the SFX Rival-S has an ambi slide release and a revers-

ible magazine button.

On top, the slide is aggressively grooved for cocking serrations. Fore and aft, top and sides, there are lots of places to gain a purchase. There are iron sights, with the front being a fiber optic holding blade, and the rear is part of the cover plate for an optics mount. The plate holds the rear sight, so when the plate comes off, so does the sight, but competition shooters who are using a red dot are not anticipating the need for iron sights. (Maybe they should, but that's another detail not for here.)

The slide is also slotted to reduce weight a bit, to keep the slide weight for the 5-inch barrel from making a sluggishly cycling pistol. Nope, not the SFX Rival-S—nothing sluggish here. To keep it cycling quickly, the barrel is fluted so it can't even build up gunk there to slow it down.

The frame has an accessory rail under the dust cover, and the front is checkered. The sides and backstrap are given an aggressive pebbly texture, all with the aim of keeping the SFX Rival-S from slipping in your hand. The trigger guard is large enough that even with gloves on you can get your trigger finger in there without a problem, and it's also a kinda-sorta 1980s retro detail as well. The trigger guard is squared off, with the front face of it checkered as well. If you shoot with the index finger of your support hand up on the trigger guard, the SFX Rival-S is going to give you every chance for that to work out as promised.

For a lot of pistols these days, the purchase of the pistol is just the beginning. Then, there are the extras you have to have for competition or daily carry. Not so with the SFX Rival-S. First, it comes in a lockable carry case that's big enough to hold all the gear. There's the SFX Rival-S in the case, obviously. Then, there are the pair of 18-round magazines. There are two extra aluminum base pads for the magazines, in case you want to swap for something bigger. And there's a magazine loader,



The SFX Rival-S comes with a lot of items that are extras for other pistols.

The extra-wide mag funnel makes reloads faster. You can go bigger but try this one first.

because loading 18 rounds gets to be work and making it easier makes shooting more fun. There's a magwell funnel that you can bolt on, which in competition can shave a few tenths off of your time—always a good thing. If you plan on using the SFX Rival-S for daily carry, leave the funnel off and go with the low-profile magazine base pads for easier concealment.

If two magazines aren't enough (for daily carry, that's probably fine, but for competition ...), you can hop on over

to the Canik website and order more (State law permitting, of course). The SFX Rival-S uses the full-length Canik magazines, so don't go looking longingly at the shorter ones for easier concealment. The frame length allows just the 18-round magazines. If you feel the need for more (or the competition rules permit it), you can get more than 18 rounds in a magazine. Just go to Taylor Freelance and figure out which magazine extension basepad you want to use and in which material or color. The ar-

ray for the Canik line is extensive, and your credit card might just whimper a bit as you look.

For competition or carry, there is a holster included as well. This is right-handed; lefties will have to source a magazine on their own. (Hey, there's only so much even Canik can do, OK?)

If you're going to be shooting just with iron sights, there's a spare fiber optic in the case, for when yours breaks (the fiber optic, not the sight). And if you want to change colors, the fiber-optic size is easy to find and replace,

CANIK SFX
RIVAL-S

- TYPE: Striker-fired semi-automatic
- CALIBER: 9mm
- CAPACITY: 18+1 rounds
- BARREL: 5 inches
- OVERALL LENGTH: 8.1 inches
- WEIGHT: 43 ounces
- FINISH: Chromed steel or black finish
- GRIPS: Synthetic
- SIGHTS: Fixed front and adjustable rear
- TRIGGER: 3 pounds, 7 ounces
- MSRP: \$950 (chrome), \$900 (Dark Side)
- CONTACT: CanikUSA.com



CANIK SFX RIVAL-S CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY DATA

AMMO	BULLET WEIGHT	VELOCITY	ES	SD	ACCURACY (AVE & BEST)		
Black Hills Honey Badger	100	1,299	34	13.7	2.1"	1.7"	
Hornady Critical Duty	135	1,062	19	7.3	2"	1.6"	
CCI Gold Dot JHP	147	1,009	26	11.7	2"	1.7"	
Sig Match Elite	JHP	147	926	35	12.9	1.9"	1.6"
Michigan Ammo	FMJ	147	927	57	21.4	2.2"	1.8"

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.

and you can order and install (it's an easy thing to do) the color of your choice. For those who are going to mount a red-dot optic, the SFX Rival-S comes with a set of plates to envy. And not just one, but the Dark Side (the all-black version) comes with five optic plates, and the chrome comes with four of them. Installation is the same as it is with any other red-dot optic: Unbolt the cover plate, select the adapter for your particular brand or model of sight, degrease the surfaces and bolt the plate and sight on. Let it

cure. Then, at the next range session, zero and have fun.

The storage case is a two-level affair once you open it up. On top is the pistol, the two magazines and the backstraps. And underneath is all the rest of the goodies. Oh, and the small plastic pistol that you'll see in the upper level? That holds the small parts, the magazine button extensions, screws and a couple of the correct-sized Torx drivers. The top level also has an extra slot for that third magazine you're going to buy for your SFX Rival-S. The two slots

for spare magazines are even already punched out for magazine extensions being on the magazines. Clever, that.

The backstraps on the SFX Rival-S are removable, and the pistol comes with three backstraps. Swap them back and forth until you find the one that you like the best. Or you can take the one that fits the worst for you and then modify it by bonding on epoxy, JB Weld or whatever, and shaping it until it fits your hand like a glove (competition rules permitting, of course).

And that swappable magazine release? Well, there's even more to that.

There are three magazine release extensions you can use to make the mag release even taller. If you have small hands or short thumbs, reaching the button can be a bit of work. Put in the extension that works for you and have fun. One thing I'd like to point out if you are going to use the Canik SFX Rival-S for competition is table starts.



There are two levels of the lockable case; this is the lower level with holster and tools.

This is where the pistol is lying on the table and you have to pick it up to commence shooting. If you install the tallest magazine button extension, you'll want to check to see that it doesn't bear on the table when lying there. Otherwise (as so many competitors found out in the early days when we were figuring this stuff out), when you grab it to pick it up, you inadvertently release the

magazine. One shot and clank as the mag falls out.

Then, there's a lock, the owner's manual, a tool and disassembly punch kit, and a cleaning kit. Basically, all you need to get started is ammo. Well, there's one thing missing that it took me some time to notice: no spare mag pouch. However, that's a minor oversight, and since you're in a gun shop

buying the SFX Rival-S anyway, you can easily add a mag pouch to the purchase, along with the ammo you plan to shoot.

Shooting the Canik SFX Rival-S was a joy. The clean trigger made breaking each shot easy; the weight kept it from being sharp in recoil, even with zippy ammo, and the hand-filling grip never slipped in my hands while shooting. Granted, it wasn't warm enough to make me sweat (the weather was in the mid-40s that day at the club), but as aggressive as the frontstrap checkering is, I would not anticipate slipping ... even in the middle of summer.

You might ask why a competition pistol that will most likely be equipped with a red-dot optic has a 5-inch barrel. This is one of those esoteric details of competition that either fascinates or bores you. You see, you have to meet a certain power factor in competition, which is measured by the bullet weight by its velocity.

So, let's take a 124-grain bullet at 1,050 fps. That gives us a 130.2 PF, enough to qualify as Minor in all the various competitions, with a bit of wiggle room to spare. However, the PF measured is not the PF you feel, because you experience the weight of the powder charger jetting out of the muzzle just like a rocket nozzle. Let's take the lower figure of powder pressure and call it 4,000 fps. (Yes, the gases jet out that fast—more in some loads.)

A quick check of load data shows that a common powder in the correct range requires 4.2 grains of powder. So that adds 16.8 PF to your felt recoil. But if you use a 4-inch barrel instead of 5, you need more powder to make the 130.2 PF we had before. So, we need to bump up to 4.6 grains, and that's another 18.4 PF. If you think that the top shooters don't fuss over the 1.6PF *on every shot*, you are mistaken. That's why 5 inches.

The height, weight and length of the SFX Rival-S make it kosher for all the practical shooting types (last I checked—these things can change), and at the MSRP listed, it is a smoking bargain—even if you don't compete.

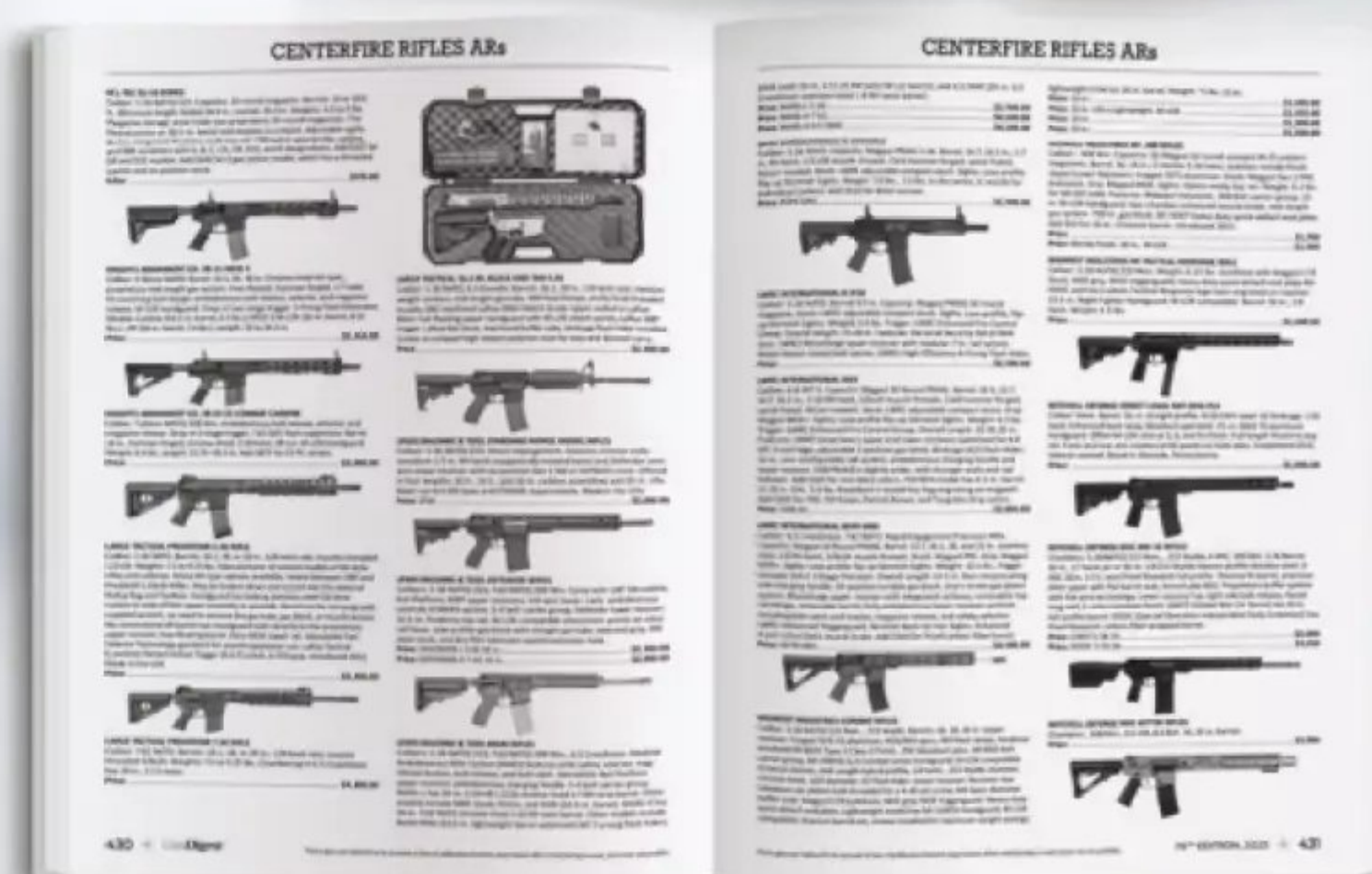
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The recoil is soft, as you'd expect from an all-steel full-sized 9mm pistol.

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Springfield Armory's Kuna is a roller-delayed 9mm pistol made by HS Produkt of Croatia.

The MP5 is great, but it's getting pretty old. For parties interested in roller-delayed 9mm PDWs but want something a bit more modern, they now have the Springfield Armory/HS Produkt Kuna to consider.

Featuring a 6-inch cold hammer forged barrel, the Kuna is sold as a pistol either with or without a Strike Industries folding brace. The brace attaches via Picatinny rail on the rear of the receiver so you can install whatever brace model you desire, or stock if you choose to SBR it. Like the MP5, the Kuna uses

a roller-delayed operating system. The smooth, low-recoil shooting experience that roller-delay provides is one of the big reasons why the MP5 was and is so loved, so odds are the Kuna will be a great shooter, too.

Other features of the Kuna include a 1/2×28 threaded barrel (comes with multi-port brake installed), a monolithic aluminum upper with integral M-Lok slots and a flat-faced trigger. The charging handle is folding, non-reciprocating and reversible, and the controls are ambidextrous and similar to an AR-15's. The grip is also AR-15 pattern and can be swapped.

As for iron sights, the Kuna ships with a set of adjustable flip-up hybrid sights. When folded down they're similar to handgun notch sights, and when flipped up they're more precise aperture sights.

The Kuna uses proprietary 30-round magazines that are made out of a translucent polymer and have a round count molded into both sides. They have metal feed lips and Springfield is selling them for \$25 a pop.

The Springfield Armory Kuna is available now and has an MSRP of \$999 without a brace, and \$1,149 with a brace included. **GDTM**



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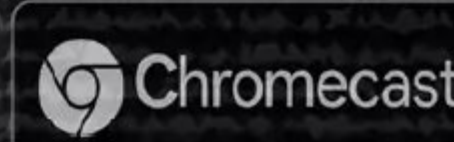
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