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y a factor of at least 10, the question I get asked more than any other is, "What handgun do you recommend?" And if you're a regular connoisseur of this magazine, I bet it's safe to assume that you get asked that question quite often, too.

So, what do we tell them?

Getting asked that question is like someone asking for our opinion about what vehicle they should buy. There are so many options out there, and the personal preferences so numerous, that the answer is, quite literally, a shot in the dark.

Oddly enough, I answer the "which handgun" question with a question of my own: Would you say your hands are small, average, or big? Size matters, and the most comfortable-to-carry micro 9mm on the market is little more than dead weight if you've got gigantic meat hooks that will engulf one of those miniature pistols.

In reality, we can't pick a handgun for another person. It's such in intimately personal decision that all we can do is arm them with information and experiences, and then send them in a general direction for a bunch of test drives.

This semi-auto issue in your hand is loaded with information and experiences from the Gun Digest experts, arming you with everything you need, whether you're shopping for your first handgun, looking to purchase your 20th handgun ...

or craving high-level perspective on new skills that will make you better behind the trigger.

Case in point, be sure to read Richard Mann's perspective on the various methods of aiming—or not aiming a pistol in a defensive situation. As an Army veteran and a retired law enforcement officer, Mann has picked up more than a few skills that have ensured he returned home at the end of each shift. And, because Mann is honest to a fault. he reveals his lust for a custom 1985 Hi-Power (this issue's cover gun) that'll set ya back a few mortgage payments.

On the other end of the cost spectrum, Patrick Sweeney undresses a Taurus Commander 9mm that's completely utilitarian but definitely hip worthy.

And, if you're completely set in your ways and have spent countless hours honing your open-sighted pistolshooting skills, I challenge you to read "Embrace the Dot," which offers some very compelling arguments for adding a red-dot sight to your defensive pistol.

So, which new semi-auto pistol do I recommend? Well ... almost all of them. Shoot as many as you can and, when you find one that makes your heart flutter, attach it firmly to your hip. GDTM

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The 'Other' 9mm Cartridge.



HISTORICAL NOTES

The 9mm Russian Makarov is the current Russian military cartridge used in the Makarov and Stechkin auto pistols. It was adopted shortly after the end of World War II, and its design may have been inspired by an experimental German cartridge called the 9mm Ultra. Other countries from the former Warsaw Pact also use the round. Chinesemade Makarov pistols have recently appeared on surplus shelves, along with 9mm Makarov ammunition.



GENERAL COMMENTS

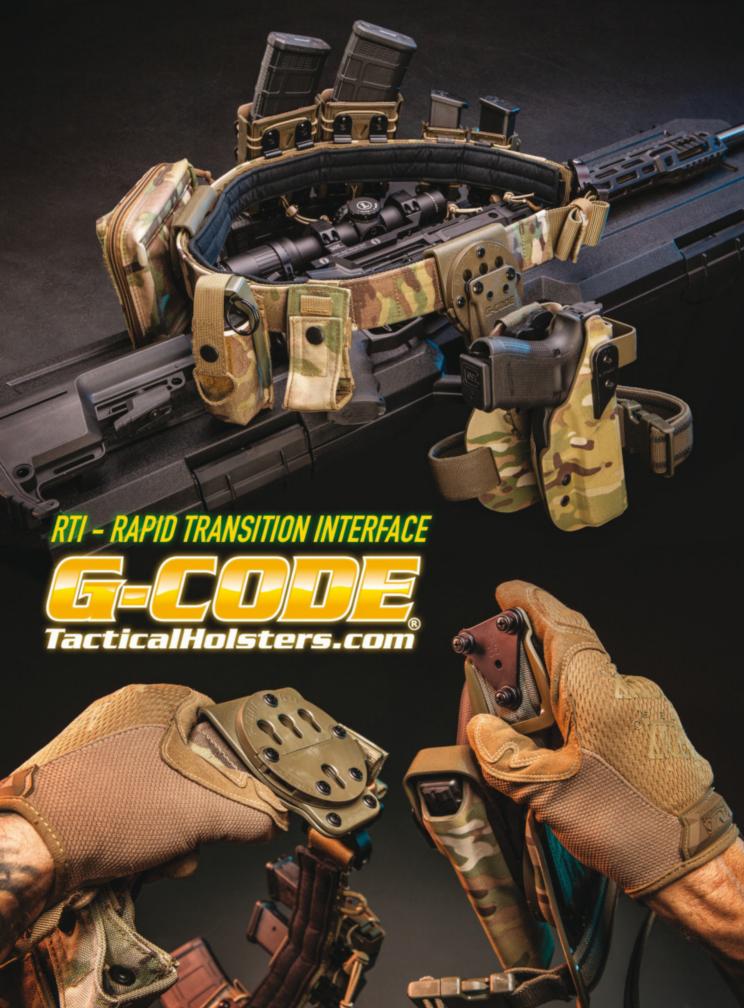
The Soviet 9mm pistol cartridge is intermediate in size and power between the .380 Automatic and the 9mm Luger. Technically, it can be described as a 9x18mm, although it differs dimensionally from the 9x18 Ultra and isn't interchangeable with that cartridge. It's a

well-designed cartridge for its purpose, although a little underpowered by Western standards.

It's satisfactory for small game, when loaded with hunting-type bullets, which are now available. Loading data and components are available from various manufacturers. The Makarov pistol is of medium size and is similar to the German Walther. The Stechkin is a selective-fire type that can be used with the holster stock as a submachine gun. Both pistols are well made. Cases are easily formed by passing 9mm Luger cases over an expander ball and then trimming to length. **GDTM**

9MM RUSSIAN MAKAROV LOADING DATA AND FACTORY BALLISTICS

BULLET	POWDER	GRAINS	VELOCITY	ENERGY	SOURCE
90 JHP	UNIQUE	4.3	966	185	LYMAN
95 FMJ	AA5	5.0	909	173	LYMAN
95 LEAD	UNIQUE	4.0	1,016	215	LYMAN NO.364653
100 JHP	UNIQUE	4.1	887	173	LYMAN
95 FMJ	ML	ML	1,060	237	MILITARY LOAD



It's not magic, but it's close.

ith a few exceptions, I've never been one to fret all that much about what type of cleaning solvent or lubrication I used on my firearms. One of those exceptions deals with any gun that uses real black powder. As magnificent as it is, real black powder, not the modern substitutes, is a very corrosive and stinking propellant and the best—the hands-down best—liquid I've found for dealing with it is Ballistol. Ballistol also works on conventional firearms, and I use a lot of it.

However, a good friend of mine has started changing my mind about what I should be juicing my guns with. Len Waldron, a Missouri boy who went away to a big school, became an officer in the Army, and later a Wall Street banker as well as an outdoor/gun writer, developed his own CLP (cleaner, lubricant, and protectant) for firearms. I don't know how he finds the time—he's also currently enrolled in the Harvard Business School. Put

Modern firearms, with polymer parts and high-tech metal coatings, deserve modern lubrication.

plainly, Len is a smart guy and at an early age my grandpa taught me to listen to smart guys.

Len makes a great point that while gun owners will often obsess over cartridges and bullets—the ammunition they feed their firearms—they very often overlook the lubrication. Humans do the same thing with their body; whether they're a carnivore or vegetarian, they'll focus on what they eat and not consider the fluids they ingest, often drinking too much alcohol and not enough water.

As Len likes to point out, up until the end of the 20th century, the greatest enemy to a gun was rust. Most modern firearms require a different kind of juice than your granddad's old Model 10 Smith & Wesson. Most modern guns are made from synthetic materials, stainless steel, or steel that has been coated with something like Cerakote. Rust, though to a lesser degree, is still a concern, but it's the friction and heat, and the residue from dirt, carbon, and unburned powder,





that begin to detract from performance. Len believes a truly modern firearm lubricant must do several things well.

For starters, it needs to be synthetic based and must handle the heat and pressure of modern firearms without breaking down. It should also not be susceptible to displacement by water or gelling-gumming up-when it gets cold. Len is also positive that a modern lubricant must have penetrating qualities that allow it to not only lubricate but clean the small and sometimes very hard to access parts that so often become, like West Virginia coal miners are fond of saying, "gobbed up" with carbon and fouling. A juice that has detergent capability is also critical because the ability to essentially "wash" the gun is what allows it to return to its clean configuration and helps the gun function as designed.

And, according to Len, a modern-

day gun CLP should also act as a dispersant to prevent the contamination—carbon and the like—from re-adhering to the operating surfaces. Thwarting this heat-baked contamination prevents changes to the geometry of the parts of the firearm, which, if occurs, changes the way the gun works. In other words, if your CLP doesn't prevent contamination buildup, your gun will eventually stop working.

The last important characteristic of a good gun oil is one that speeds the cleaning process. I don't know about you, but I don't enjoy cleaning guns; I'd much rather shoot them. And here's the twist and what makes EDC CLP special. Because it's synthetic based and has good penetrative, detergent, and dispersant qualities, it not only makes guns easy to clean, it increases the time between needed cleanings. Put plainly, feeding your gun good ammo is a smart thing to do, but feeding it good ammo without

the proper lubricant is, well, stupid.

If you want to gauge the character of a man, base it on how he acts when everything has gone to hell. It's easy for humans to hide character flaws when everything is right with their life.

HILLBILLY

Admittedly, it's very hard to quantify how well one gun oil performs when compared to another, without a lot—and I mean a hell of a lot—of shooting, and without the help of some technical laboratory that can effectively diagnose the comparison. That's fact, plain and simple fact. Aside from that type of testing, all you're really going to get is speculation based on real-world use and experience.

If you consider how long I've been shooting guns—my time in the military and in law enforcement as a firearms trainer—I guess you could say I'm at least marginally qualified to make speculations of that nature. For the past two months, I've been running EDC CLP on the two firearms I shoot the most. One is an AR-15, and the other is a 1911-styled handgun. What I can say with confidence is that now after three cycles of shooting and cleaning both guns— something in the neighborhood of around 500 rounds through each—they're noticeably easier to clean.

I like that. Well, what I mean is that I like that they're easier to clean. I still don't enjoy the process, but at least now it's not as difficult. Will EDC CLP unequivocally increase the life of mine or your firearms? I have no idea. However, so far, what Len has told me has been true; the more you use EDC CLP, the easier it becomes to clean your gun. And that alone is reason enough for me to juice my guns with it. **GDTM**





The 2D Data Matrix Code and the future of firearm cosmetics.

no mistake: Your eyes do not deceive you—something is afoot.

WHAT IS A DOT PEEN MARKING?

A dot peen marking is an image created using what's known as stylus pin marking, micro pin marking, or percussion marking device to create a succession of dots that form digits, text, logos, and two-dimensional (2D) Matrix Codes. The latter being the most recent and certainly most cosmetically offensive. As a gun owner, you've slowly habituated to this technology without knowing it.

Several firearm companies began printing serial numbers using this technology some years ago. In recent years, lasers took the place of impact tools to create these marks. Most marks simply look like letters and numbers made from a series of dots. However, serial numbers and firearm manufacturer's information are important and must be more than just "present and eye-readable."

According to Bureau of Alcohol,



The 2D Matrix Code mark, like the letters and numbers to the right, are formed by a series of dots created by an impact tool or laser.

Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE), firearm serial numbers must meet the following requirements:

- Must be conspicuously engraved, cast, or stamped (impressed) on the firearm frame or receiver
- The serial number cannot duplicate the serial number appearing on any other firearm the importer previously imported
- For firearms imported after January 30, 2002, the engraving, casting or stamping (impressing) of the serial number must be to a minimum depth of .003 inch and in a print size no smaller than 1/16 inch.

Markings must also include the name of the manufacturer, the firearm's country of origin, model designation (if assigned), caliber or gauge, name of the importer, and the city and state of the importer. Interestingly, if a foreign manufacturer didn't mark their firearms to this standard, the importer must do so within 15 days of their release from Customs and Border Patrol Custody.

Section 478.2 (a)(1)(i) also specifies: By engraving, casting, stamping (impressing), or otherwise conspicuously placing or causing to be engraved, cast, stamped (impressed,) or placed on the frame or receiver thereof an individual serial number. The serial number must be placed in a manner not susceptible to being readily obliterated, altered, or removed ...

That's no small amount of information, but what does that have to do with the unsightly square of dots?

THE ILLEGIBLE AND OFFENSIVE TWO-DIMENSIONAL MATRIX CODE

At the risk of allowing the loud voices of a few speak for the majority's opinion, most of the commenting firearm forum enthusiasts found the square of dots, the 2D Matrix Code mark, well ... ugly. At a minimum, most found the mark as cosmetically welcome as Ike Turner at a NOW convention, not

to mention the object of several government conspiracy theories.

Both the numbers and letters made from a line of dots, and the squares of asymmetrical dots, are designed to be read by a machine—usually with a laser inside a tooling machine or the handheld device of a factory line technician. The marks allow manufacturers to read and track a serialized part through the assembly process and into an integrated order tracking system. The parts, and ultimately the assembled firearm, can then be located anywhere on the factory premises during production and electronically logged to a specific customer when shipped.

So, if the BATFE requires this information and it must be visually legible, why do manufacturers also need an ugly mark so a machine can read it? The simple answers are efficiency and liability. In addition to production tracking, manufacturers can also ensure serial numbers are neither omitted from a series (requiring the manufacturer to account for a gun never made) or duplication (stamping two guns with the same serial number). Sorry, collectors.

Again, the 2D Matrix Code is simply a machine-readable image able to store much more information per square inch than a series of dots shaped like numbers or letters. They're not readable by common devices such as your



Located in between the BATFE-required serial number and name of the manufacturer and model, the 2D Matrix Code is readable by internal tracking machines at the Remington plant. The code isn't required by law and is used to track serialized parts through the assembly process.

The Standard Manufacturing DP-12 shotgun is one of the rare exceptions with a QR Code to access the owner's manual. Unlike the 2D Matrix, this mark has some value for the end-user, but isn't used in the manufacturing process.



smartphone like Quick Response (QR) Codes and have no value to the end consumer.

However, the marks are regulated for industrial quality and consistency standards by AIM, the Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility. The exact information contained in a specific 2D Matrix Code mark is proprietary to each firearm manufacturer. So, you'd have to get the manufacturer to agree to have their machine read your mark and then share what it says.

EPIDEMIC OR PANDEMIC?

Are the 2D Matrix Codes a COVID-like global pandemic for firearm aesthetics, or are they more akin a regionalized malaria epidemic. The answer is the latter. The BATFE doesn't require manufacturers to use an electronically readable marking device, a 2D Matrix Code, nor an integrated part tracking system. Smaller manufacturers would have to reach a scale where replacing people with machines is economically sensible. In other words, if you make millions of guns a year, the investment makes sense. If you're a small custom shop, it's unlikely.

In silent acknowledgment of this electronically induced wart, some manufacturers managed to nest their 2D Matrix Code in less obvious loca-



The 2D Matrix and QR
Codes differ in appearance
and use. The 2D Matrix
(left) can be identified by
the straight lines along the
bottom and left sides. The
QR Code (right) has three
squares at the corners.
Smartphone apps can scan
the QR Code to link to websites or documents.



tions, such as under a pistol slide. Still, most production line machines need the marks to be external and visible in order to read and track a part.

NOT A QR CODE

I've no doubt some shooters will try it, but 2D Matrix Codes aren't designed to be scanned for information relevant to the owner or open an internet page via a scanning app on your smartphone. That's what a QR Code does.

Visually, you can tell a 2D Matrix Code from a QR Code as the latter will have three large squares in the corners in addition to the array of dots or squares. The 2D Matrix Code will have solid lines at the left and bottom of the mark and no squares in the corners. Also, neither 2D Matrix Code nor QR Codes are the same as the more familiar bar codes that come on consumer packaging. So, for God's

sake, don't attempt to scan your pistol at the grocery store checkout.

However, some airsoft and air rifle companies have added QR Codes to their rifles along with the serial numbers, often on a decal, as they're not bound by ATF marking standards. In one exceptional case, the Standard Manufacturing DP-12 pump shotgun uses a OR Code on the synthetic stock to reference a website for its user's manual. The QR Code is a clever, techie addition and not out of keeping with the shotgun's futuristic aesthetic design of the shotgun. However, it's not to be confused with the 2D Matrix Code, nor would it satisfy BATFE requirements.

So, love them or hate them, that's what's showing up on some of your new firearms. You can remove your tinfoil hats; there's no secret chip in the gun, GPS locator, or biometric scanner—at least not yet. **GDTM**

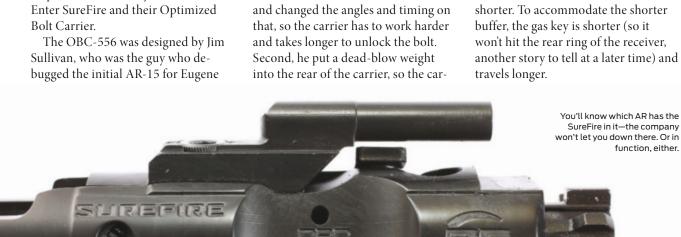
SureFire's OBC-556 Optimized Bolt Carrier.

hort barrels, as in AR pistols, are en vogue. And SBRs are all the rage, for those who can get them. They do, however, have problems. Basically, they require such a sharp gas input to jolt the system into working that they can be harsh in recoil. Adding in a heavier buffer helps, but sometimes you need more. Enter SureFire and their Optimized Bolt Carrier.

Stoner and Armalite. I had a chance to visit him a while back (a story for another time) and got the lowdown on the OBC, which he was doing with and for SureFire.

The OBC slows down your ARs cyclic rate by means of three design changes Sullivan put into it. First, he went into the cam slot on the carrier that, so the carrier has to work harder and takes longer to unlock the bolt. Second, he put a dead-blow weight into the rear of the carrier, so the car-

rier movement has to "pick up" the weight as it cycles. That slows it down some more. And third, in conjunction with a stronger buffer spring, he installed an "H" buffer, but one that's shorter. To accommodate the shorter buffer, the gas key is shorter (so it won't hit the rear ring of the receiver, travels longer.





"The end result ... is that your AR pistol, SBR, and even carbine and rifle shoots softer."

The end result is a bolt that takes longer to unlock, moves slower because of the added weight, and travels a longer distance, which also adds time. Your AR pistol, SBR, and even carbine or rifle shoots softer. And since the bolt takes more time to travel, this gives your magazines a better chance to lift the cartridge stack and have the top round firmly pinned against the feed lip on its side, ready to feed as the bolt comes forward.

DEFINING THE DIFFERENCE

You're thinking, "This is all well and good, but does it really make a difference?" Well, that depends. If your AR is a bit marginal, or it gets cranky when it gets dirty, then yes. If you find weather changes can mean reliability changes, then yes again. If your AR has been utterly reliable in all situations, with all ammo, and never failed—then I really can't say this will improve on

that. But ... it won't make it worse.

To test the changes, I took advantage of an opportunity: a day with a select-fire AR lower. No, not an M16/M4, because it didn't leave the factory that way, but a "papered" select-fire lower—an R&D project by a local manufacturer.

I tested it with two uppers, an M4 clone from Bravo Company and an 11.5-inch SBR upper, also a product of BCM. I used two types of ammunitions, Federal XM193 and Hornady Frontier .223 Rem., both 55-grain FMJ, because they're common.

The M4 upper, with a "H" buffer (normal in a lot of ARs) ran at 800 rpm with XM193, and 763 rpm with the Hornady. Using the SureFire OBR, the XM193 ran at 702 rpm, and the Hornady was 696 rpm. That's a 12 percent and 9 percent reduction in cyclic rate, respectively.

The 11.5-inch upper has XM193 running at 797 rpm and the Hornady

at 775 rpm. With the SureFire OBC installed, the rates were 705 and 688 rpm, respectively. Again, 12 percent and 11 percent reductions.

The OBC also reduced cyclic rates when I installed various suppressors on those uppers, which is where such a setup can really shine. Yes, it was a fun day. Yes, I have a long list of volunteers.

Now, this goodness—indeed, any goodness—does not come free. The OBC-556 has a retail price of \$399. However, a box-stock bolt-carrier assembly will run you anywhere from \$150 to \$225 plus the buffer and spring, and that's before you go and get any extras such as platings or exotic alloys. So, the SureFire bump isn't as big as it appears at first blush.

Once you've built a few ARs, you might find that you need or want an improvement. SureFire certainly has that for you. And if you're putting a suppressor on your AR pistol, then the SureFire OBC-556 is a must-have. **GDTM**



SERVINGTHE SEMI-AUTOS

hese days, the ammunition shelves seem to be as bare as they've ever been. A few, short months ago both guns and ammunition were plentiful. The record gun sales—handgun, rifle, and shotgun—of April, May, and June, coupled with those who want to have an ample supply on hand, have seen ammunition flying off the shelf at an unbelievable rate. Simply put, factories just can't keep up with demand.

More folks are turning to reloading to keep their firearms fed, and while that's a sound means of keeping yourself in ammunition, there are some points to discuss when it comes to reloading for semi-automatic pistols. Unlike the cartridges designed to function in the cylinder of a revolver—which more often than not use a rimmed cartridge—the semi-autos

need a case that'll feed reliably from a magazine. While there are many, the 9mm Luger, .40 Smith & Wesson, and .45 ACP are, inarguably, the most popular.

SAME BUT DIFFERENT

All of these straight-walled, rimless designs headspace off of the case mouth (in theory). As a result of that design, I start with a good, square case mouth to help keep things running smoothly. Trimming cases to a uniform length—usually no longer than that length prescribed by SAAMI—is a good idea, so a good set of calipers or a case length gauge will be needed to verify the cases are of the proper dimension.

If the cases are trimmed too short, they won't headspace properly and might rely on the extractor for stability. This probably happens more often than you'd think, yet it rarely becomes a problem. If the cases have stretched and are too long, chambering could be a problem. SAAMI offers a certain tolerance level (+/- 0.010 inch in the case of the .45 ACP) for the ammunition, and the manufacturers have a tolerance for the chamber dimensions, so you might have to do some experimentation regarding the length that'll work best in your pistol. At the very least, I feel comfortable using a case gauge, in order to weed out any potential problems.

TWEAKING THE TAPER

One important aspect of the straightwalled rimless cartridge is that they require a taper crimp in order to keep the bullet in place. Because of the means of headspacing, rolling the case mouth into a cannelure or crimping groove just won't do. So, instead of using the seating die to both seat the bullet and roll crimp in the same operation, you'll need a seating die, which offers a taper crimp or a separate taper crimp die to squeeze the case walls around the bullet. This operation provides enough tension to keep the bullet from being driven into the case as it hits the feed ramp, as well as preventing the bullet from creeping out of the case and giving chambering issues.

The amount of crimp applied to the case is—generally—calculated by adding the bullet diameter to the thickness of the case wall (times two for both sides), then subtracting 0.004 inch for proper tension, measured at the case mouth. Again, speaking in generalities, because differing brands might give different readings, case walls measure about 0.010 inch. So, looking at the .45 ACP, a good taper crimp would produce a loaded case measuring as follows: 0.452 inch for the bullet, plus two case walls at 0.010 inch each, minus the 0.004 inch for the taper crimp for a grand total outside dimension (OD) of 0.468 inch. For the 9mm Luger, you'd add the bullet at 0.355 inch, plus 0.020 inch for the two case walls, and subtract 0.004 inch for an OD of 0.371 inch. It's a simple formula, but if the crimp isn't coming out right you might want to examine the case thickness.

An overly taper crimped cartridge can actually crumple the case wall below the bullet, rendering that case useless, and if you're using lead bullets, or even thinly plated bullets, you can deform the bullet to the point where accuracy becomes wild. If you use too light of a taper crimp, the bullet can move within the case, and that doesn't work out well at all. That nice, square case mouth should end up squeezed against the bullet's sidewall, and if you scrape it with your fingernail, you can feel the change brought on by the taper crimp. A properly applied taper crimp will also help to keep velocities more uniform.

TAPER CRIMP DIES

There are plenty of good taper crimp dies on the market; some come as part of a set, as in the RCBS seater die with taper crimp instead of roll crimp, and others are sold separately. The Lee taper crimp die is a popular choice. Among the conventional taper crimp dies, accurate adjustments can be a challenge at times. The 7/8-14 threads of a standard die can require several attempts at adjustment before you get things just right, and that can be a frustrating experience.

Redding saw the problem and, as usual, offered a sensible and reliable solution. The Micro Adjustable Taper Crimp die gives 0.100 inch, up and down, of adjustment without having to touch the lock ring. A blued, knurled adjustable dial—clearly marked and

graduated—sits atop the die body, and I can attest to the fact that the crimp responds properly to the adjustment. If you segregate your brass, you can make an adjustment in crimp when you change brands, but I will tell you that it's wonderful to just twist that knob to set things right again.

I find it amazing how fast our ammunition situation changed from readily available to nonexistent. But this isn't the first time it has happened in the past decade, and it probably won't be the last. Reloading ammunition might not be for everyone, but I'm starting to believe that it's a skill every shooter should possess. With a good set of dies and some components, you can continue to train with your chosen handgun for relatively little money.

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The author keeps four dies in the turret press for .45 ACP ammo: the carbide resizing die, expander die, seating die, and lastly, the micrometer adjustable taper crimo.





Lee dies are both affordable and effective. While they might not possess some of the bells and whistles of other brands, they function properly.



Redding's taper crimp dies: The micrometer adjustable die is in the foreground, and the standard die is behind it.



ost people view bipods as an accessory where less is more; they don't see the benefit or understand its true importance.

The majority of rifle systems I see average about \$5,000 with scopes and bipods included. It's \$2,000 for the rifle, \$2,400 for the scope, and \$100 for the bipod. Looking at this trend, I tend to hurt a few feelings—mainly because they're doing it wrong. The bipod matters, and putting the right bipod into context should be a top priority.

WHY THE BIPOD MATTERS

Bipods have to support the rifle in a way that *supports* precision—not subtracting from it. Yes, a bipod does have a bearing on precision at long range. It's physics; we want to balance inside the triangle of stability and not teeter on top of the pyramid.

The bipod should be as far forward on the stock as possible to minimize the shooter's influence at the rear. If you follow the legs in a straight line toward the barrel, the triangle should be over the

bore ... not under it. We want to hang the barrel, not balance it on top.

Many new shooters default to a Harris-style bipod because it's cheapest and most common, and people feel it works. Sure, it does—if you don't mind working harder instead of smarter. Harris bipods have been around a long time and have barely changed since the beginning.

And that should be your first clue: Because they're stamped metal, they're often out of square just enough to throw the recoil pulse off; plus, they don't give under recoil. There's a lot of movement unless it's adequately managed.

Recoil management is quickly becoming fundamental to accuracy and consistency—so much so that the Army includes it as a fundamental in their sniper training. Having a bipod that responds to the shooter's recoil management technique makes the job easier and more consistent. You find you're resetting your position less often, and shot placement is more consistent.

FINDING YOUR STYLE

The first problem is people tend to set up

too low. When you hear the overplayed mantra, "Get as low as possible," it's related to the other positions, not just the prone. Kneeling is lower and more stable than standing, sitting is lower and more stable than kneeling, and prone is lower and more stable than sitting. Once you're prone, set the bipod to your body type and not some arbitrary idea that you have to be as low as possible. Super-low prone isn't a thing. If we wanted to get super low, we'd use the Hawkins position, which balances the front of the rifle on our fist and has the shooter laying on top of the stock. It was meant for shooting over a slope, which keeps the sniper's head from being too high on the skyline.

Set the bipod to your body type. Many shooters feel Harris-style bipods will bounce. That's due to the unforgiving nature of the legs. They don't flex with recoil, allowing it to be managed correctly. Not to mention, there are springs in the feet; you need to be a notch up.

The Harris is the lowest common denominator, and most people who

enjoy using them have a lot of rifle on top. You're working much too hard for positive results. In more than one of my classes, I've taken fundamentally good shooters, where we see the groups don't match the action, replaced their bipod and immediately noticed a decrease in group size. It's a neon sign.

TODAY'S OPTIONS

Compare a top-tier bipod like the Elite Iron Revolution: This is the pinnacle of excellence in bipod design. In my world, the hierarchy of bipods starts with Harris and ends at the Elite Iron. In between, I default to the Atlas or the ThunderBeast Arms

The Atlas CAL is currently one of my favorite bipods, along with the TBAC, due to the size and stability factors. They manage recoil much better than most other bipods of that size and style. It's the small amount of flex in the legs and the increased bridge size to move the stance wider that makes the differ-

The Thunder-Beast bipod is another top-tier product that has a lot of stability with the added benefit of versatility.



Top-tier bipods, all in a row. It makes a big difference in the amount of effort needed, and it's a piece that will either shrink or expand your downrange groups.



ence. After all, a little goes a long way.

Choose a bipod based on your intended use:

- Hunting
- Target Shooting
- PRS/NRL-Type Competition

Considering the above situations, each discipline has a specific set of needs.

Hunting rifles have to be maneuverable. Smaller, lighter bipods are the preferred choice. If you're hunting and have the opportunity to take a prone shot, it was a gift. Take it and use what's on hand. This a discipline where bipods have the least bearing when playing the odds.

For target shooting, we want the best bipod money can buy. You want the utmost degree of accuracy. There's a reason F Class bipods are very wide; it increases stability and matches their rear rests. Here's where I'd recommend the Elite Iron Revolution.

In competition, the PRS/NRL have

their own set of specialty bipods, like the MDT Cyke Pod. This design is meant to bridge the obstacles the shooters will encounter. Many times, the shooters will remove the bipod to use the bags so quick-releases are preferred. Smaller and lighter, many matches offer limited prone shots.

Tactical shooters: The Atlas, with the first models being the lowest consideration, and the Atlas CAL being the current leader of the pack. TBAC made a huge splash with their entry, and it has a lot of design features that were hand-chosen to solve problems encountered by the Harris. It's the Harris-style we were waiting for, and it's a game changer.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Bipods *should not* be an afterthought. They're an important piece of the puzzle. Recently, we had a discussion on Sniper's Hide about essential accessories, and the bipod is even more important than a level. A level just points out a problem; the bipod is the tool that fixes it. If you're finding yourself canting your rifle, the answer is: Get a bipod you can tighten down in order to prevent yourself from pulling or pushing the rifle over. The Elite Iron, Atlas CAL, and TBAC all have superior locking features. It's nearly impossible to cant if you set it up correctly.

Although it seems like a small piece, don't skimp on your bipods. They're an important part of the shooting puzzle. The money invested today will pay dividends tomorrow. **GDTM**

Pairing the correct bipod with the correct weapons platform is crucial for downrange precision. Here, the Tikka Tac Al wears a TBAC bipod.



01 Jak Slide 2.0Belt Holster

Rolling out in the 1970s, the Jak Slide holster is nothing new in the world of concealed carry. But how Galco makes them now is. Turning to hybrid technology, the famed holster maker improves on the traditional design for a more responsive and safer hanger. In particular. Galco has placed a Kydex skeleton into the steerhide Jak Slide, giving it some subtle-but useful-attributes. Namely, the holster won't collapse after the draw, making it easier and more intuitive to rehang a pistol. At the same tick, the Jak Slide is as concealable and fast as it ever was ... perhaps more so. It still goes down as among the top options for those who tote a 1911.

MSRP: \$55

02 Thyrm SwitchBack 2.0

Simple concepts oftentimes prove the most useful. That pegs the SwitchBack 2.0 perfectly. Evolving the way you manage a flashlight in a defensive situation, the intuitive attachment allows full control of your torch and handgun. It even facilitates a two-handed grip on your gun, while keeping a light on your target. Mounting securely between a flashlight's tail cap and body, the ring hooks around a finger on the support hand, freeing up the appendage for other operations in the process. Reloading, working the slide, and even support-side shooting are all a possibility—definitely not the case with traditional flashlight techniques. If you need another selling point, a robust pocket clip is part of the package, as is compatibility with SureFire and DFT lights.

MSRP: \$19.99

03 SpringfieldArmory Ronin Operator 4.25-inch 1911

Lightweight, rugged, and now more concealable, Springfield Armory hits the right notes with its next iteration of the Ronin Operator, configuring the pistol with a 4.25-inch barrel. Commander-sized, the pistol is the best of both worlds, easier to keep under wraps, but with bore enough to milk more ballistic potential out of the 9mm and .45 ACP rounds. Plus. it's built to please even the most discerning 1911 snobs, complete with a traditional barrel bushing system and match-grade barrel. It's a looker to boot. Two-tone, the aluminum-alloyframed Ronin also sports Cross Canvon laminate wood grips, giving it an overall wicked appearance.

MSRP: \$849

04 Jawbone Ruger PC Carbine Mag Release

Proving wildly popular since its release, the Ruger PC Carbine has staked a claim in the PCC sphere. It only makes sense upgrades would follow. For practical use, the Jawbone Mag Release might be among the most practical. Little more than an extension, the lever has the potential to completely revamp how you run the rifle, making reloads lightning quick by placing the control within reach of the trigger finger-beats the heck out of straining forward of the trigger guard. Made from aircraft-grade aluminum, it'll stand up to vour abuse. Plus, it's a snap to install. What more could you want?

MSRP: \$84.99



05 S&W Performance Center M&P9 Shield EZ

Opening semi-automatic pistols to a greater swath of the shooting world, the easy-to-manipulate M&P9 Shield EZ has proven to be a game changer. Now it's available all decked out. Getting the Smith & Wesson Performance Center treatment, the 9mm has several upgrades that have it running like a top. Some of these consist of a ported barrel, flat-faced skeletonized trigger, aftermarket sights, and tuned action. Additionally, it's available with some head-turning finishes that give the pistol a truly customized look, including black, silver, and gold accents. Best of all, the Shield EZ comes in at a price nearly any shooter can afford.

MSRP: \$588

06 Sig Sauer P938 SAS

There's more to a concealed-carryfriendly pistol than its height, width, and weight. There's also a little question about deployment. Sig Sauer all but eliminates this concern with the release of the P938 SAS model, which is about as streamlined as you get. In addition to milling all potential catch points on the pistol's frame and slide, it also wears what might be the lowest-rise sights on the market. Known as Flush-Mounted FT Bullseye sights, the fiber-tritium low-light option leaves almost no footprint on the 9mm, offering the peace of mind that you can get your gun in the fight at the moment of truth.

MSRP: \$856

07 Holosun HE508T V2

Not shooting with a reflex sight yet? You should consider it. Holosun gets you into the action with its new HE508T V2 optic loaded with features that'll get you on the mark. Chief among them is the unit's Multiple Reticle System, which offers a transition between a 32 MOA Circle and 2 MOA Dot. Plus, the optic is built for all the punishment you can dish out, constructed with a titanium body and a durable base that helps it withstand shock. And the V2 is always ready to roll when you are, with a backup solar charging system that keeps it up and running.

MSRP: \$435.28 red dot; \$470 green dot

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HIGH-CLASS HI-POWER

A gentleman's fighting pistol: Tyler/Gritus Hi-Power.

f you don't consider your defensive handgun a tool, it's nothing but a toy. A defensive handgun is a damned important tool, because it's one of the few tools that might actually save your life. Aside from reliability and effectiveness, tools are generally very prosaic and ordinary; you don't see many gold-plated hammers or engraved screwdrivers. But, as important as hammers and screwdrivers are when you need them, they're not life-saving important.

Because of the importance that's inexorably linked to a defensive handgun, some are customized not just for performance, but for looks as well. Performance customization comes from a desire to have the ultimate working or infallible tool. Ornateness is an owner's exclamation of that perfection and the importance of the tool they've chosen to place between them and evil. A Glock is a helluva tool, but at best it ranks as utilitarian. For some, a handgun that might save their life is the equivalent of Arthur's Excalibur.

With the exception of one gun, my firearms are utilitarian in nature. Sure, many have been tuned or customized,

BARRANTI LEATHER

An elegant handgun should be carried in a holster of the same stature. The fine art of holster making is disappearing faster than patriotism in our youngest generation; the trendy holsters of today have no soul, and it seems a lot of our youth doesn't either. A handgun built with hours of handwork and sweat deserves a holster birthed by two hands, not a machine.

Mike "Doc" Barranti of Barranti Leather is a leathersmith of the highest order. He can shape leather into art, but more importantly, he has the ability to fit a holster to a gun so meticulously that it rides snuggly enough to be secure, while still allowing for a smooth, lightning-fast draw. I believe that Barranti Leather is the preeminent custom holster maker of the 21st century.

I reached out to Mike and told him I needed a holster. I sent him a picture of the Gentleman's Hi-Power but provided no further direction. A few weeks later, a packaged arrived containing one of his Brazos holsters (\$125) and mag pouch (\$55). Both were meticulously tooled with basket stamping and fit the Hi-Power and its magazines like a glove.

but specifically with performance in mind. My only ornate firearm is a Colt 1911 that I carried off-duty for many years and used to place in the Governor's 20 Match and win several other matches. It was initially worked by a good friend, and after he died, his son further embellished it. It's now what many would call a barbecue or church gun. It's beautiful, functional, and proven.

I don't need, and I didn't want, another elaborate handgun-at least not until Bobby Tyler at Tyler Gun Works sent me a Browning Hi-Power. Tyler knows my affinity for the Hi-Power and has a stellar reputation, partly for the excellent firearms he turns out and partly for the quality of his character. We hadn't worked on a project, and Tyler clearly sent me this pistol to

Ultimately, Dieudonné Saive of FN provided John Browning with the firstever double-stack 9mm magazine, and Browning developed the prototype for the Hi-Power. Browning died in 1926 but Saive and FN continued with the project, which in 1934 became known to the French as the Grande Puissance (High Power).

The French military ultimately passed on the Hi-Power—yeah, I know, they have a record for bad decisions—but Belgium did not. Later, due to the capture of the FN factory by the Nazis and the adoption of the Canadian-built Hi-Power (P35) by Britain, the pistol has the unique distinction of being used by opposing forces during World War II.

Mike Barranti does incredible leather

work, and incredible leather belongs with a gun like the Tyler/Gritus Hi-

get my attention. Twenty-eight years ago, I walked into a convenience store and immediately fell in love with the woman I've now been married to for 26 years. I won't say the feeling was the same, but when I pulled the Hi-Power out of the pistol rug, I was smitten.

HI-POWER HISTORY

In 1921, Fabrique Nationale (FN) was approached by France about creating a new pistol for the French military.

After WWII, the Hi-Power was used by militaries worldwide. It was even the issue pistol of the United States Office of Strategic Services (OSS). The Hi-Power's double-stack magazine, link-less barrel, and pivoting

trigger have become the most copied



features in the modern handgun era. It was the original "Wonder Nine" and the inspiration for the Glock. The Hi-Power is a pistol deserving of some ornateness, and Tyler is just the man for the job.

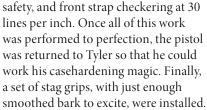
as one of the premier sources for color casehardening. Casehardening dates back to the 1700s; it was a functional process for hardening metal, and the beautiful but random colors are a byproduct. Color casehardening is different in that it's mostly cosmetic; there's no hardening of the steel. Tyler color casehardens steel in a furnace with the aid of different compounds and chemicals. It's a proprietary process that

shedding a tear.

Tyler started with a 1985 Hi-Power. After hours and hours of polishing and welding on an extended tang, he sent the pistol to a gunsmith you might have never heard of for a litany of custom work, including removing the magazine safety, cutting dovetails for sights, trigger job, extended tang shaping, action smoothing, installing a match-grade sear and Cylinder & Slide

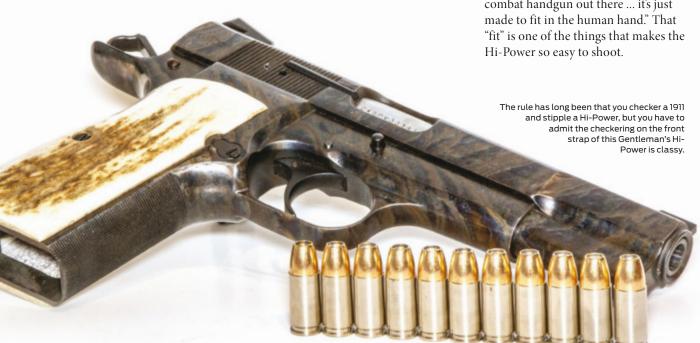


The Tyler/Gritus Gentleman's Hi-Power has a very interesting front sight, sporting a gold line down its center.



Who was this little-known gunsmith Tyler trusted? Her-yes, I said "her"name is Jodi Gritus. In 2014, Jodi and her husband attended the gunsmithing school at Yavapai College in Arizona. Always one to enjoy working with her hands, Jodi was a natural and became a gunsmith at Robar, where gunsmith Marty Enloe sort of assumed the role as her mentor. Under Marty's tutelage, Jodi found an affinity for and skill with Hi-Powers—so much so that she became known as the "Hi-Power Princess," which is her Instagram handle. With Robar no more, Iodi and her husband now operate Gritus Precision.

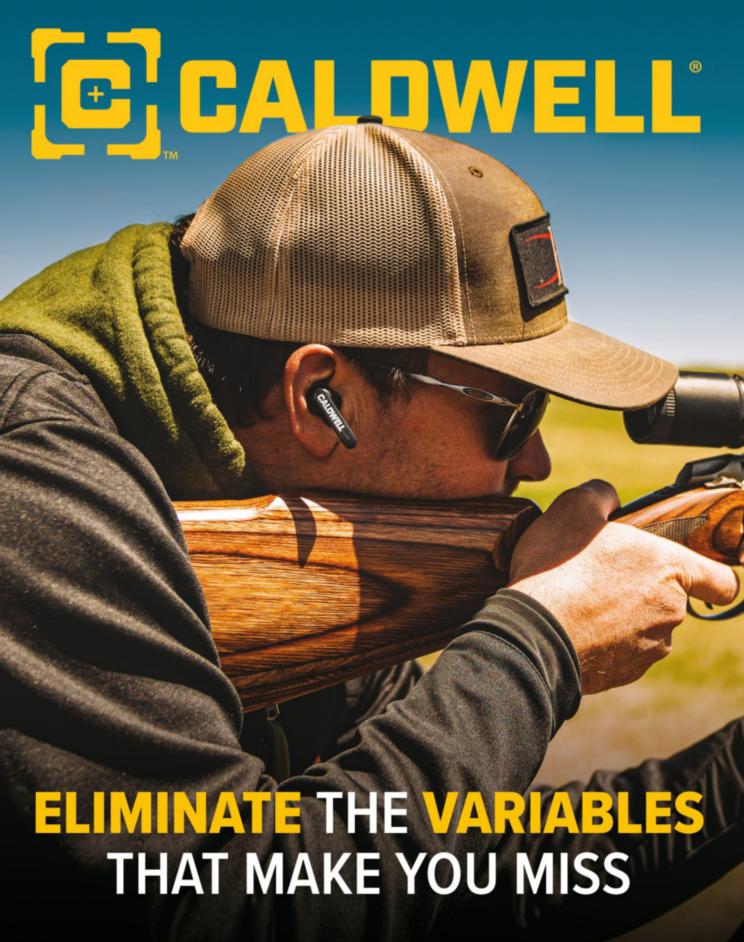
Jodi's work was good enough to catch the attention of former military intelligence analyst and Deputy Assistant to President Donald Trump, Sebastian Gorka. Gorka commissioned a Hi-Power by Jodi, and also had her on his radio show, *America First*, where he so aptly observed that the Browning Hi-Power is, "... probably the greatest combat handgun out there ... it's just made to fit in the human hand." That "fit" is one of the things that makes the Hi-Power so easy to shoot.





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SHOTS FIRED

It's kind of like the first question my dad asked me when I told him my fiancée was pretty: "But can she cook?" If you've followed my writings at all, you know my standard defensive handgun evaluation and test protocol involves the Forty-Five Drill. This drill is five attempts at trying to put five shots into a 5-inch circle at five yards in less than 5 seconds. My overall score with the Tyler/Gritus Gentleman's Hi-Power was 85.31, which is the best I've ever scored on this drill. My average engagement time was 2.86 seconds, and all 20 shots were in the 5-inch circle

Shot-to-shot speed-loads averaged just a shade more than 2 seconds, and I also worked with single shots to the head from the holster at five yards, averaging 1.34 seconds. At distance, I went five for five on a 5-inch plate from the standing position at 35 yards. The crisp trigger undoubtedly deserves some of the credit. Even though it broke at 3.75 pounds, there was absolutely no creep.

Listen: You can fit all of the gunsmiths capable of tuning a Hi-Power trigger that light with no creep into a VW Beetle. Of course, it should also be mentioned that the extended tang was very comfortable and prevented the common Hi-Power hammer bite unmodified versions are notorious for.

WAIT ... AND SAVE

What are you to do if you want your own Gentleman's Hi-Power that looks



this good and shoots this well? Get in line. The wait time is eight months! You'll need to call Tyler and get on the list, and you'll need to talk with Jodi to discuss the specifics. After that, you'll need to find a gun; since Hi-Powers are no longer manufactured, it'll have to be used. The hard part? You'll need to come up with \$2,500, because that's what all this amazing work will cost on your pistol. This gun just might be the reason God created credit cards.

What will I do with this pistol? It appears it'll be the cause of a broken heart. With a kid in college and two more headed in that direction, credit card or not, it's just not in the cards for me right now. But I got to hold it. I got to look at it. I got to shoot it. And, Lord forgive me, I got to lust for it. In the end, I can live with that because when you get to the point in life where there's nothing else you desperately want, living is just a bit less enticing. **GDTM**





In some liberal antigun bible, it's probably written in bold, italicized print that it's a sin for a pistol to be this beautiful and perform this well.

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It's time to rethink how you aim your pistol.



arrying a semi-auto pistol with a mini red-dot sight (MRDS) isn't as uncommon as it used to be. Still, plenty of naysayers are out there with cries of how it'll get you "kilt in da skreets," but that isn't as common anymore thanks to advancements in technology. Over the past decade, mini red-dot sights have been used in the most demanding environments by elite law enforcement officers,

members of special operations, and legally armed civilians.

There are a ton of benefits that can't be ignored and outweigh the negatives by a large margin, but there are some things that you should know before you jump into the MRDS world. Not all mini reddot sights are created equal.

WHY SWITCH?

Finer Aiming Point: Iron sights aren't as precise an aiming system as you might think, regardless of how "high speed" they are. Even the largest red dot on the market covers less target area than



nearly every iron sight out there.

For example, a set of Dawson Precision adjustable irons on a Glock 17L still covers five times more target area at 25 yards than a 3.25 MOA red dot. Combat-focused sights, such as the XS Sights DXT Big Dots, exacerbate the shortcoming, especially on tiny pistols like in the Glock 26 category. In that particular example, the front post will cover roughly 10 times more target area than the Trijicon RMR RM06.

Better in Low Light Conditions: For years, tritium night sights were the accepted "must have" for a defensive pistol until more recently when advancements in weapon-mounted lights made the tritium night sight less irrelevant. Now, one of the most accepted iron sights for defensive use are competition-oriented black rear/fiber-optic front sights. Not only is a dot easier to acquire in low light, but it performs just as well when paired with a weapon light.

YOU WILL BE FASTER ... **EVENTUALLY**

Is an MRDS going to turn you into John Wick? No. What a mini red dot will bring to the table is fewer things to process to place an effective shot on a threat under pressure. There's a learning curve, so don't fool yourself into thinking that performance comes as soon as you bolt the dot to your slide.

Like many new red-dot converts, you'll almost certainly fish for the dot while presenting the pistol. The reason for

that is the iron sights that your mind is aligning subconsciously as the gun is presented are no longer the most prominent thing on the top of the slide. With some practice, the dot appears in front of you as if it was magic, and your first shot from a draw will be faster than ever as long as you don't over confirm your sight picture.

Moving targets are also going to be easier to engage accurately. Few things are as challenging as shooting a mover with irons. Why not remove the need to align your irons and focus on tracking your target?

CHOOSING A DOT

Dot Size: Depending on who you ask, the size of your red dot either matters or doesn't matter at all. There are sev eral dot sizes



good mix of precision and speed. If you want to pump up the speed, add some

brightness to make the dot bloom and

There are good reasons to go with a

larger 6.5 MOA dot, such as getting all

of the speed benefits of the larger dot

without having to increase the bright-

ness at the cost of battery life. The larger

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dots are also better when transitioning

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Sight radius is completely irrelevant once you mount a red dot; the only two benefits left for a longer barrel is carry comfort and muzzle velocity.

using a weapon light and will be easier for a new red-dot shooter to find after the pistol recoils.

If you have an astigmatism or poor eyesight, the Holosun's 32 MOA circle reticle with a 2 MOA center dot might be the best decision for you—or even the triangle reticles found on some Trijicon RMR and Leupold DeltaPoint Pro models.

Footprint: While the optic mount might not seem important, don't limit yourself as you grow as a shooter. Setting a slide up for a red dot isn't an inexpensive prospect, so why not give yourself some options?

There are several footprints available, but the market is dominated by the RMR, DeltaPoint Pro, and Holosun HS507K footprints. Outside of those, there are some relevant optics like the Holosun HS509T and Aimpoint's excellent ACRO that should be on your shortlist.

The Trijicon RMR footprint is quickly becoming the industry standard for mini red-dot sights and has been the most popular for some time. Should you choose the RMR footprint, the choices are seemingly endless with all of Triji-

con's proven options, as well as the robust Holosun mini red-dot sight family.

Less popular than the RMR footprint is the Leupold DeltaPoint Pro footprint, largely due to the Department Of Defense clinging to it as a mounting standard. There are some dots out there in this footprint that should be on the list of considerations, such as the DeltaPoint Pro. Sig Sauer has some optics that are designed for this cut.

Durability: When selecting a red dot, consider if that optic is durable enough to handle the rigors of being carried. While many shooters justify subpar optics by telling themselves that they "just won't drop their gun," anything can happen if you need to use your firearm for self-defense.

Another factor to consider is weather resistance, from rain to submersion and temperature fluctuations. Some models are surprisingly prone to fogging, which can be mitigated with anti-fog coatings like Cat Crap. You might not think choosing an optic capable of working after being submerged is important, but being prepared is what self-defense is all about.

Direct-Milled Slides: Just like the red dot itself, slide-mount-

ing systems are not created equal. Direct milling will always be more secure, MOS-style systems will always have drawbacks, and there are some systems that are a hybrid of the two, giving you incredible flexibility without sacrificing.

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specific optic is by far the most preferred solution. Not all direct milling is on the same level, though; you absolutely get what you pay for. I don't know about you, but I'm not about to skimp and potentially ruin a slide that can cost upward of \$350 to replace because I was cheap and sent my slide to a bargain shop.

MOS AND OTHER FACTORY MOUNTS

Like mentioned previously, the MOS-style system is the most prevalent on the market currently. That isn't because it's the best; it's because it works well enough for most. Plate-style MOS systems all can trace their roots back to the FN FNP-45 Tactical, which later became the FNX-45 Tactical. If the fact that FN developed an entirely new mount system isn't evidence enough that the plate-style system has drawbacks, I don't know what is.

Since you're screwing a plate to your slide and then screwing an optic to the plate, there isn't a good way to check to see how tight the plate-to-slide screws are over time. In testing, the most rounds I was able to shoot before the plate to slide screws started becoming loose was 1,200 rounds.

The new FN mounting system is the best factory option I've seen to date. There's no need for thread-locker; you can adapt it to multiple optics' footprints, and it'll hold zero for thousands of rounds. In the more than 17,000 rounds of testing of FN 509 MRD variants, I've yet to see an optic lose zero due to loosening.

Sig also has some rather attractive mounting options from the factory, including their DeltaPoint Pro compatible Romeo1 Pro cut. Some of the P320s even have a hybrid cut that allows the shooter to mount either DeltaPoint Pro footprint optics or Trijicon RMR footprint optics.

AFTERMARKET MOUNTS

There are some aftermarket solutions, like the outstanding Agency Arms

AOS system or Unity Tactical's ATOM mount, that are on the same playing field as a direct-milling solution.

Others, like the Dueck Defense RBU and Raven Concealment's BALOR RDS mount, can offer a no-modification solution that I'd personally be comfortable with carrying for defensive reasons. You should avoid knockoffs of the RBU and the BALOR mounts, as they have proven to not hold up to the demands of being carried.

The discontinued ALG Defense 6-Second Mount is a frame-mounted solution that allows you to choose with the proven Trijicon RMR or the even more robust Aimpoint T-1. While robust and ready for defensive use, they're too large to consider for daily carry.

If you're averse to modifying your pistol slide, there are some mounting solutions that you should avoid: A dovetail mount is a great tool to see if you want to invest the time in the switch to an MRDS, but it isn't robust enough for defensive use. Also, be very cautious of online pop-up deals. Remember what's at stake.

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Some red-dot models are just fine for plinking or a fun gun, but you might want to avoid mounting them to a carry pistol.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Zeroing Your MRDS: Opinions vary on what distance you should confirm your zero, both the 15- and 25-yard zeros have their merits. What you choose depends on the barrel length of your gun and your load choice. Personally, there's only one distance I consider when zeroing my red dots for both defensive and target shooting purposes: 25 yards. When using an NRA B8 repair center as our reference target, the bullet will stay in the X-ring—when I do my part as a shooter—from 3 yards out to 50 yards.

Battery Changes: Get on a schedule that makes sense for the power consumption of your preferred brightness level and the capacity of the battery used in your optic. With batteries ranging from the tiny CR1225 with a 50mAh capacity up to the significantly larger CR2032 with a whopping 235mAh capacity, battery life can be as short as a month to several years.

With my Trijicon RMRs and Holosun optics, the battery change happens once a year on my birthday, even though they'd likely be good for another year

or two. Other optics vary depending on how often that gun is shot, and if it's used as a carry gun. Don't shy away from a great optic because the internet doesn't understand battery limitations—just alter your battery change schedule to complement your optic choice.

Anti-Fog Goop: I like air conditioning, but I don't like how the glass of my optic will fog up if I take it from the brisk 68 degrees in my truck to the sweltering 110-degree humid summer day at an outdoor range. Treating your lens with a product like Cat Crap will mitigate fogging issues, as well as ensure water and debris don't stick to the glass or the emitter window. Regularly clean the parts of your optic that transmit and project the dot ... and make sure you treat those areas.

FIGURE YOUR IRON SIGHT'S SIZE IN MOA

Take the inches found in 100 yards (3,600 inches) and divide it by the distance from the face of your front sight to your eye. Once you have that number, multiply it by the width of your front sight. The result is the width of your front sight measured in MOA.

EXAMPLE

3600 ÷ 22.125 inches = 162.711864407 162.711864407 x .100 inch = 16.27 MOA

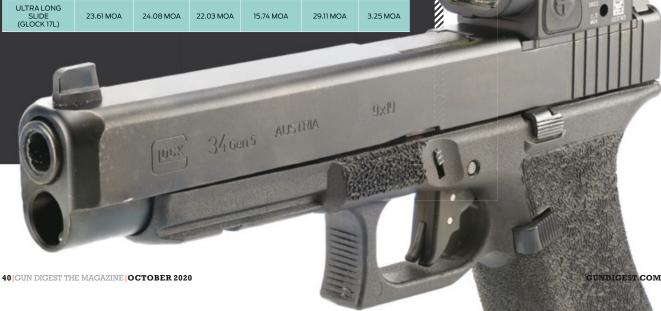
Glock 34 with Dawson Precision adjustable sights used in example.

TYPICAL IRON SIGHT SIZES IN MOA

PISTOL SIZE GROUP	OEM GLOCK SIGHT (0.150 INCH)	OEM GLOCK NIGHT SIGHT (0.153 INCH)	TRIJICON HD (0.140 INCH)	DAWSON PRECISION ADJUSTABLE (0.100 INCH)	XS SIGHTS DXT BIG DOT (0.185 INCH)	TRIJICON RMR RM06 TYPE 2
SUB-COMPACT (GLOCK 26)	25.95 MOA	26.47 MOA	24.22 MOA	17.30 MOA	32.01 MOA	3.25 MOA
COMPACT (GLOCK 19)	25.19 MOA	25.69 MOA	23.51 MOA	16.79 MOA	31.07 MOA	3.25 MOA
FULL SIZE (GLOCK 17)	24.83 MOA	25.32 MOA	23.17 MOA	16.55 MOA	30.62 MOA	3.25 MOA
LONG SLIDE (GLOCK 34)	24.41 MOA	24.89 MOA	22.78 MOA	16.27 MOA	30.10 MOA	3.25 MOA
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THE BOTTOM LINE ON DOTS

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INTEE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER GUNHOLDER

Different ways to point defensive handguns.

hen it comes to the practical application of aiming and shooting a defensive handgun, there's endless arguments about which technique is best. The reality is that if you only practice or use one technique, you're limiting your ability to deliver peak performance. There is, however, a difference between a beginner learning to shoot a defensive handgun and an experienced shooter wanting to enhance their abilities.

The truth of the matter is that without a specific definition of "aiming," it's hard to classify any handgun shooting technique applied to an intended target as "unaimed" fire. Aim is, after all, your intent to hit.

Aim is also a topic often discussed by clinical psychologist Jordon Peterson—not "aim" as it relates to shooting, but aim as it relates to life. As it turns out, both are similar. When it comes to aiming a handgun, if you think you're going to do a bad job, that you don't have enough time, or that you're going to have to do it perfectly, the end result is the same as an aim you might have with any other goal you might want to achieve—it'll never happen or it'll happen too late to matter. Peterson's advice is to do it, if nothing else, haphazardly. At least then you've taken a shot.

So, comparatively, aiming is anything between and including taking a precise sight picture and, as some would suggest, haphazardly, point shooting. In both cases you're attempting to hit—aiming at—a target, whether you're actually using the sights to do it or not. Starting with what is generally considered the technique that'll produce the best results on target, let's examine that technique and others, all the way through to the one that'll generally give the best results on a clock. As you'll see, as with most things in





life, the best answer for most problems lies somewhere in the middle.

PRECISION SIGHT PICTURE

What is it? If you want your bullets to arrive at the target as close as possible to where you're aiming, you need to hold a precision sight picture as the trigger is pressed. A precision sight picture is one where the front sight is perfectly centered in the rear sight and remains unwaveringly on target as the trigger is pressed. This obviously will take the most time of any technique.

When do you use it? It's best used when time allows or distance demands to ensure a vital zone hit. For some shooters, this could be 10 yards; for others, it could be 20, depending on skill level and size of the available vital zone there is to shoot at. Furthermore, if you're shooting to stop the threat,

you're shooting at a vital zone, not a shirt button; for most real-world defensive shootings, a precision sight picture isn't necessary.

FLASH SIGHT PICTURE

What is it? Jeff Cooper talked about the flash sight picture as being part of his Modern Technique. As described in the book, *The Modern Technique of the Pistol* by Gregory Boyce Morrison to which Jeff Cooper served as an editorial advisor, "The flash sight-picture involves a glimpse of the sight picture sufficient to confirm alignment." Let's try to define it another way. The flash sight picture is confirmed with a focus on the front sight, and instantaneous verification is within the rear notch and covering the vital zone.

When do you use it? The use of the flash sight picture is driven by time:

There are a number of effective ways to aim defensive handguns. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages.

The less you have, the more it's needed. How close or how far away should the flash sight picture be used? At any distance where you need to focus on the front sight to get a vital zone hit.

TARGET FOCUS SHOOTING

What is it? Shooting with a target focus is very similar to shooting with a flash sight picture. The difference is that your eyes are focused on the target as opposed to the front sight. The similarity is that you can still see the front sight over the vital zone. Essentially, it's the introduction of the handgun sights—properly or very near properly aligned—between you and the target or threat zone you're focused on.

When do you use it? For most shooters of at least moderate skill, target focus shooting can be applied in and around three to five yards. More practiced shooters might stretch it to seven yards. Here's a good way to look at it. It can and should be used until the distance to the target and the available or exposed threat zone requires you to focus on the front sight to get a hit.

GUN INDEXING

What is it? Gun indexing is very similar to target focus shooting; you introduce the handgun between you and the target/threat zone you're focused on. The difference is that instead of attempting to see sights that are lined up but out of focus between you and the target, you're just looking for a gun between you and the target.

When do you use it? For novice shooters, they may have to be no more than a couple yards from the target to apply this technique. It's very fast because the action is essentially no more than shoving the gun between you and the target. As you become more experienced you might be able to stretch this distance to as far as five yards.



HIP/POINT/RETENTION SHOOTING

What is it? The best way to explain this method is to describe it as cowboy shooting, at least the cowboy shooting you see in movies where the gun clears leather, is rotated toward the target, and fired from the hip or near the hip in the retention position. This is a very hard skill to master, because the gun is being aimed by body position without a visual reference of its relationship to the target.

When do you use it? Obviously, this technique should be used when your target/attacker is very close—inside three yards—because with the gun closer to your body, it's more difficult for the attacker to grab hold of. It's a very fast technique, but it takes an experienced shooter to be able to hit

a target—much less a vital zone—with this method at any distance at all. Most will max out at about three yards.

MAKING THE CALL

Which is best? What might surprise you is that none of these techniques are better than the other. They're all equally important, because from a tactical standpoint they should all be applied based on the situation. If you're three yards from the target and take the time to establish a precision sight picture, you might get your gun taken away from you or pull the trigger too late to save your life. Conversely, if you're at 15 yards and try to shoot from the retention position, you could incapacitate your adversary with laughter because he'll be cackling at your inability to hit anything. The key is to know your limitations with each





With the precision sight picture, the front sight is in clear focus, is perfectly centered in the rear notch, and is directly over the spot on the target or threat that you wish to hit.



A flash sight picture doesn't necessarily require the perfect alignment of the front sight in the middle of the rear notch, or that the front sight be in perfect focus. In fact, at common defensive handgun distances, as long as the front sight is in the rear notch you can achieve vital zone hits.

technique and apply them accordingly.

An experienced shooter will move between these techniques subconsciously as the situation dictates. Practice has taught them what they need to see or feel given the range, target size, and perceived available time. If you're five yards from a threat and you think you need to point shoot in order to incapacitate the threat before it reaches or shoots you, that's a noble goal. However, the reality might be that you must shoot with a target focus or at least a flash sight picture in order to get the hits you need as soon as they're needed.

To try to put some numbers to this and after the expenditure of a lot of ammunition, I found that I could keep five shots inside a 5-inch circle at 25 yards using the precision sight picture. Problem was, it took me about 15 seconds to do it. I also found that between one and three yards I could shoot from the retention position and keep five shots inside a 5-inch circle—about half the time—in less than 2.5 seconds.

With the gun indexing method, most of the time I could keep five shots inside a 5-inch circle out to about four yards and within about



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3 seconds. By using the flash sight picture, I could stretch that distance to about 12 yards, but it took me about 5 seconds at that distance. As for the target focus technique, for me it worked about as well as the flash sight picture; however, I had to switch to a different handgun with a very bold XS Sights' Big Dot Sight for the best results.

Interestingly, with all the techniques where the handgun was being fired out in front of my face, I sometimes found I'd use multiple techniques for individual shots within the fiveshot string. This was possible and happened because of conditioning/



While it's unlikely an instructor will ever tell you to focus on the rear sight, if you see this sight picture while shooting, there's nothing wrong with it. Sometimes our eyes see what they want to see, and you must work with what they might haphazardly give you.





(Above) Indexing the gun over the target isn't a means of precision shooting. However, at close range, it's very fast and can be very effective.

With point/hip/ retention shooting, you have no visual reference of the gun or the gun's sights as they relate to the target. It's a close-range technique and a very fast technique, but it requires a tremendous amount of practice.

practice. My brain recognized when the gun was indexed properly, when the front sight was positioned properly, and when I had the correct flash or even precision sight picture, and it made my finger pull the trigger.

HOW DO YOU TRAIN AND PRACTICE?

The best way to train or practice is the crawl, walk, run, method. Pick a reasonable distance—something between three and seven yards—and become proficient with the precision sight picture. When you get to where you can put five shots inside a 5-inch circle in less than 5 seconds, you'll very likely be using the flash sight picture but not realize it. Then, you can try to do the same with a target focus, and ultimately—hopefully—progress with the same results by doing nothing but indexing the gun.

As for effective hip/point/retention shooting where you can reliably hit the vital zone, that takes a hellacious amount of time on the range and lots and lots of ammo. I was once conducting a torture test with a Remington R51 and after about 250

rounds became bored. So, I started hip shooting/quick drawing. At first, I could hardly hit a silhouette target at 10 yards. But after the remaining 750 rounds and another two days on the range, I was getting hits from the holster in about a second. Even now, and after a lot more practice, I need to be inside five yards to reliably get vital zone hits with this technique.

So, which technique should you use? All of them, but more specifically, the one that'll allow you to get vital zone hits as fast as possible, given the situation. **GDTM**

BLUE COLLAR SINGER

By Iain Harrison,
Patrick McCarthy, and Nick Saiti
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Three Takes on Everyone's Favorite Rifle

merica's rifle, the Barbie of firearms, LEGO for grown-ups. Cliches exist for a reason and have a nugget of truth at their core, so we decided to challenge some of our writers to come up with a carbine build that wouldn't break the bank, yet

still cover as many bases as possible.

Oh, and to test the results, we'd take it to a local match where they'd compete head to head. In the Arizona desert. In August. Pretty easy conditions, then ...

In order to both level the playing field and keep things as flexible as

possible, our contributors were tasked with building a 16-inch-barrelled carbine with a 1x optic. Other than those basic criteria, the rest was up to their imagination, with a caveat that the final result would have to be within the budget of someone who actually works for a living and has a family, mortgage, and truck payment — trust-fund builds need not apply. With those

ground rules established, let's take a look at what they came up with, the reasons for their selections, and how things shook out in the match.

IAIN HARRISON

Being strapped for time as well as cash, I decided that shopping around for components wasn't going to be a big feature of this project, so I wanted to go to one website, click through the offerings on display and unpack a single box when everything arrived at the same time. There are a few big vendors where this is a possibility — Brownells and Midway are just two that usually spring to mind, but there's a third company that's been making strides in the black rifle marketplace recently.

Primary Arms has a reputation for supplying quality, low-cost optics for builds such as these, but they're also a good place to hit for everything else on a build sheet. I wheeled my virtual shopping cart down the electronic aisles on a freedom-driven supermarket sweep.

While your CPA might not be aware of this, one of the benefits of building from scratch is a tax break. Every firearm that leaves the manufacturer

is subject to an 11% Federal Excise Tax, which is earmarked for wildlife conservation. Although this is one of the few examples of the Fed funneling tax dollars to places where it gets used for the benefit of all Americans, I'm of the opinion that Washington helps itself to enough of my money, and the couple of grand I spend on hunting licenses and tags every year is sufficient to offset any funds they might get from this build. By purchasing a stripped receiver, you pay FET on that component alone, as that's what the government deems is the actual firearm. You also save money by assembling the carbine yourself, rather than paying someone else to do it for you; more of your hard-earned dollars can go into parts, rather than shareholder dividends.

There's an additional benefit of knowing exactly what went into your build, that the torque specs are correct, that staking has been done, and that fasteners have been Loctited. All of

which should translate into greater confidence in your rifle, and the knowledge that should anything go wrong, you have the skills to diagnose and fix it.

Every build starts with a receiver, and this one was made for PA by Mega, who have built a sterling reputation for quality — so much so that they're a manufacturer for several big gun companies. With confidence that it would be in spec, a lower parts kit was added, along with a SB Tactical SB3 brace. We wanted the maximum flexibility when it came to upper receiver configurations, so building a virgin lower into a pistol was the way to go.

In a world of gritty GI triggers with astronomical pull weights, it's hard being a trigger snob. Fortunately, Geisselle rode to the rescue with one of their excellent SSA triggers, which resulted in a crisp, two-stage, 4.5-pound break and short reset. It's not a gamer trigger by any means, but offers a good balance between precision and speed - perfect for our intended use.

With the lower assembled, it was



maximum flexibility in mind, and with the money saved from building from a virgin receiver burning a hole in my pocket, I figured that was enough justification for building a shorty to complement the 16-inch-barreled carbine we'd agreed on. Besides, I'm the boss, and rank has its privileges.

The days of plastic handguards and triangular front sight towers are past, old man. Free-floating the ARs barrel pays dividends in terms of accuracy and consistency, especially when working off of barricades and using a sling, so it was a no-brainer to go with aluminum rail systems. Primary Arms supplied two of their own, a 10-inch and a 15-inch for the 10.3- and 16inch barrels, respectively. Speaking of barrels, those, like the handguards, bore markings from Expo Arms, which is PA's house brand. Whoever actually made them did a good job, as the specs were what we like to see in general purpose, 16-inch barrel; mid length gas system with a 0.077 gas port, 1/7 twist, M4 feed ramps, and chrome lining for long life. The 10.3 barrel came with a carbine-length gas system and correctly sized 0.070 gas port diameter — it's always a good sign when the manufacturer sizes the gas ports to match the pressure curve, rather than just using one (usually oversize) port diameter across the range.

Being able to pick and choose parts means getting exactly what you want in a build from the get-go, instead of replacing the ones picked for you by a corporation. Personal preferences play a big part in making a gun uniquely your own, and for me, the go-to charging handle is the Radian Weapons Raptor. Being fully ambi, you can rack it with a bladed hand no matter which one's on the pistol grip, and it does a decent job of sealing off the back of the upper receiver in the event you want to run it suppressed, reducing the amount of gas blowing back into your face.



PATRICK MCCARTHY

For my Blue Collar Build entry, I set out to make an affordable 16-inch carbine easier to transport. Although I won't call this a dedicated "truck gun" or "bug-out gun," it could certainly fit either of those needs. More importantly, it retains the versatility and ballistics of a full-size weapon.

My starting point was a Palmetto State Armory AR chambered in 5.56mm NATO. It features a mil-spec upper and lower with Magpul MOE furniture, a 16-inch 1:7 twist Chrome Moly Vanadium barrel with mid-length gas system, and PSA's own 13.5-inch M-LOK free-float handguard. The fit and finish on this rifle looked good, and it felt light and maneuverable in hand. I noted that the rear takedown pin fit rather tightly, and could not be budged with fingers or a loose round, so I had to resort to using a multi-tool to push it through the receiver. Thankfully, this improved somewhat with use and lubrication. I also noted after zeroing

the rifle that the castle nut had worked its way loose, but a quick turn of an armorer's wrench and thorough staking of the end plate resolved this issue.

The EPT designation in this PSA AR's model name stands for Enhanced Polished Trigger. It felt smoother than a typical mil-spec setup, but I wanted something lighter and more precise, so I installed Timney's budget-friendly Impact drop-in trigger. It offers a slender trigger shoe, smooth 3-pound break, and crisp reset. To prep the gun for the range, I added a few more accessories, starting with an EOTech XPS2 holographic sight to complement the included Magpul MBUS flip-up iron sights. A Blue Force Gear sling lets me carry the gun comfortably, and a Magpul vertical foregrip offers improved control while shooting.

LEO TakeDown provided the quick-detach barrel system for this build, which uses a sliding collar and indexed ball bearings to couple the barrel to the receiver. Whether you're

trying to save space in your range bag or configure a gun for quick deployment from a backpack, the LEO TakeDown system lets you quickly split your gun in half. Now, you may be thinking, why don't I just separate the upper and lower receivers? First, this leaves both your upper and lower open to dust, lint, and other foreign objects. Second, dealing with pins isn't as fast as the LEO Takedown's simple collar mechanism, and it requires more fine motor skills (especially with our test rifle's tight rear pin). Lastly, separating the gun at the barrel keeps the two halves as short as possible, allowing it to fit into a smaller case or pack. Here's a quick comparison:

- Assembled length: 32.6 inches
- Length of upper and lower assemblies: 25 inches + 15.2 inches
- Length with LEO Takedown system: 19 inches + 16.5 inches

Another advantage of the LEO TakeDown system is its ability to accept multiple barrel and handguard



combinations without an additional upper. The kit can be purchased with a spare barrel coupling for an additional \$56. This makes it easy to swap between two or more setups — for example, one with a gas system tuned for a suppressor and one configured for unsuppressed use.

Installing the LEO TakeDown system was made more challenging by the fact that we were starting with a complete upper, and had to disassemble it. This led to the discovery that my rifle's barrel nut was very heavily torqued — I was only able to remove it after freezing the upper overnight, placing it in a barrel lug vise block, and putting my full body weight onto a 3-foot breaker bar. For this reason, I'd suggest starting any LEO TakeDown build with a stripped upper. I also learned that any handguard with indexing tabs will interfere with the takedown collar, so these had to be filed down before reassembly. The finished system shifts the handguard forward by about an inch.



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NICK SAITI

Most consumers don't feel the need for modification. The comfort of having something work the way it was intended is not a notion to strive for, but the way things should be. This idea has no place in the gun world. Shooters cannot leave well enough alone. It's good, but just think how much better it could be if we added aftermarket parts. Why drive stock?

Now that everyone has an AR-15, the next stage in evolution is the progression of skills. For many, plinking and poking holes in paper gets boring after a while, so the next step is to get faster and more consistent at making those holes. There's no better way to learn than to jump in the deep end, so why not sign yourself up for a competition?

The influx of new AR-15 owners has created another problem (or opportunity depending what side you're on). How do you set your gun apart? This is the allure of the AR platform.

Colors, lengths, calibers, ergonomics, and genders (it's 2020 after all) are all malleable. Not to mention the idea of wringing out more performance from that new blaster.

There are a few parts that are considered essential to performance in practical shooting. The barrel, trigger, free floating handguard, and sighting system all play crucial roles, the rest of the parts just have to work. Competitions are rarely won because of better equipment, but they can definitely be lost because of inferior parts.

The Springfield Armory Saint rifle is a modern-day version of the Stoner design and a good balance of value and quality. Its 16-inch barrel is chambered in 5.56mm so you can shoot both .223 and the hotter NATO spec stuff, and its mid-length gas system does wonders to tame the fast bullets. It features flip-up iron sights for all the sadists out there. The nickel-coated trigger group is not

exactly a high-end aftermarket part, but it's better than most factory levers we've tested. In all, it's a solid base to work from.

Since my counterparts don't have the experience in competition that I do, I decided my gun was to be on the flashy side. To accomplish the ostentatious task the Timber Creek Outdoors (TCO) Enforcer complete build kit was selected. This was mostly for my colleagues' benefit. If my rifle is bright there's no way they would miss what I'm doing, and in the end they might learn something. Pure beneficence. I chose red in honor of my Albanian heritage, though alas, my Adidas tracksuit was at the cleaners, and gold chains are hard to run with (sorry, grandma).

The kit has everything needed to set your new AR apart from the other mall ninjas. You never have to answer the question, "Which one is yours?" They'll know when they see it. The kit includes a 15-inch M-LOK ultralight handguard. Thin, durable, plenty of







IAIN

Building two uppers to cover any foreseeable eventuality was a fun exercise, but the match stage designs didn't allow me to exploit the advantages of the 10.3-inch version. I've shot matches before which involved mowing down phalanxes of paper and steel from inside a passenger car, and it's in these scenarios where the shorties really shine.

Watching Nick shoot is always a pleasure, and he knows how to get the most from his gear by doing sneaky, pro shooter stuff like showing up with a zeroed weapon. If I were to make any changes to my gear, it would be to add a compensator to the muzzle of the 16-inch upper —





after shooting Nick's Albanian turbo Adidas special, the advantages in this setting were immediately obvious, compared to the A2 flash hider on my build.

PATRICK

I'm relatively new to competitive shooting, having only participated in a few Steel Challenge matches in the past, so I knew going into the match that this Blue Collar rifle's capabilities were likely to exceed my own. Iain and Nick tore through the stages at an impressive pace, while I just did my best to keep up. Still,





I had a great time with the gun and was impressed by its performance, especially at this price point. I didn't have a single malfunction while running inexpensive Wolf Gold 55-grain ammo.

Although the takedown nature of this build wasn't directly applicable to the competition, and no stage involved drawing the gun from concealment, it was certainly helpful on my way to and from the range. The 6-inch-shorter packable length makes it much easier to stash the gun in a backpack, whether you're doing so prior to a bug-out scenario or a mundane range trip.



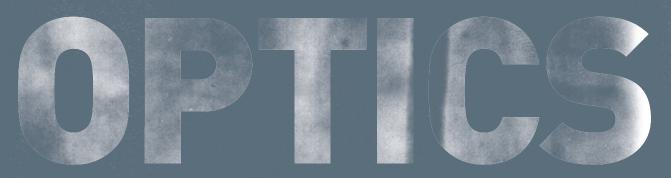
NICK

The competition field is a fierce one. Winners don't like to lose, losers trick themselves into thinking they don't care, while the newbies are still trying to figure out what all the buttons do. If you want to perform well, you must spend time to be familiar and proficient with your equipment. In the end, the difference between winning and losing has more to do with the time spent preparing than just the performance on match day — matches are won or lost before a shot is fired.

My Albanian masterpiece came from humble, but solid beginnings and like a butterfly shedding its chrysalis, emerged from the bench to glide through the match stages.

I wound up taking fourth overall in the match, beaten only by shooters using high-dollar match rifles and magnified optics, which just goes to show you can do pretty well with a Blue Collar build.





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With a claimed 5,000-hour desired brightness and leave the MD25 on. Just remember to swap out the CR2032 every time you vote for a president. Its 2 MOA dot is crisp, with just a hint of blue in the lens coating and while tween brightness settings we had no problem picking up the reticle in the desert sun at noon. There's two nightvision settings for those who want to team it up with NODs, but we didn't try this feature out during our evaluation. It's packaged with spacers of various heights, so you should be able to find a mounting solution that works for your application, and the mount itself is secured by two torx screws for a compact footprint.

LEUPOLD FREEDOM RDS

WEIGHT: 7.2 ounces

MSRP: \$390

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At just 1 MOA, the dot in this sight is tiny. While this might sound like a disadvantage, it actually gives you more flexibility, as at longer distances less of the target is obscured and you're able to place your shots more adopt the old trick of dialing the brightness way down so that the dot's transparent. build quality and is based around a 34mm tube, which means your mounting options aren't limited to the included AR-height, three-bolt mount. Of all the red dots we tried, this one has the clearest glass, though you do pay a



EOTECH HWS XPS2 GREY

WEIGHT: 9.0 ounces

MSRP: \$575

URL: www.eotechinc.com

This versatile sight is the smallest and lightest model EOTech offers, making it a great choice for anything from an agile competition build to an every-day-carry reticle features a 1-MOA dot inside a 68-MOA ring. Our test match involved targets ranging from 5 to 450 yards; the ring proved very helpful for gauging the point of impact on closer targets, and the dot was small enough to allow precision at longer range. One of EOTech's magnifiers would have been a welcome addition in the latter case, but the XPS2 performed admirably on its own. The holographic design ensures the reticle remains clear and crisp even if you have an astigmatism, and battery life is a respectable 1,000 hours. We also appreciate that this sight is made in the USA.

HOLOSUN HS403C

WEIGHT: 2.8 ounces

MSRP: \$242

URL: holosun.com

Holosun started out in 2013 and has since earned a great reputation for cutting-edge technology, durability, and a reasonable price point. The Holosun HS403c is a 20mm "tube" style micro red dot designed for carbines is bright enough for a sunny day and the multilayer glass is clean. It features a 1/3 co-witness mount and a little detail that is often overlooked — the dot emitter is at the 5 o'clock position so as to not hinder the ability to co-witness iron sights. Arguably one of Holosun's best innovations is the solar failsafe option. Essentially this is a mini solar panel for your red dot ensuring that unless the sun dies you never have to worry about battery life. The design is minimalistic and works perfectly to get the job done.







THE What to expect as you climb the 1911 price ladder. STAIRWAY TOHELEANER

can recall the first 1911 I ever owned. It was a Kimber with an alloy frame, heavily worked over by who I believed was a competent gunsmith. Suffice to say, this particular feat of gunsmithing was subjective in the same way as modern art: The smith saw this particular "smear of paint on the wall" in a very unique way. And what a dripping smear it was, complete with the ability to reliably jam in artistic and imaginative ways.

When I began with the 1911, having cut my teeth on common polymer pistols, I had no idea there was so much variation in a seemingly established design.

THE MODERN 1911

The 1911 is a modern gun in the sense that it's common and widely produced, but it's not at all a uniformed product like the modular AR-15, Sig P320, or Glock variants. Those three designs are wonderful in that they allow for true plug-and-play drop-in parts, and they are only a few steps removed from building LEGOs. The 1911, on the other hand, has almost no ability to swap parts between brands. The fit is sometimes relative to brand, and for many, the fit is to the individual gun.

Why is this? Well, the 1911 has

evolved over the years, and it saw its heyday in the golden age of pistol smithing in the post-World War II era, all thanks to a large and widespread surplus market. The shortcomings of the military 1911 were addressed in many ways, from adding beaver tails to the grip safety, to lowering and widening the ejection port. A culture began here and continues today.

This golden age gave us extensive knowledge about the design, and eventually custom features began to appear in commercial guns. The 1980s was probably the most productive decade for 1911 advances, as new schools of thought began to develop around it. Col. Jeff Cooper founded the American Pistol Institute in 1976 and was a strong advocate of the 1911 and the .45 ACP cartridge. His techniques influenced the entire pistol-shooting community, and the things he taught are still prominent in one form or another in almost all modern pistol-shooting disciplines. This decade is also the last one that saw the .45 ACP as the mainstay American fighting cartridge, as the era of the "Wonder Nine" began at the same time.

The demand created by the modern pistol technique, widely available custom works at regional and local levels, and the advent of more modernized fac-

tory guns saw a great divergence in the 1911 design. The 1911 was never unpopular, unlike many designs that have had a resurgence every few decades, and that alone is why there's so much variety. It can be dizzying when you dive in, especially when cost comes into play.

CLIMBING THE PYRAMID Tier 1: Bottom Dollar to \$499

This category is what can be thought of as both the gutter and a source of great value. There are some genuinely great guns in this range of retail cost, and others that are best melted back down into something more useful.

Tier 2: \$500 to \$799

This category is by far the widest on the American market. It's in this price range that most major companies offer their standard or base models of 1911. These guns typically are quite good, but the features of the pistols are often muted or basic. Just like the Tier 1 guns, there's a wide variance in quality—with many of these guns being additions to an established product line. Surprisingly, many in this price range are of low quality and rely on marketing or brand recognition to sell. I've been the most disappointed with this price range, as the extra money seldom provides extra performance.



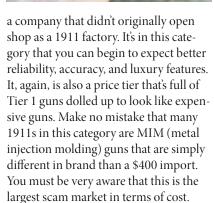














Tier 4: \$1,200 to \$1,499

When you're looking at this price range you're going to start seeing more custom features and luxury additions. This is firmly in the area of function and class, with many guns being accurate enough for match shooting and hunting ... while not truly custom. Most factory 1911s cap out at this price range. These guns are also the most functional base for customization, as they're usually great to start and the tweaks made are usually for specialized use.

Tier 5: \$1,500 to \$2,499

Here's where we enter the real custom scene. Most hand-built 1911s start in this cost range. You can expect high-end customer service and interaction, excellent reliability, and high accuracy. This is the tier that guns were produced to in the golden age. Factory guns in this range are typically very high end, sometimes even better than custom guns.

Tier 6: \$2,500 and Beyond

This is the price range where people

stop shooting their pistols. In this range, you'll see luxury custom guns that are completely made by hand and retain their value. This range starts at around \$2,000, but it goes up to the sky as far as cost, occasionally beyond \$10,000. These represent the pinnacle of American pistol making and are both functional works of art and statement pieces. You'll probably see guns in this category commonly advertised, but they're not commonly owned. Factory guns can be had in this range, but they're essentially custom guns





(Left) The Colt M45A1 is one of the only remaining 1911s in active service. It's the evolution of the MEUSOC concept that has been alive for years in special operations groups.

Sig Sauer came into the 1911 game quite a while ago, and they make stellar guns. Many traditionalists scorn the "Sig-style" slide and slender grip diameter, but it cannot be denied that Sig makes one of the best production 1911s today outside of a custom shoo.

under an established brand.

THE TEST GUNS

Just how much separates these guns in terms of accuracy, handling, and reliability? The short answer is not as much as you think, but more than you'd notice at first glance. That might seem confusing until you look at the 1911 design and what exactly makes it tick. The nuances separate a good gun from a great gun in this case, but more on that in a moment.

Test Gun Tier 1: One of the test guns in this article is a \$400 retail Tisas 1911A1. This is a "cheap" gun, but as testing will reveal, it's an extremely good buy and better than many domestic guns. It's a 1:1 copy of the Mil-spec WWII version.



BROKE-IN OR JUST BROKEN?

The break-in period is, in my experience with 1911 pistols, a way to blame the customer for ill-fitting parts and cut corners in the manufacturing process. If a \$400 Turkish import can run with no failures out of the box for 1,000 rounds and shoot an average of 3 inches at 25 yards point-of-aim, you're being scammed if you're paying \$1,200 for a gun that "needs a break-in" and jams every mag. There's no reason why a modern 1911 needs a break-in period. Avoid any brand that states this because there are many that don't need it.

It comes with a single mag and some flimsy plastic grips. I exchanged these for a set of VZ grips right away, and the finish is a dark gray phosphate and was durable in my testing. It's an otherwise basic and somewhat featureless gun.

Test Gun Tier 4: The custom Sig Emperor Scorpion is quite literally as good as a semi-custom 1911 gets. I picked up the gun and loved it, but over time I made some internal changes to include fitting some Cylinder & Slide trigger and hammer parts, in addition to some cosmetic changes, to make it look like the M45A1. The gun, while custom in some ways, retains the original Sig barrel and is equally accurate as it was out of the box in factory form.

Test Gun Tier 5: A real-deal Colt M45A1. This is a custom-built factory gun that's lovingly prepared by the experienced gunsmiths at Colt. For some people, having that name on the gun is a sign of status; for others, it's a marker of heritage. A Colt is desirable because it's a Colt. The M45A1 is unique here in that it's almost entirely machined

out of steel and is noticeably heavier in the hand than the other two. This is the same gun off the same production line as the USMC issue pistol. Contrary to popular belief, the production gun is the issue weapon, not the full custom shop variant. The barrel is a National Match version, and it shows.

When it comes to reliability, all three guns performed very well. The ammunition tested for the basic course was two kinds of 230-grain FMJ, one from Black Hills and one from Sig. I chronographed the ammo in all three guns, and there was no real detectable variance. The average for both was 850 +/-15 fps in all three guns (all have 5-inch barrels), so for this application, they

were ballistically identical with ball loads. The 230-grain ball load is hard to mess up, since we've likely loaded billions of rounds in the past 100-plus years. There were no malfunctions at all with ball loads in any of the three.

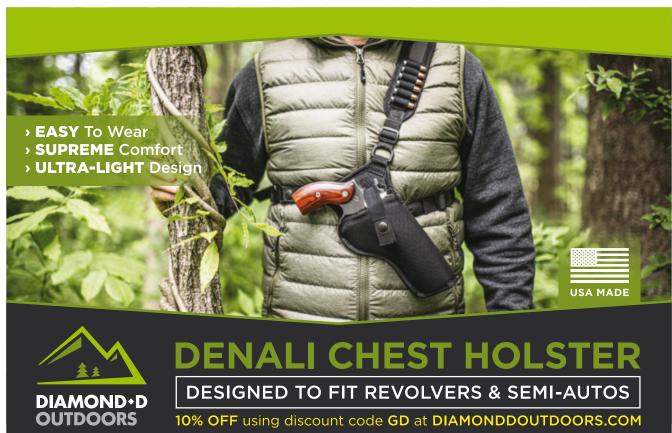
TRIGGER TIME

Accuracy with these two loads was also parallel across guns, with the Tisas averaging 3.5 inches at 25 yards, the Sig 2.5-inch and the Colt 2-inch. The Tisas surprised me in this arena. For all practical purposes, it was just as accurate as the others.

Hollow points and new Black Hills







Fitting a barrel to the slide is no drop-in procedure. Great care must be taken if you want to install a match-quality barrel, and expertise in the locking lug areas and the bushing fit are a must. Or

you can simply buy a pistol like the Colt that comes with a National Match barrel.

THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN









the others. The Colt and Sig did about the same until 25 yards. After that, the Colt took over and

provided center-mass accuracy out to 100 yards!

HoneyBadger 135-grain loads proved a different story for my Tisas. It choked several times on Hornady 220-grain Critical Duty and the BHA 230-grain JHP+P and HoneyBadger. The feed ramp caught the polymer tips and sharp bullet edges. It's old-man lore that you need to polish the feed ramp on a 1911A1 to get it to feed hollow points. I can believe it. Ironically, it's that exact thought that likely led to the original cottage 1911 gunsmithing industry.

Handling characteristics were notably different between these three guns. The Tisas was rough in terms of loading, but the slide and action were smoother than they should've been considering the price. Recoil was stiff and somewhat rough; case ejection was erratic. The hammer and safety bit my meaty hands and caused me to bleed. The gun made it 1,350 rounds until it became too hot and dirty to eject brass reliably—a truly noble performance for a budget gun that held a solid 3 inches at 25 yards.

The Sig handled great, although it had a recoil spring that was perhaps a few pounds too light for +P and +P+. It handled extremely well in factory form and did well with my upgraded parts. I have about 10,000 rounds through this gun, and even with my changes it hasn't missed a beat. For the dollar, it's probably the smoothest, most accurate, and most reliable 1911 you can buy. It's rich in functional features, texturing, and easily worked on thanks to its Series 80 internals.

The Colt is in a class of its own. The M45A1 is head and shoulders above the pack in terms of overall handling, though to untrained eyes it lacks in some regards—tight isn't always better

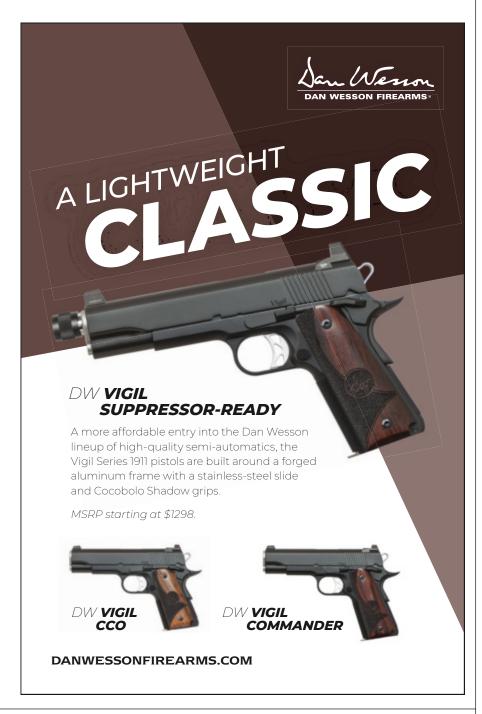
than proper fit. It's a looser-fitting gun than the Tisas or Sig, but it's a real-deal military fighting gun made for extreme conditions. Its reliability is extreme and so is the accuracy. The Sig and the Colt are comparable at close range, but the national match barrel on the latter allows for precision at distances to 100 yards. Yes, 100 yards.

The firing experience is smooth like glass, thanks to a double-nested recoil spring. It makes the .45 ACP feel like a 9mm. Recoil is easily cut in half compared to a standard 1911. The gun is a statement piece and a true-grit American combat pistol. I have over 5,000 rounds through it with no issues. It grouped 1 inch for five shots at 25 yards using BHA 135-grain HB.

YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR

The 1911 game isn't for beginners in the sense that there are no real promises, but all have their place. Unlike common, mass-produced polymer guns, both low-end and high-end 1911s are individuals with quirks. A tight gun isn't always high quality, and a looser gun isn't always garbage.

Why own a \$2,000 1911 when you can buy one for \$400? The fact is, there's whiskey and then there's whiskey, and it comes down to if you're a hotel fridge Jack Daniels man or a Johnny Walker Blue Label Ghost and Rare man. If you want a 1911 flat out, they're cheap, but you won't be getting all the millions of hours of experience and knowledge acquired through trial and error starting in the golden age and continuing with today's best American pistol makers. **GDTM**

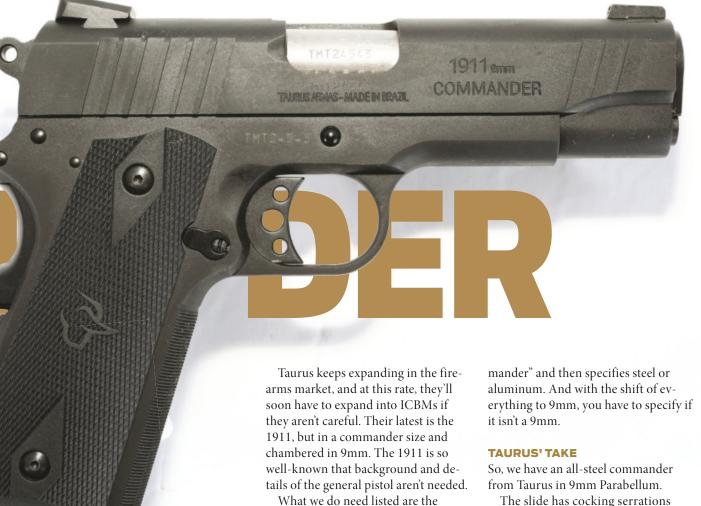












tols, back in the early 1950s. The Army wanted smaller, lighter, and 9mm. Colt offered an alloy-framed 1911 with a shorter barrel and slide, and 9mm. They even offered to rebuild the bazillion 1911/1911A1 pistol in inventory to 9mm. The Army decided they didn't really want to change, but Colt offered the Commander to the market, and those who carried on a daily basis snapped them up, year after year.

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Later, Colt offered the commander with a steel frame and changed the terminology a bit. The old one became the Lightweight Commander, and the all-steel became the Combat Commander.

things that Taurus has changed or has

done well, and what utility this pistol

The commander size resulted from the U.S. Army wanting to change pis-

Today, everyone calls either "com-

The slide has cocking serrations in the regular place and up near the muzzle. The sights are both Novak-compatible, so you can swap the factory sights out if you wish. If you're a fan of the three-dot combat style, then no need to change. The ejection port is the now-normal lowered and scalloped, for ease of ejection. The barrel, slide, and frame all bear the serial number

The frame lacks an accessory rail (not a problem on a 1911, for most situations). The slide stop is a standard checkered stop; the thumb safety is clearly an Ed Brown design, as is the grip safety. These you won't need to change, as they're among the best designs to have on the 1911. The trigger is lengthened and lightened by means of three holes drilled through the bow.

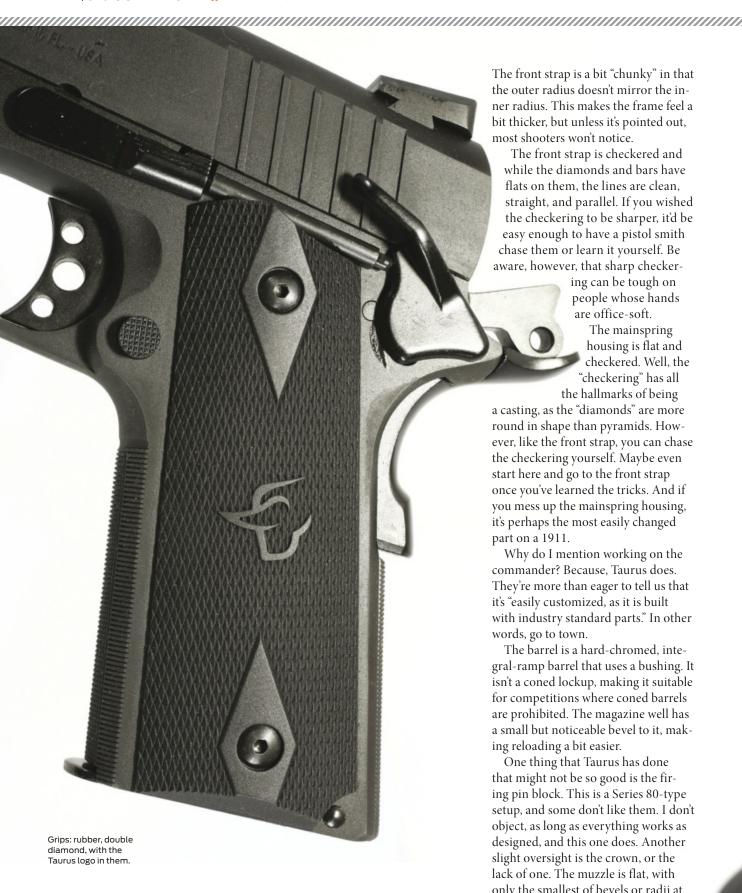
The front strap hasn't been lifted; that is, the radius from front strap to trigger guard is the expected curve.

testing here.

choice for a lot of people.

Taurus makes 1911s, and they knew

the above, so it shouldn't come as any great surprise to see the pistol we're



The front strap is a bit "chunky" in that the outer radius doesn't mirror the inner radius. This makes the frame feel a bit thicker, but unless it's pointed out, most shooters won't notice.

The front strap is checkered and while the diamonds and bars have flats on them, the lines are clean. straight, and parallel. If you wished the checkering to be sharper, it'd be easy enough to have a pistol smith chase them or learn it yourself. Be aware, however, that sharp checker-

> ing can be tough on people whose hands are office-soft.

The mainspring housing is flat and checkered. Well, the "checkering" has all the hallmarks of being

a casting, as the "diamonds" are more round in shape than pyramids. However, like the front strap, you can chase the checkering yourself. Maybe even start here and go to the front strap once you've learned the tricks. And if you mess up the mainspring housing, it's perhaps the most easily changed part on a 1911.

Why do I mention working on the commander? Because, Taurus does. They're more than eager to tell us that it's "easily customized, as it is built with industry standard parts." In other words, go to town.

The barrel is a hard-chromed, integral-ramp barrel that uses a bushing. It isn't a coned lockup, making it suitable for competitions where coned barrels are prohibited. The magazine well has a small but noticeable bevel to it, making reloading a bit easier.

One thing that Taurus has done that might not be so good is the firing pin block. This is a Series 80-type setup, and some don't like them. I don't object, as long as everything works as designed, and this one does. Another slight oversight is the crown, or the lack of one. The muzzle is flat, with only the smallest of bevels or radii at the meeting of the bore to the muzzle.



level acrimony among shooters. If it bothers you, it's easily changed. While I much prefer the design that St. Browning originated, if the current system works, I usually leave it alone. But, since Taurus has made the commander so "rebuildable," you could easily swap the parts needed to make it more like what John Moses had in mind.

The grips are molded rubber, double-diamond style with the Taurus logo inset in the checkered pattern.

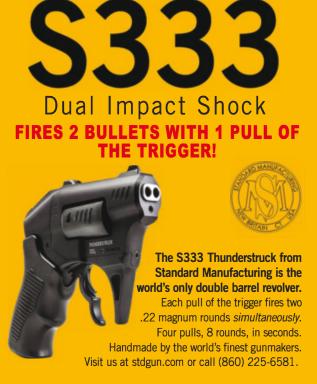
The magazines are blued and made by Mec-Gar (a very good choice). To accommodate the 9mm cartridge, the rear of the tube has a sheet metal spacer held in place by means of stab crimps. The 9mm 1911 world goes back and forth about this. Some think the best way to hold, position, and feed the cartridge is to park it at the front of the tube—hence, the spacer in the rear. Another camp deems that holding it in the back of the tube and using

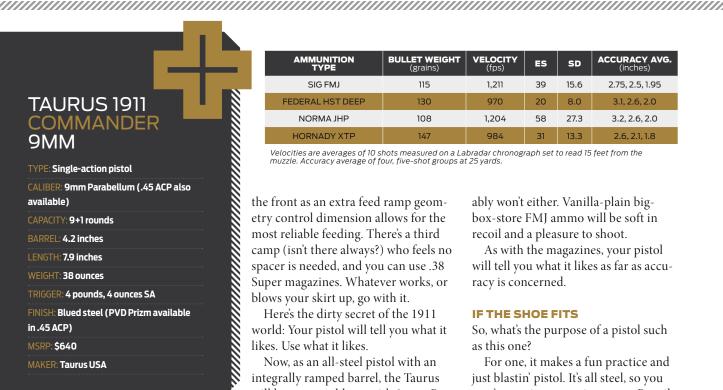
As thick as the barrel walls are there, I'd liked to have seen a more aggressive crown machined into it.

The recoil spring assembly uses a full-length guide rod. This is one of those details that can create religious-

The Taurus muzzle.
The crown probably should be more than flat with a small bevel, but the tested pistol shot well enough as is.







AMMUNITION TYPE	BULLET WEIGHT (grains)	VELOCITY (fps)	ES	SD	ACCURACY AVG. (inches)
SIG FMJ	115	1,211	39	15.6	2.75, 2.5, 1.95
FEDERAL HST DEEP	130	970	20	8.0	3.1, 2.6, 2.0
NORMA JHP	108	1,204	58	27.3	3.2, 2.6, 2.0
HORNADY XTP	147	984	31	13.3	2.6, 2.1, 1.8

Velocities are averages of 10 shots measured on a Labradar chronograph set to read 15 feet from the muzzle. Accuracy average of four, five-shot groups at 25 yards

the front as an extra feed ramp geometry control dimension allows for the most reliable feeding. There's a third camp (isn't there always?) who feels no spacer is needed, and you can use .38 Super magazines. Whatever works, or blows your skirt up, go with it.

Here's the dirty secret of the 1911 world: Your pistol will tell you what it likes. Use what it likes.

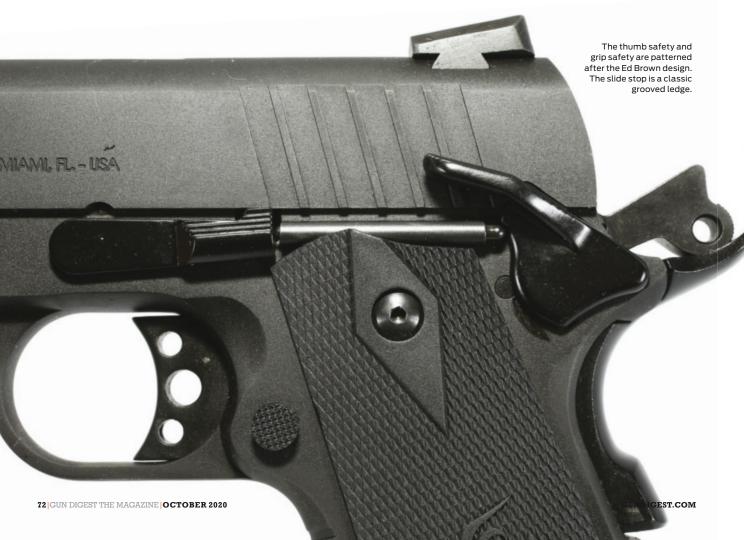
Now, as an all-steel pistol with an integrally ramped barrel, the Taurus will have no problems with 9mm+P ammunition. At 38 ounces, you probably won't either. Vanilla-plain bigbox-store FMI ammo will be soft in recoil and a pleasure to shoot.

As with the magazines, your pistol will tell you what it likes as far as accuracy is concerned.

IF THE SHOE FITS

So, what's the purpose of a pistol such as this one?

For one, it makes a fun practice and just blastin' pistol. It's all steel, so you won't wear it out anytime soon. Recoil won't kill you. In fact, with the softest-



shooting ammo you can find or load, it'd be perfect for a new shooter. It's accurate, has low recoil, and it's a "real" gun, not an airgun, or a rimfire. (Yes, I know those are real guns, too, but a lot of new shooters make a big distinction between them and a 9mm. A 9mm is real to them, more so than a .22 LR.)

Accuracy will be better than most owners. If you need more, I refer you back to all steel—an industry standard. If you want a more accurate barrel, it's easy enough to find and have one installed. Or start your 1911 'smithing adventures by installing a tighter-fitting bushing and see what results you get.

As a competition gun, the Taurus commander might be a bit lacking. The sight radius of the shorter slide is going to cost you a few points. You'd best check with the details of the com-

petition you want to enter to make sure that some aspect of the Taurus doesn't put you on the outside. But it'll get you started, and even a long way toward winning before you have to move up.

As a daily carry gun, it'd be great. Yes, a bit heavy, but a proper belt and holster will make it comfortable.

As a home-defense gun, its only lack is that there's no place to mount a light. But there are techniques to holding a light and pistol that you can find—practice and use the most comfortable one.

Last bonus: the price. You really can't touch it for a reliable, all-steel 1911.

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SEME AUTO PISTOLS

A hip companion for every taste.

or 2020 and into 2021, the trend I see in semi-automatic pistols is more conceal-carry models, particularly in new variations from established models from Smith & Wesson, Mossberg, Sig, and FN, to name a few. More conceal-carry, optic-ready pistols are being produced, too. AR-15-style pistols continue to be released with CMMG, Springfield Armory, and Sig offering models in powerful calibers and stripped-down entry models and well-equipped versions. While those types of pistols make up the majority of new semi-automatics introduced, the real surprise is .22-caliber pistols. Both Ruger and Diamondback Firearms have breathed new life into the 5.7x28mm caliber, and Glock and Ruger have refreshed the .22 LR rimfire pistol. Walther has also rebooted a line, ignoring the decadesold trend of polymer-frame pistols to steel-frame models. Here is a look at new semi-automatic pistols this year.

CZ-USA

Competition shooters should check out the new Shadow 2 SA (MSRP: \$1,349). This Shadow variant features a light, crisp single-action-only trigger. Plus, it has a swappable magazine release that allows users to extend the button to one of three settings. The grip is the thing with the Shadow. Thin aluminum grips have toothy checkering as do the front





and rear grip straps. Target sights consist of a fiber-optic front and a serrated, black HAJO rear. The iconic CZ 75 has been in production for 45 years and the CZ 75 B 45th Anniversary (MSRP: \$1,720) celebrates that milestone. This limited-edition pistol (only 1,000 will be produced) features all-steel construction in a high-gloss blued finish with the deep engraving on the slide and frame. Wood grips have matching engraving. Controls contrast with a glossy silver finish.

cz-usa.com

DAN WESSON

The DWX series is a hybrid pistol that uses the single-action fire-control group of a Dan Wesson 1911 and combines it with the ergonomics and capacity of a CZ 75 pistol. The full-size DWX (MSRP: \$1,799) features a 5-inch bushing-less, match-grade bull barrel and double-stack magazine. In 9mm, it holds 19 rounds, and in .40 Auto the magazine capacity is 15 rounds. The full-size variant is compatible with CZ P-09/P-10 F magazines. The DMX C (MSRP: \$1,799) features a 4-inch barrel that combines features of a 1911 with a CZ 75 Compact. Both feature a forged-aluminum frame. The cool thing about the new DWX pistols is all the aftermarket parts available for CZ 75 and 1911 pistols, so users can fine-tune their DWX to their exact needs. The Valor 1911 series now features a Stan



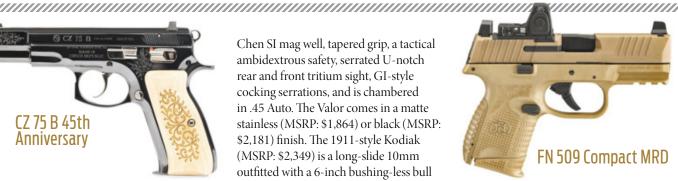
Chen SI mag well, tapered grip, a tactical ambidextrous safety, serrated U-notch rear and front tritium sight, GI-style cocking serrations, and is chambered in .45 Auto. The Valor comes in a matte stainless (MSRP: \$1,864) or black (MSRP: \$2,181) finish. The 1911-style Kodiak (MSRP: \$2,349) is a long-slide 10mm outfitted with a 6-inch bushing-less bull barrel, fully adjustable fiber-optic sights, accessory rail on the dustcover, G10 textured grips and an ambidextrous safety. Available in two finishes: Black version has bronzed controls and barrel, and Tri-Tone with a matte gray slide.

DanWessonFirearms.com



DIAMONDBACK FIREARMS

The DBX57 (MSRP: \$1,299) is a lockedbreech, dual-gas-system mechanism chambered in the small, but fast, 5.7x28mm cartridge. This pistol features a left-side charging handle, 8-inch barrel with DBX muzzle device and M-lok handguard. It uses FN FiveseveN 20-round magazines and can be equipped with an arm brace. The DB9 (MSRP: \$279) is now in its fourth generation with striker-fire, double-action trigger, 6+1 round capacity, and 3.1-inch barrel. The AM2 (MSRP: \$339) is Diamondback's first full-size 9mm pistol offering a 3.5-inch barrel, striker-fire trigger, and 17+1 round capacity. DiamondbackFirearms.com



New to the FN 509 striker-fire series of 9mm pistols is the FN 509 Compact MRD (MSRP: \$799) designed as a conceal-carry option with a 3.7-inch barrel, 10+1 capacity in a flush-fit magazine, and a slide with FN's Low-Profile Optics Mounting System that accepts nearly all reflex and red-dot optics. The sights on the MRD models feature tall, blackout iron sights that co-witness with the red-dot. The shortened grip allows for easier concealment and features two interchangeable backstraps for a perfect grip. Plus, a new flatter-faced trigger allows for more controllable trigger press and cleaner break. With an overall length of 6.8 inches and weight of 25.5 ounces, this FN is well-suited for everyday carry. Available in FDE or black finish.

FNamerica.com

GLOCK

I was invited to the launch of the G44 (MSRP: \$430) when Glock shocked the shooting world with the introduction of a .22 LR. This is Glock's first rimfire, and it was designed to match the dimensions of Glock's most popular pistol, the G19. The G44 uses a blowback mechanism and features a hybrid slide made of polymer and steel. Includes 10-round load-assist magazines, Marksman Barrel and adjustable sights. This pistol makes a great training gun for new shooters as well as



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experienced shooters. Since it is similar to the G19, the transition from the G44 to G19 is nearly seamless. Plus, the G44 uses the same holster and magazine pouches as the G19.

US.Glock.com/en



To celebrate 25 years of the iconic K9 pistol, the "25th Anniversary" limitededition K9 (MSRP: \$1,649) was developed. This limited-edition 9mm is made of stainless steel and is custom engraved with front and rear slide serrations, slide porting, and a commemorative "25 Years" logo. The barrel and trigger are brightly polished. The finish is Sniper Grey Cerakote, and Hogue aluminum grips are custom engraved with aggressive stippling and the new Kahr logo. TruGlo tritium sights add the final and functional touch. Kahr.com

KEL-TEC

Another new .22 LR pistol designed for plinking fun is the P17 (MSRP: \$199). At 14 ounces and only 6.7 inches long, this 16+1 capacity pistol offers a lot at a low cost. The P17 is made with a polymer frame that sandwiched together the steel barrel and slide. Like most .22 LR pistols it uses a simple blowback action.

KeltecWeapons.com



KIMBER

The Collector Edition Raptor family consists of the full-size 1911 (MSRP: \$1,524), Micro 9 (MSRP: \$951), and EVO SP (MSRP: \$999). These limitededition pistols wear a unique two-tone finish, accented with a special patterned G10 grip, and night sights. Collector Series marking on the left side of the slide have special serial number prefixes. The Two-Tone finish treatment, blue slide and stainless frame, is now available with rosewood Crimson Trace greenlaser Lasergrips. Variants available in this configuration include Ultra Carry II (MSRP: \$1,177), Pro Carry II (MSRP: \$1,136), Custom II (MSRP: \$1,136),





Micro (MSRP: \$734), and Micro 9 (MSRP: \$788). The Micro 9 Triari (MSRP: \$788) has unique deep-relief, laser-engraved, stacked-cube front and rear cocking slide textures, plus Stiplex front strap pattern, and black linen Micarta grips with stacked-cube pattern for positive grip. Sights are a red fiber-optic front and green fiber-optic rear.

KimberAmerica.com



MOSSBERG

The MC1sc 9mm subcompact line now includes an FDE finish (MSRP: \$428) and two-tone finish (MSRP: \$421). The new MC2c striker-fire series is a 9mm double-stack pistol with a 13-round flush-fit magazine and 15-round extended magazine. These compact pistols feature a 3.9-inch barrel, overall length of 7.1 inches, weight of 29 ounces loaded, and an accessory rail is built into the glass-reinforced polymer frame. Available in five variants: standard (MSRP: \$490), cross-bolt safety version (MSRP: \$490), stainless two-tone finish (MSRP: \$490), stainless two-tone with cross-bolt safety (MSRP: \$490), and a TruGlo tritium Pro sight model (MSRP: \$595).

Mossberg.com

NIGHTHAWK CUSTOM

The Agent2 Commander (MSRP: \$4,499) resulted from a collaboration between Nighthawk and Agency Arms. Agency Arms took care of the bad-attitude slide cuts and Nighthawk gunsmithed the rest to create a 1911 Commander with a unique look and flawless function. Features a match barrel in either 9mm or 45 Auto, crowned flush-cut barrel, custom trigger, ultra-high-cut front grip strap and a whole lot more. The newest member of Nighthawk's Boardroom Series is the Vice President (MSRP: \$4,199). The VP is chambered in 9mm and features heavy angle cuts in the slide with windows cut in the slide to show off the Gold Titanium Nitride crowned barrel. Sights consist of a Heinie Ledge rear sight and an 18k gold-bead front sight. Grips are Railscale Ascend G10. The Bull Officer (MSRP: \$3,699) uses an officer-sized frame with an Everlast Recoil System that can go up to 5,000 rounds before replace-





ment. Other features include a 3.8-inch. bull barrel, Heine sights, carbon-fiber grips and an Elite Smoke Cerakote finish. Thunder Ranch teamed up with Nighthawk on the Thunder Ranch Combat Special (MSRP: \$3,399). This is Clint Smith's idea of an ultimate 1911. Features include course front and rear cocking serrations, lanyard loop mainspring housing, GI-style thumb safety, custom engraving, gold-bead front sight, Smoked Nitride finish, and green linen/Micarta scale grips. Nighthawk takes a Series 70 1911 and transforms it into its Colt Series 70 (MSRP: \$2,599). Sure, it looks a lot like a Colt Series 70, but inside it is fully

tweaked and equipped with a new trigger system for optimal functionality.

NighthawkCustom.com

RUGER

The new Ruger-57 (MSRP: \$799) revives the 5.7x28mm cartridge in a new pistol design with ergonomics that offer an easy trigger reach, 1911-style ambidextrous manual safety, rugged slide release, and reversible magazine-release latch. It is available with either a 20- or 10-round magazine. It is equipped with adjustable rear and fiber-optic front sights and is drilled and tapped for easy mounting of optics with available optic-adapter plate. The new subcompact LCP II (MSRP: \$349) is chambered in .22 LR and features the Lite Rack system with refined slide serrations, pronounced cocking ears, and a lighter recoil spring, allowing for easy slide manipulation. Additional features include a 10-round magazine and Secure Action safety trigger with a short, crisp break. The Security-9 Pro (MSRP: \$549) in 9mm features a 4-inch barrel, 15+1 round capacity in a rugged, no-nonsense design. The Security-9 Compact Pro (MSRP: \$549) is similar, but with a 3.4-inch barrel and 10+1 round capacity in a compact package. Ruger has taken its popular PC Carbine and reconfigured it into a pistol. The PC Charger (MSRP: \$799) features a 6.5inch barrel and a glass-filled polymer chassis system that allows mounting of standard AR grips. Overall length is 16.5 inches, and it weighs 5.2 pounds. It also comes optic-ready and has interchangeable magazine wells to accept SR-Series, Security-9, and Glock pistol magazines. An additional magazine well accepting Ruger American Pistol magazines is also available.

Ruger.com



SIG SAUER

The popular P365 series now includes an XL model (MSRP: \$580) with a 3.7-inch barrel and slide cut for a Romeo Zero red-dot. It also includes X-RAY night sights. The XL Romeo Zero (MSRP: \$680) comes with a Romeo Zero red-dot installed. All the XL models have a longer grip that holds a 12-round magazine and an XSeries flat trigger. The SAS (Sig Anti Snag) (MSRP: \$580) has all the sharp edges rounded, 10-round magazine, and a ported slide with a custom flush-fit tritium sight. This P365 is designed

a factory-mounted red-dot in a Full-Size RXP (MSRP: \$899), Compact RXP (MSRP: \$899), and XCompact RXP (MSRP: \$899). All come out of the box with a Romeo red-dot mounted to the slide, and suppressor-height sights. New to the entry-level M400 Tread series of AR15 platforms is the Tread Pistol (MSRP: \$951). Wisely, Sig decided to equip this 5.56 NATO chambered pistol with an 11-inch barrel to get the best ballistic performance in most 5.56 NATO ammo. Comes with a Shockwave brace and M-lok handguard.

SigSauer.com

and slides, larger slide stops, tuned actions, and adjustable fiber-optic sights. These full-size pistols in 9mm and .40 Auto are also available in C.O.R.E., Competition Optic Ready, slides that allow easy mounting of red-dot optics, with ported barrels (MSRP: \$735) and without ported barrels (MSRP: \$721). The compact M&P9 Shield EZ M2.0 (MSRP: \$559) is chambered in 9mm with a 3.6-inch barrel, 8+1 capacity, and with a manual thumb safety or without. Both models are also available with a Crimson Trace Red Laserguard (MSRP: \$575). Also new to the M&P9 Compact lines are an FDE-finish model (MSRP: \$569) and a



for deep conceal carry. The P320-M18 (MSRP: \$600) is the civilian version of the U.S. military's M18 compact sidearm. Like Uncle Sam's, the P320-M18 comes with a Coyote Tan Cerakote finish, night sights, is optic-ready, and has a manual thumb safety. The Legion Series expands with the new X5Legion pistol (MSRP: \$899), which features the Legion Gray finish, flat skeletonized trigger, TXG grip module, 5-inch bull barrel, and fiber-optic front and adjustable rear sights. There is also a new P320 series. The RXP series offers

to-rack slide, easy-to-load magazine, and easy-to-clean design. These pistols feature a 3.8-inch ported barrel to reduce muzzle flip, lightening cuts in the slide for reduced weight, an 8+1 round capacity and HI-VIZ Litewave H3 Tritium/Litepipe sights. Available with a matte black frame and a choice of black, silver or gold accents. Also coming out of the Performance Shop are full-size M&P9 and M&P40 models with 4.25- or 5-inch ported barrels

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

Smith & Wesson C.O.R.E. M&P9

The Ronin Operator (MSRP: \$849) is a 1911 pistol configured as a full-size



The STR-9 9mm striker-fire pistol line now has a Compact model (MSRP: \$329 to \$449, depending on configuration) designed for conceal carry. The compact model features a 3.8-inch barrel for easy concealment and an overall length of 6.9 inches. It weighs 24 ounces. The STR-9 is available with one or three 13-round magazines, different size backstraps for a custom grip, and 3-dot sights or tritium night sights.

StoegerIndustries.com

WALTHER

The Q4 Steel Frame pistol (MSRP: \$1,399) is Walther's latest steel-frame pistol designed for conceal carry. The Q4 weighs 40 ounces and effectively distributes the weight to reduce felt recoil. The pistol features Performance Duty Texture designed to provide a functional grip with non-abrasive characteristics. The Quick Defense Trigger is two-stage trigger with a crisp break and short reset. The beavertail is optimized for optimal shooter grip and maximum concealability. There is also an Optics Ready variant (MSRP: \$1,499) that allows mounting a red-dot reflex sight. **GDTM**

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SHOWDEX

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ALABAMA

Oct 10-11 AL, Hoover. Fall Gun Show. Hoover Met Complex, 100 Ben Chapman Drive.

Nov 28-29 AL, Birmingham. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Center, 2100 Richard Arrington, Jr Blvd.

ARKANSAS

Oct 31-Nov 1 AR, Conway. Gun Show. Expo Center, 2505 East Oak St.

Dec 12-13 AR, Conway. Gun Show. Expo Center, 2505 East Oak St.

CALIFORNIA

Oct 10-11 CA, Antioch. Antioch Gun Show. Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 W. 10th Street. Nov 21-22 CA, Lodi. Lodi Gun Show. Lodi Grape Festival

Nov 21-22 CA, Lodi. Lodi Gun Show. Lodi Grape Fest Grounds, 413 E. Lockeford Street.

COLORADO

May 15-16 CO, Denver. Colorado Gun Collectors Association Annual Show. Denver Mart, 401 East 58th Avenue.

FLORIDA

Nov 21-22 FL, Ft. Myers. Civil War, Gun, Knife, Military Show. Araba Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson St at Rt. 41.

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Oct 24-25 GA, Lawrenceville. Gun Shows of the South. Gwinett Co Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugar Loaf Parkway.



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Oct 17-18 IN, Greenfield. Gun & Knife Show. Hancock Cty. Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St.

Oct 24-25 IN, Crown Point. Gun Show. Lake Cty. Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St.

Oct 24-25 IN, Newburgh. Newburgh Gun Show. American Legion Post 44, 711 State Street.

Oct 31-Nov 1 IN, Indianapolis. Gun Show. Stout Field National Guard Armory, 3912 W. Minnesota St.

Nov 6-8 IN, Indianapolis. Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show. Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St

Nov 14-15 IN, Kokomo. Gun & Knife Show. Kokomo Event Center, 1500 N Reed Road.

Nov 21-22 IN, Evansville. Gun & Knife Show. 4-H Center, Vanderburg Cty. Fairgrounds, 201 E. Boonville New Harmony Rd.

Nov 28-29 IN, Muncie. Gun & Knife Show. Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, 1210 N Wheeling Ave.

Nov 28-29 IN, Richmond. Central Indiana Gun & Knife Show. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Rd.

Dec 5-6 IN, Greenfield. Gun & Knife Show. Hancock Ctv. Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St.

Dec 12-13 IN, Crown Point. Gun Show. Lake Cty. Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St.

Dec 19-20 IN, Indianapolis. Gun Show. Stout Field National Guard Armory, 3912 W. Minnesota St.

IOWA

Oct 16-18 IA, Dubuque. Big Bore Enterprise: Dubuque lowa Gun Show. Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Rd.

Dec 18-20 IA, Maquoketa. Big Bore Enterprise: Maquoketa Iowa Gun Show. Jackson Valley Fairgrounds, 1212 E. Quarry.

KANSAS

Oct 10-11 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS.

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Dixon Expo Center, 9039 S. St. Landry Ave.

Dec 5-6 LA, Bossier City. Bossier Gun Show. Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd.

Dec 12-13 LA, Lafayette. Lafayette Gun Show. District Event Center, 4607 Johnston St.

Dec 19-20 LA, Kenner. Gun & Knife Show.
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- Oct 24-25 MI, Grand Rapids. Gun & Knife Show. 4 Mile Rd Showplace, 1025 Four Mile Rd.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 MI, Jackson. Gun & Knife Show. ORS Fieldhouse, 3055 Shirley Dr.
- Nov 7-8 MI, Port Huron. Gun & Knife Show. Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker Street.
- Nov 14-15 MI, Prudenville. Gun & Knife Show. Houghton Lake K of C, 833 W. West Branch Rd.
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- Dec 12-13 MI, Kalamazoo. Gun & Knife Show. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St.
- Dec 19-20 MI, Novi. Gun & Knife Show. Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River.
- Jan 2-3 MI, Cadillac. Cadillac Gun and Knife Show. Wexford Arena, 1320 N Mitchell.
- Feb 6-7 MI, St. Ignace. St. Ignace Gun and Knife Show. Kewadin Casino, 3039 Mackinac Trail.
- Mar 27-28 MI, Kalkaska. Kalkaska Gun and Knife Show. Kaliseum Rec Center, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd.

MISSISSIPPI

Oct 31-Nov 1 MS, Biloxi. Biloxi Gun Show. Mississippi Coast Coliseum , 2350 Beach Blvd.

MISSOURI

- Oct 10-11 MO, Springfield. RK Shows. Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3100 N. Grant St. Exit 77 off I-44. Oct 17-18 MO, Sedalia. RK Shows. Missouri State
- Oct 24-25 MO, Kansas City. RK Shows. KCI Expo Ctr., 11730 N. Ambassador Dr.

NEVADA

Oct 30-Nov 1 NV, Sparks. The Big Reno Show. Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave.

Fairgrounds, 2503 W 16th St.

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Jan 9-10 NY, Hamburg. Niagara Frontier Gun Shows. Hamburg Fairgrounds Event Building, 5820 South Park Ave.

OHIO

- Oct 10-11 OH, Medina. Gun Show. Community Ctr., Co. Fairgrounds (SR 42) 735 Lafayette Rd.
- Oct 17-18 OH, Montpelier. Stateline Gun Show. Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building, Montpelier Ohio.
- Oct 17-18 OH, Mansfield. Mansfield Gun Show. Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road.
- Oct 24-25 OH, Wellington. Lorain County Gun Show. Lorain County Fairgrounds, 23000 Fairgrounds Rd.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 OH, East Canton. East Canton Gun Show. Foltz Community Center, 224 Wood Street N.
- Nov 7-8 OH, Medina. Gun Show. Community Ctr., Co. Fairgrounds (SR 42) 735 Lafayette Rd.
- Nov 14-15 OH, Maumee. Gun Show. The Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key St.

- Nov 14-15 OH, Cambridge. Cambridge Gun Show. Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy. Nov 21 OH, Norwalk. Huron County Gun Show. Huron
- County Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd.

 Nov 21-22 OH, Montpelier. Stateline Gun Show.

 Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building,
- Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building,
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- Mar 6-7 PA, St Thomas . St Thomas Gun Show. St Thomas Fire Hall, 34 School House Rd.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Oct 31-Nov 1 SC, Myrtle Beach. Gun & Knife Show. Convention Ctr., 2101 N. Oak St.
- Nov 28-29 SC, Ladson. Gun & Knife Show. Exchange Park Fairgrounds, 9850 Hwy 78.
- Dec 12-13 SC, Columbia. Gun & Knife Show. State Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Dr.

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Oct 31-Nov 1 SD, Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls Classic Show. Ramkota Hotel Exhibit Hall, 3200 W. Maple St.
- Dec 5-6 SD, Rapid City. Rapid City Firearms
 Association December Gun Show. Rushmore
 Plaza Civic Center, 444 Rushmore Road North.
- Jan 9-10 SD, Rapid City. Rapid City Rifle Club 30th Annual Winter Gun Show. Central States Fairground, Fine Arts Building.

TENNESSEE

- Oct 10-11 TN, Knoxville. RK Shows. Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Hwy.
- Oct 17-18 TN, Lebanon. Gun Show. Wilson County Exposition Center, 945 East Baddour Parkway.
- Jan 16-17 TN, Knoxville. Knoxville TN: Smoky Mountain Gun Collectors Association. Gun Show. Kerbela Shrine Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave.

TEXAS

- Oct 10-11 TX, Ft. Worth. Premier Gun Shows. Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Ctr., 3401 Burnett Tandy.
- Oct 17-18 TX, Amarillo. The Original Amarillo Gun Show. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S, Buchanan.
- Oct 17-18 TX, Abilene. Gun & Knife Show. Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St.

- Oct 17-18 TX, McAllen. Gun Show. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Fredericksburg. Gun & Knife Show. Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town BLvd.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Pasadena. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 TX, Dripping Springs. Premier Gun Shows. Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Dr.
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- Nov 21-22 TX, Longview. Longview Gun Show. Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd.
- Nov 28-29 TX, Dallas. Premier Gun Shows. Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N Stemmons Fwy.
- Nov 28-29 TX, Nacogdoches. Gun Show. Civic Center, 3805 NW Stallings Drive.
- Dec 5-6 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. San Antonio Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf.
- Dec 5-6 TX, Allen. Premier Gun Show. Allen Event Center, 200 E. Stacy Road.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Amarillo. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Center, 401 Buchanan St.
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- Dec 19-20 TX, Ft. Worth. Gun & Knife Show. Will Rogers Memorial Center. 3401 W Lancaster Ave.
- Jan 2-3 TX, Ft. Worth. Premier Gun Shows. Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Ctr., 3401 Burnett Tandv.
- Jan 2-3 TX, Houston . High Caliber Gun & Knife Shows. George R. Brown Convention Center , 1001 Avenida de Las Americas.
- Feb 20-21 TX, Amarillo. The Original Amarillo Gun Show. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S, Buchanan. May 15-16 TX, Amarillo. The Original Amarillo Gun

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VIRGINIA

- Oct 10-11 VA, Virginia Beach. Gun Show. Convention Ctr. Pavilion, 1000 19th St.
- Oct 10-11 VA, Winchester . Sporting Shows Unlimited Gun, Knife and Outdoor Show. Winchester Sportsplex. 221 Commonwealth Court.
- Oct 10-11 VA, Dale City. Dale City Gun Show. Dale City VFW, 14631 Minnieville Rd.
- Oct 17-18 VA, Doswell. Gun Show. Meadow Event Park. 13048 Dawn Blvd.
- Oct 17-18 VA, Roanoke. Roanoke Valley Gun Show. The Berglund Center, 710 Williamson Rd NE.
- Oct 24-25 VA, Fredericksburg. Gun Show. Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D Silver Pkwy.
- Nov 14-15 VA, Woodstock. Sporting Shows Unlimited Gun, Knife and Outdoor Show. Woodstock Moose Lodge. 152 Moose Road.
- Nov 14-15 VA, Richmond. Richmond Gun Show. Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E Laburnum Ave.
- Nov 20-22 VA, Chantilly. The Nation's Gun Show.
 Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping
 Center
- Nov 28-29 VA, Hampton. Gun Show. Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr. off Mercury Blvd.
- Dec 5-6 VA, Fishersville. Fishersville Gun & Knife Show. Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road.
- Dec 12-13 VA, Fredericksburg. Gun Show. Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D Silver Pkwy.
- Dec 19-20 VA, Doswell. Gun Show. Meadow Event Park, 13048 Dawn Blvd.
- Dec 19-20 VA, Dale City. Dale City Gun Show. Dale City VFW, 14631 Minnieville Rd.
- Jan 1-3 VA, Chantilly. The Nation's Gun Show. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center.

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Nov 14-15 WV, Morgantown. The Morgantown Gun Show. Mylan Park Expo Center, Ruby Community Center, 500 Mylan Park Lane.

OCTOBER

- Oct 9-11 MD, Bel Air. Gun Show. American Legion Harford Post #39, 500 N. Hickory Ave. SH: Fri. 5pm-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$6. F: \$40. American Legion Harford Post #39. 500 N. Hickory Ave, Bel Air, MD 21014. PH: 443-299-7511. www.alpost39.org.
- Oct 9-11 MI, Lansing. Gun & Knife Show 3 Days. Ingham Cty. Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St, US 127 to Kipp Rd. E. SH: Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 440. F: \$55. Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows. com.
- Oct 10-11 AL, Hoover. Fall Gun Show. Hoover Met Complex, 100 Ben Chapman Drive. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. F: Member: Trade \$60, Display \$30; Non Member: Trade \$85, Display \$40. The Alabama Gun Collectors Association. PO Box 128, Clay, AL 35048. PH: 205-317-0948. www.algca.org.
- Oct 10-11 CA, Antioch. Antioch Gun Show. Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 W. 10th Street.

- SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 Under 18 Free w/Parent or Guardian Free Parking. T: 100. F: Single Table \$125 / 2 or More \$100 ea. / 5 or More \$90 ea.. California Gun Shows LLC. P.O. Box 729, Woodbridge, CA 95258. PH: 209-215-5599. http://www.mountainairepromotions.com/antiochgunshow.html.
- Oct 10-11 IN, Muncie. Gun & Knife Show. Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, 1210 N Wheeling Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows. PO Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindiana-gunshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 both days. F: 60. PO Box 837, Derby, KS 67037. PH: 888-851-0888. www.ctaga.net.
- Oct 10-11 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 both days. F: 60. PO Box 837, Derby, KS 67037. PH: 888-851-0888. www.ctaga.net.
- Oct 10-11 MO, Springfield. RK Shows. Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3100 N. Grant St. Exit 77 off I-44. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: Adults(Ages 13 & up): \$12, VIP: \$14.50 no line, no wait. Children(Ages 6-12): \$4, VIP: \$6.50 no line, no wait. T: 1000. RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 OH, Medina. Gun Show. Community
 Ctr., Co. Fairgrounds (SR 42) 735 Lafayette
 Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7.,
 under 12 free. T: 450. F: \$55. Conrad & Dowdell
 Productions. 9047 Kennard Rd., Lodi, OH 44254.
 PH: 330-948-4400. www.conraddowdell.com.
- Oct 10-11 TN, Knoxville. RK Shows. Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Hwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: Adults(Ages 13 & up) \$12, VIP: \$14.50 – no line, no wait. Children(Ages 6-12) \$5, VIP: \$7.50 – no line, no wait. T: 500. RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 TX, Ft. Worth. Premier Gun Shows. Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Ctr., 3401 Burnett Tandy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10 cash only. T: 1200. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 VA, Dale City. Dale City Gun Show.

 Dale City VFW, 14631 Minnieville Rd. SH: Sat.

 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$7. T: 160. F: \$60.

 Showmasters Gun Shows. 4225 Fortress Dr,

 Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.
 showmastersgunshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 VA, Virginia Beach. Gun Show. Convention Ctr. Pavilion, 1000 19th St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10. T: 600. Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd.. PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA 23703. PH: 757-483-5383. www.sgkshows.com.
- Oct 10-11 VA, Winchester . Sporting Shows Unlimited Gun, Knife and Outdoor Show. Winchester Sportsplex, 221 Commonwealth Court. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$7 per person
- Children under 12 are FREE. T: 250. F: \$60. Sporting Shows Unlimited (formerly VA Gun & Knife Shows, LLC). 7498 Keith Road, Warrenton, VA 20186. PH: 703-717-1608. www.sportingshowsunlimited.com.
- Oct 16-18 IA, Dubuque. Big Bore Enterprise: Dubuque Iowa Gun Show. Dubuque County Fairgrounds,

- 14569 Old Highway Rd. SH: Fri. 4pm-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: Adults- \$8 per day or \$10 for the entire weekend, 17 and under \$1 per day, 12 and under free, Veterans and active military are free. T: 200. F: \$40 for the first table and \$30 for every table after.. Big Bore Enterprise. 3160 Arboretum Court, Dubuque, IA 52001. PH: 563-590-4317. www.bigboreenterprise.com.
- Oct 17-18 IN, Greenfield. Gun & Knife Show. Hancock Cty. Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows. P0 Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindianagunshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 MI, Cadillac. Gun & Knife Show. Wexford County Fairgrounds, US 131 & 13th St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 250. F: \$45. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 MO, Sedalia. RK Shows. Missouri State Fairgrounds, 2503 W 16th St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: Adults: \$8, VIP: \$10.50 no line, no wait Kids: \$4, VIP: \$6.50 no line, no wait. T: 200. RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 OH, Mansfield. Mansfield Gun Show. Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$6.00, 12 and under free, free admission if you join or renew NRA at this show. T: 200. F: \$40 (discount for 5 or more). Heritage Gun Shows, LLC. PO Box 93, Bolivar, OH 44612. PH: 330-806-0747. www. heritagegunshowsohio.com.
- Oct 17-18 OH, Montpelier. Stateline Gun Show.
 Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building,
 Montpelier Ohio. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun.
 9am-3pm. A: \$4- ages 10 and under free with
 paying adult . T: 125. F: \$25. Duane Votaw. 13530
 CR S, Pioneer, OH 43554. PH: 419-630-6289.
 www.statelinegunshow.com.
- Oct 17-18 PA, Monroeville. The Pittsburgh Gun Show.
 Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd. SH:
 Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$11. T: 600.
 F: \$55. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr,
 Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.
 showmastersgunshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 TN, Lebanon. Gun Show. Wilson County Exposition Center, 945 East Baddour Parkway. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10. F: . RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 TX, Abilene. Gun & Knife Show. Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. Texas Gun & Knife Association. 126 Cedar Knoll, Kerrville, TX 78028. PH: 830-285-0575. www.texasgunandknifeshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 TX, Amarillo. The Original Amarillo Gun Show. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S, Buchanan. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. A: General Admission \$7 per day \$10 for both days. Free Admission to Children Under 13. T: 300. F: 50. Pioneer Gun Collectors. PO Box 20806, Amarillo, TX 79114. PH: 806-567-8700. www. pioneergun.com.
- Oct 17-18 TX, McAllen. Gun Show. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80/ electricity \$65. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 VA, Roanoke. Roanoke Valley Gun Show. The Berglund Center, 710 Williamson Rd NE. SH:

- Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$11. T: 500. F: \$65. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www. showmastersgunshows.com.
- Oct 17-18 VA, Doswell. Gun Show. Meadow Event Park, 13048 Dawn Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10. T: 300. Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd.. PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA 23703. PH: 757-483-5383. www.sgkshows.com.
- Oct 18-Dec 20 IL, woodstock. mc henry county gun show. mc henry county fairgrounds, 11900 country club rd. SH: Sun. 8am-1pm, Sun. 8am-1pm, Sun. 8am-1pm. A: \$ 5.00. T: 100. F: \$ 30.00. dandy guns. 311 highland, lakemoor, IL 60051. PH: 815-385-1982.
- Oct 24-25 GA, Lawrenceville. Gun Shows of the South. Gwinett Co Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugar Loaf Parkway. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. F: . RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 IN, Newburgh. Newburgh Gun Show.
 American Legion Post 44, 711 State Street. SH:
 Sat. 8am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.00. T: 60.
 F: \$40. Evansville Military Collectors Club. 3299
 Woodview Drive, Newburgh, IN 47630. PH:
 812-483-3064. www.evvmilitarycollectors.com.
- Oct 24-25 IN, Crown Point. Gun Show. Lake Cty.
 Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm,
 Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5., under 12 free w/adult.
 F: \$45. Central Indiana Gun Shows. PO Box 32,
 Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.
 centralindianagunshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 LA, Kenner. Gun & Knife Show.
 Pontchartrain Ctr., New Orleans Area, Williams
 Blvd. Exit off I-10. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am5pm. T: 400. F: \$85. PO Box 24416, Knoxville, TN
 37933. PH: 865-671-4757. www.greatsouthernqunshow.com.
- Oct 24-25 MI, Grand Rapids. Gun & Knife Show. 4
 Mile Rd Showplace, 1025 Four Mile Rd. SH: Sat.
 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 450. F: \$55. Sport
 Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854.
 PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 MO, Kansas City. RK Shows. KCI Expo Ctr., 11730 N. Ambassador Dr. SH: Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: Adults(Ages 13 & up) \$12, VIP \$14.50 no line, no wait. Children(Ages 6-12) \$4, VIP \$6.50 no line, no wait. T: 1000. RK Shows. PO Box 334, Manchester, IA 52057. PH: 563-927-8176. www.rkshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 OH, Wellington. Lorain County Gun Show. Lorain County Fairgrounds, 23000 Fairgrounds Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.00-12 and under Free. T: 100. F: \$35.00 ea. for both days. Bill-Mar Promotions. 221 E Main St, South Amherst, OH 44001. PH: 440-320-4660. gmoates@twc.com.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town BLvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8 cash only. T: 700. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www. premiergunshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Pasadena. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 300. F: \$85 advance. p.o. box 2616, Alvin, TX 77512. PH: 817-975-6707. www.texasgunshows.com
- Oct 24-25 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. T: 350. F: \$70

- per table if prepaid, \$75 otherwise. Lone Star Gun Shows. 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX 75150. PH: 214-635-2009. www.lonestargunshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 TX, Fredericksburg. Gun & Knife Show. Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. Texas Gun & Knife Association. 126 Cedar Knoll, Kerrville, TX 78028. PH: 830-285-0575. www.texasgunandknifeshows.com
- Oct 24-25 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80/ electricity \$45. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Oct 24-25 VA, Fredericksburg. Gun Show. Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D Silver Pkwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10. T: 450. Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd.. PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA 23703. PH: 757-483-5383. www. sqkshows.com.
- Oct 30-Nov 1 NV, Sparks. The Big Reno Show.
 Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave. SH:
 Fri. 9am-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm.
 A: One Day Pass \$12, Weekend Pass (3 days)
 \$20, Honored Guest Pass \$85 includes
 admission for Dealer Set-Up Day, plus all 3 show
 days. F: Table \$155, Booth \$410. P0 Box
 10485, Reno, NV 89510. PH: 775-828-2350.
 BigRenoShow.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 AR, Conway. Gun Show. Expo Center, 2505 East Oak St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10. T: 400. F: 1-4 \$55; 5+ \$50; 10+ \$45. G&S Promotions. PO Box 338, Wister, OK 74966. PH: 918-659-2201. www.gandsgunshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 IN, Indianapolis. Gun Show. Stout Field National Guard Armory, 3912 W. Minnesota St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$40. Central Indiana Gunshows, LLC. PO Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www. centralindianagunshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 MI, Jackson. Gun & Knife Show. ORS Fieldhouse, 3055 Shirley Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 350. F: . Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 MS, Biloxi. Biloxi Gun Show. Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. F: . Classic Arms Productions. 427 N. Theard St Suite 357, Covington, LA 70433. PH: 985-624-8577. www. capgunshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 OH, East Canton. East Canton Gun Show. Foltz Community Center, 224 Wood Street N. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$6.00, 12 and under free, free admission if you join or renew NRA at this show. T: 115. F: \$40 (discount for 5 or more). Heritage Gun Shows, LLC. PO Box 93, Bolivar, OH 44612. PH: 330-806-0747. www. heritagegunshowsohio.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 SC, Myrtle Beach. Gun & Knife Show. Convention Ctr., 2101 N. Oak St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$65. MK Shows. P.O. Box 685, Monroe, ga 30655. PH: 770-630-7296. www.mkshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 SD, Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls Classic Show.
 Ramkota Hotel Exhibit Hall, 3200 W. Maple St. SH:
 Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. T: 400. F:
 . Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association . PO
 Box 158, Strasburg, ND 58573. PH: 701-336-

- 7533. www.dtgca.org.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 TX, Dripping Springs. Premier Gun Shows. Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8 cash only. T: 200. F: \$75. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com.
- Oct 31-Nov 1 TX, Conroe. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 FM 1484. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. T: 300. F: \$85 advance. p.o. box 2616, Alvin, TX 77512. PH: 817-975-6707. www.texasgunshows. com.

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- Nov 6-8 IN, Indianapolis. Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show. Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St. SH: Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110. PO Box 14194, Oklahoma City, OK 73113. PH: 405-340-1333. www.indy1500.com.
- Nov 7-8 MI, Port Huron. Gun & Knife Show. Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker Street. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 350. F: \$55. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Nov 7-8 OH, Medina. Gun Show. Community Ctr., Co. Fairgrounds (SR 42) 735 Lafayette Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7., under 12 free. T: 450. F: \$55. Conrad & Dowdell Productions. 9047 Kennard Rd., Lodi, OH 44254. PH: 330-948-4400. www.conraddowdell.com.
- Nov 7-8 TX, Pasadena. Premier Gun Shows.
 Convention Ctr., 7902 Fairmont Pkwy. SH: Sat.
 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8 cash only. T:
 300. Premier Gun Shows. P0 Box 34224, Fort
 Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.
 premiergunshows.com.
- Nov 7-8 TX, Ft. Worth. Gun & Knife Show. Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W Lancaster Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 800. F: \$80 per table if prepaid, \$85 otherwise. Lone Star Gun Shows. 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX 75150. PH: 214-635-2009. www.lonestargunshows.com.
- Nov 7-8 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. San Antonio Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 IN, Kokomo. Gun & Knife Show. Kokomo Event Center, 1500 N Reed Road. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows. PO Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindianagunshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 LA, Gonzales. Gonzales Gun Show.
 Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, 9039 S. St. Landry Ave.
 SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. F: .
 Classic Arms Productions. 427 N. Theard St Suite
 357, Covington, LA 70433. PH: 985-624-8577.
 www.capgunshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 MI, Prudenville. Gun & Knife Show. Houghton Lake K of C, 833 W. West Branch Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 300. F: \$25. Sport Show Promotions. P0 Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www. migunshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 OH, Maumee. Gun Show. The Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key St. SH: Sat. 8am-4pm, Sun. 8am-3pm. A: \$5. F: . Maumee Valley Gun Collectors Inc. PO Box 492, Maumee, OH 43537. PH: 419-893-5173. www.mvgca.com.

- Nov 14-15 OH, Cambridge. Cambridge Gun Show. Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$6.00. 12 and under free. Free admission if you join or renew NRA at this show. T: 140. F: \$40 (discount for 5 or more). Heritage Gun Shows, LLC. PO Box 93, Bolivar, OH 44612. PH: 330-806-0747. www. heritagegunshowsohio.com.
- Nov 14-15 TX, Kerrville. Gun & Knife Show. Event Center, 3785 TX-27. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. Texas Gun & Knife Association. 126 Cedar Knoll, Kerrville, TX 78028. PH: 830-285-0575. www.texasgunandknifeshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80/ electricity \$45. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Nov 14-15 VA, Woodstock. Sporting Shows Unlimited Gun, Knife and Outdoor Show. Woodstock Moose Lodge, 152 Moose Road. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$7 per person. Children under 12 are FREE. T: 140. F: \$60. Sporting Shows Unlimited (formerly VA Gun & Knife Shows, LLC). 7498 Keith Road, Warrenton, VA 20186. PH: 703-717-1608. www.sportingshowsunlimited.com.
- Nov 14-15 VA, Richmond. Richmond Gun Show. Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E Laburnum Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$12, Children 12-17 - \$6. Children under 12 - Free. T: 800. F: \$80 Electric \$35. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.showmastersgunshows.
- Nov 14-15 WV, Morgantown. The Morgantown Gun Show. Mylan Park Expo Center, Ruby Community Center, 500 Mylan Park Lane, SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$8. T: 300. F: \$45. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www. showmastersgunshows.com.
- Nov 16 OR, Portland. The Original Rose City Gun Show. Metropolitan Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10. Calico Light Weapon Systems.
- Nov 20-22 MI, Lansing. Gun & Knife Show 3 Days. Ingham Cty. Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St, US 127 to Kipp Rd. E. SH: Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 440. F: \$55. Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.
- Nov 20-22 VA, Chantilly. The Nation's Gun Show. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center. SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: Friday - \$13. Saturday/Sunday \$16/day; \$22/3-day pass; children 12-17 - \$8; children under 12 - Free with Supervising Adult. T: 1300. F: \$115 aisle/\$120 wall Electric \$95, Phone \$195, Wifi: FREE. Showmasters Gun Shows. 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.thenationsgunshow.com.
- Nov 21-22 CA, Lodi. Lodi Gun Show. Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E. Lockeford Street. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 - Under 18 FREE w/Parent or Guardian - Free Parking. T: 220. F: Single Table \$125 / 2 or More \$100 ea. / 5 or More \$90 ea.. California Gun Shows LLC. P.O. Box 729, Woodbridge, CA 95258. PH: 209-215-5599. http://www.mountainairepromotions.com/ lodiaunshow.html.

- Nov 21-22 FL, Ft. Myers. Civil War, Gun, Knife, Military Show, Araba Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson St at Rt. 41. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-1pm. A: \$8. F: \$90. Florida Military Antique Collectors, Inc. PO Box 6518, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33932. PH: 847-863-3929. www.fmaac.tripod.com.
- Nov 21-22 IN, Evansville. Gun & Knife Show. 4-H Center, Vanderburg Cty. Fairgrounds, 201 E. Boonville New Harmony Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm, F: . PO Box 32. Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindianagunshows.com.
- Nov 21-22 OH, Norwalk. Huron County Gun Show. Huron County Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.00-12 and under free. T: 100. F: \$35.00 ea. for both days. Bill-Mar Promotions. 221 E Main St, South Amherst, OH 44001. PH: 440-320-4660. gmoates@twc.com.
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- Nov 21-22 OH, Montpelier. Stateline Gun Show. Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building, Montpelier Ohio. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm, A: \$4- ages 10 and under free with paying adult . T: 125. F: \$25. Duane Votaw. 13530 CR S, Pioneer, OH 43554. PH: 419-630-6289. www.statelinegunshow.com.
- Nov 21-22 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town BLvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8 cash only. T: 700. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.



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- Nov 21-22 TX, McAllen. Gun Show. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm, F: \$80/ electricity \$65. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Nov 27-29 MI, Birch Run. Gun & Knife Show 3 Day Show. Frankenmuth Credit Union Event Center, Exit 136 off I-75. SH: Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 700. F: \$55. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Nov 28-29 AL, Birmingham. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Center, 2100 Richard Arrington, Jr Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. T: 400. F: \$80. Great Southern Gun & Knife Shows. PO Box 24416, Knoxville, TN 37933. PH: 865-671-4757. www. greatsoutherngunshow.com.
- Nov 28-29 IN, Muncie. Gun & Knife Show. Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, 1210 N Wheeling Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows. PO Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindianagunshows.com.
- Nov 28-29 IN, Richmond. Central Indiana Gun & Knife Show. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows. PO Box 32, Centerville. IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www. centralindianagunshows.com.
- Nov 28-29 PA, Monroeville. The Pittsburgh Gun Show. Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$11. T: 600. F: \$55. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.showmastersgunshows.com.
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- Dec 5-6 IN, Greenfield. Gun & Knife Show. Hancock Cty. Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32. Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www.centralindianagunshows.com.
- Dec 5-6 LA, Bossier City. Bossier Gun Show. Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: . Classic Arms Productions. 427 N. Theard St Suite 357, Covington, LA 70433, PH: 985-624-8577, www. capqunshows.com.
- Dec 5-6 MI, Grand Rapids. Gun & Knife Show. 4 Mile Rd Showplace, 1025 Four Mile Rd, SH; Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 450. F: \$55. Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.com.
- Dec 5-6 SD, Rapid City. Rapid City Firearms Association December Gun Show. Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 444 Rushmore Road North. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.00 Daily, T: 215. F: \$40.00 in Advance \$45.00 2 wks prior. Rapid City Rifle Club. PO Box 1945, Rapid City, SD 57709. PH: 605-209-1166. rapidcityrifleclub.org.
- Dec 5-6 TX, Allen. Premier Gun Show. Allen Event Center, 200 E. Stacy Road. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10. F: . Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com.
- Dec 5-6 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. San Antonio Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80. Saxet Gun Shows, PO Box 5677. Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
- Dec 5-6 VA, Fishersville. Fishersville Gun & Knife Show. Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$9. T: 380. F: \$65. Showmasters, Inc. . 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www. showmastersgunshows.com.
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- Dec 12-13 LA, Lafayette. Lafayette Gun Show. District Event Center, 4607 Johnston St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: . 427 N. Theard St Suite 357, Covington, LA 70433. PH: 985-624-8577. www.capgunshows.com.
- Dec 12-13 MI, Kalamazoo. Gun & Knife Show. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 275. F: \$55. Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www. migunshows.com.
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- 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8.. MK Shows. P.O. Box 685. Monroe, ga 30655, PH: 770-630-7296. www.MKShows.com.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town BLvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8 cash only. T: 700. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www. premiergunshows.com.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. T: 350. F: \$70 per table if prepaid, \$75 otherwise. Lone Star Gun Shows. 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX 75150. PH: 214-635-2009. www.lonestargunshows.com.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Conroe. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 FM 1484. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. T: 300.

- F: \$85 advance. p.o. box 2616, Alvin, TX 77512. PH: 817-975-6707. www.texasgunshows.com.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Amarillo. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Center, 401 Buchanan St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. Texas Gun & Knife Association. 126 Cedar Knoll, Kerrville, TX 78028. PH: 830-285-0575. www.texasgunandknifeshows.com.
- Dec 12-13 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$80/ electricity \$45. Saxet Gun Shows. PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX 78465. PH: 361-289-2256. www.saxetshows.com.
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- Dec 19-20 IN, Indianapolis. Gun Show. Stout Field National Guard Armory, 3912 W. Minnesota St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$40. Central Indiana Gunshows, LLC. PO Box 32, Centerville, IN 47330. PH: 765-993-8942. www. centralindianagunshows.com.
- Dec 19-20 LA, Kenner. Gun & Knife Show.
 Pontchartrain Ctr., New Orleans Area, Williams
 Blvd. Exit off I-10. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am5pm. T: 400. F: \$85. PO Box 24416, Knoxville, TN
 37933. PH: 865-671-4757. www.greatsoutherngunshow.com.
- Dec 19-20 MI, Novi. Gun & Knife Show. Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. A: \$6. T: 900. F: \$55. Sport Show Promotions. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www. migunshows.com.
- Dec 19-20 OH, Wellington. Lorain County Gun Show.
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 Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.0012 and under free. T: 100. F: \$35.00 ea. for
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- Dec 19-20 OK, Shawnee. Gun Show. Expo Center, 1700 West Independence. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$8. T: 200. F: 1-4 \$45; 5+ \$40; 10+ \$35. G&S Promotions. PO Box 338, Wister, OK 74966. PH: 918-659-2201. www. gandsgunshows.com.
- Dec 19-20 TX, Pasadena. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 300. F: \$85 advance. p.o. box 2616, Alvin, TX 77512. PH: 817-975-6707. www.texasgun-shows.com
- Dec 19-20 TX, Ft. Worth. Gun & Knife Show. Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W Lancaster Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 800. F: \$80 per table if prepaid, \$85 otherwise. Lone Star Gun Shows. 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX 75150. PH: 214-635-2009. www. lonestargunshows.com.
- Dec 19-20 VA, Dale City. Dale City Gun Show.

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 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$7. T: 160. F: \$60.

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- Jan 1-3 VA, Chantilly. The Nation's Gun Show. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center. SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: Friday \$13; Saturday/Sunday \$16/day; \$22/3-day pass; children 12-17 \$8; children under 12 Free with Supervising Adult. T: 1300. F: \$115 aisle/\$120 wall Electric \$95, Phone \$195, Wifi: FREE. Showmasters Gun Shows. 4225 Fortress Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. PH: 540-951-1344. www.thenationsgunshow.com.
- Jan 2-3 MI, Cadillac. Cadillac Gun and Knife Show. Wexford Arena, 1320 N Mitchell. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: 6. T: 200. F: 50/ wkend 35/day. J&J Sport Shows. 18134 Meadow Ln, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307. PH: 180-096-8501. www.jjsportshows.com.
- Jan 2-3 TX, Ft. Worth. Premier Gun Shows. Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Ctr., 3401 Burnett Tandy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10 cash only. T: 1200. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com.
- Jan 2-3 TX, Houston . High Caliber Gun & Knife Shows. George R. Brown Convention Center , 1001 Avenida de Las Americas. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. T: 600. F: \$85 advance. p.o. box 2616, Alvin, TX 77512. PH: 817-975-6707. www.texasgunshows.com.
- Jan 9-10 NY, Hamburg. Niagara Frontier Gun Shows. Hamburg Fairgrounds Event Building, 5820 South Park Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7 at the door. T: 425. F: \$50. NFG Shows. 83 eckerson, akron, NY 14001. PH: 716-542-9928. www.nfqshows.com.
- Jan 9-10 SD, Rapid City. Rapid City Rifle Club 30th Annual Winter Gun Show. Central States Fairground, Fine Arts Building, Lacross Street. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$5.00 Daily. T: 115. F: \$40.00 in Advance \$45.00 2 wks prior. Rapid City Rifle Club. PO Box 1945, Rapid City, SD 57709. PH: 605-209-1166. rapidcityrifleclub.org.
- Jan 16-17 TN, Knoxville. Knoxville TN: Smoky Mountain Gun Collectors Association Gun Show. Kerbela Shrine Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. A: \$8.00 each day. T: 120. F: \$50.00. Smoky Mountain Gun Collectors Association,Inc. . P.O.Box 9251, Knoxville, TN 37940. PH: 865-333-4970. www.smokymountainguncollectorsassociation.org.

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- Feb 6-7 MI, St. Ignace. St. Ignace Gun and Knife Show. Kewadin Casino, 3039 Mackinac Trail. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: 6. T: 200. F: 50 /wknd 35/day. 18134 Meadow Ln, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307. PH: 180-096-8501. www.jjsportshows.com.
- Feb 20-21 KY, Louisville. National Gun Day . KY
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 under 12. T: 1650. National Gun Day; Ron Dickson
 . PO Box 741, Oxford, OH 45056. PH: 513-5233574. www.nationalgunday.com.
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MARCH

- Mar 6-7 PA, St Thomas . St Thomas Gun Show. St Thomas Fire Hall, 34 School House Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: 5.oo. T: 60. F: 15.00. Frontier County Gun Club. Jack Mill Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202. PH: 717-263-3715. www.fcgunclub.org.
- Mar 12-13 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 both days. F: 60. PO Box 837, Derby, KS 67037. PH: 888-851-0888. www.ctaga.net.
- Mar 12-13 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 both days. F: 60. PO Box 837, Derby, KS 67037. PH: 888-851-0888. www.ctaga.net.
- Mar 27-28 MI, Kalkaska. Kalkaska Gun and Knife Show. Kaliseum Rec Center, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: 6. T: 215. F: 50 /wknd 35/day. J&J Sport Shows. 18134 Meadow Ln, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307. PH: 180-096-8501. www.jjsportshows.com.

MAY

- May 15-16 CO, Denver. Colorado Gun Collectors
 Association Annual Show. Denver Mart, 401 East
 58th Avenue. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm.
 A: \$10. T: 1100. F: 8' Display tables \$130, Trade
 tables \$150. PO Box C, Fort Collins, CO 80522.
 PH: 720-482-0167. www.cgca.com.
- May 15-16 TX, Amarillo. The Original Amarillo Gun Show. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S, Buchanan. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. A: General Admission – \$7 per day – \$10 for both days. Free Admission to Children Under 13. T: 300. F: 50. Pioneer Gun Collectors. PO Box 20806, Amarillo, TX 79114. PH: 806-567-8700. www. pioneergun.com.

OCTOBER

- Oct 9-10 KS, park city. Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Assoc. Gun Show. Hartman Arena, 8151 N Hartman Arena Dr, Park City, KS. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10 both days. F: 60. PO Box 837, Derby, KS 67037. PH: 888-851-0888. www.ctaga.net.
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- Oct 9-10 KY, Louisville. National Gun Day . KY Fair & Expo Center, 937 Phillips Ln. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$12, \$2 children under 12. T: 1650. National Gun Day; Ron Dickson . PO Box 741, Oxford, OH 45056. PH: 513-523-3574. www.nationalgunday.com.
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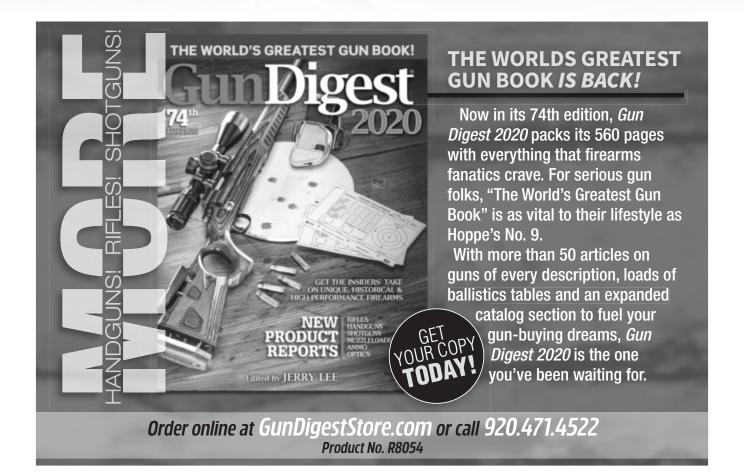
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- 6-K Beretta 9mm Model 92F Auto Pistol 4 3/4" barrel with mint bore, 98% black factory enamel finish with just high edge wear, factory fixed sights, ambidextrous decocking/safety lever, black plastic factory logo grips, one factory magazine (15 round hi cap) lanyard loop, made in Italy, excellent function both single and double action, aluminum frame has light edge wear on backstrap ...
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- 8-K Beretta 9mm Model 92G Auto Pistol 4 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 98% black enamel finish, Trilicon" sights, ambidextrous decocking lever, slight edge and holster wear, pistol has lanyard loop and comes with one factory hi cap 15 round magazine, functions both double and single action, excellent function
- 9-K Beretta 9mm Para Model 92-S Double Action Auto Pistol 4 34" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original blue, fixed sights, excellent logo black plastic checkered grips, 15 shot original magazine, a nice early 2nd series 92 in excellent condition ...
- 10-K Browning .22 LR "Nomad" Auto Pistol 4 ½" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, fully adjustable rear and ramp blade front sights, minty checkered Walnut target style grips probably from a "Challenger" model Browning, excellent function, Belgian made in 1968, super Innker (C&R)
- 11-K Browning .22 LR "Nomad" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, ramp blade front and adjustable open rear sight, 97% original bright blue with a little silvering on sharp edges, excellent checkered black plastic logo wrap around target style grips, excellent function made in
- 12-K Browning .25 ACP "Baby" Model Vest Pocket Auto Pistol 2" barrel with excellent bright bore, sight groove on slide, "F.N." marked slide, 96% original bright blue with a little loss and light peppering on right side of slide, minty "F.N." logo checkered hard rubber grips, excellent function (C&R) . \$495
- 13-K Browning .380 ACP Model 1910/1955 Auto Pistol 3 ½" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% bright original blue, backstrap safety and front strap blue turning to gray, fixed sights, mint Browning logo black checkered plastic grips, one factory magazine, excellent function, manufactured 1955, collector quality (C&R)
- 14-K Browning .380 ACP Model 1955 Pocket Auto Pistol 3 7/16" barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 99% original bright blue, mint Browning logo checkered black plastic grips, Belgian made in 1967, comes in its original Browning marked soft case, excellent function, looks unfired, collector
- TS-K Browning 9mm Para "Danish Contract" High Power Auto Pistol 4 34" barrel with very good+ bright bore, fixed sights, external extractor, matching numbers on barrel, slide and frame (frame has serial number on front strap), "Danish crown" crest on right side of slide, very good+checkered Walnut original grips, spur hammer, no lanyard ring, "C" prefix serial number, this is not the 1946 post war contract pistol but a later (probably 1960's) purchase, excellent function, 13 shot magazine is marked "Belgium-9mm NATO/Luger", 95% original commercial style blue showing a little scattered light pitting and light holster carry wear, excellent function (C&R)\$1075
- **16-K CZ .380 ACP Model CZ-24 Auto Pistol** 3 ½" barrel with mint bore, 95%+ original high polish blue with 70% original straw color, fixed sights, minty CZ logo checkered wrap around plastic grips, matching numbers, excellent function, comes in a period "BNZ" ink stamped leather flap holster with spare magazine pocket (no extra magazine), 1937 proofed pistol, holster is probably for a P-35 Radom (C&R)
- 17-K Colt .22 LR "Woodsman Sport" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, ramp blade front and fully adjustable target style rear sights, near excellent checkered Walnut thumbrest grips showing a minor chipout on lower edge of right side panel, excellent function, made in 1969 (C&R)
- 18-K Colt .25 ACP Model 1908 Vest Pocket Auto Pistol 2" barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 98% original blue and case color with just a bit of silvering on sharp edges, mint checkered black hard rubber grips with Colt logo, minty (2) tone magazine, excellent function, made in 1919, collector quality (C&R
- 19-K Colt .25 ACP Model 1908 Vest Pocket Auto Pistol 2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 99% original bright blue and slightly faded case colors, mint checkered Walnut grips with silver Colt medallions, matching numbers, (2) tone magazine, made in 1930, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)
- 20-K Colt .22 LR Government Gold Cup National Match Auto Pistol 5" recoiling chamber early style barrel with mint bore, upper is a complete 1950's style conversion unit on a .45 ACP National Match lower, fixed sights, adjustable trigger, flat serrated mainspring housing, mint checkered Walnut standard grips with gold medallions, Colt marked 22 magazine, excellent function, 70 series frame

- 21-K Colt .45 ACP "Government Model" Pre-WW-I Commercial Auto Pistol 5" military replacement barrel with mint bore, 96% original bright blue with fading and graying on front trap and sharp edges, slide shows what appears to be a double strike on patent information and a rampant Colt horse at left rear, "V" inspector marked at lower left of triggerguard and at disconnector, excellent double diamond checkered Walnut grips, excellent lanyard loop magazine, all correct and original parts (except barrel) for a 1916 made 1911, excellent function (C&R)
- 22-K Colt .45 Auto Government Model Series 80 Stainless Auto Pistol 5" barrel with mint bore, all stainless construction show minor scratching in slide, fixed sights plus crimson trace red
- 24-K Colt .45 Auto "Combat Commander" Auto Pistol 4 ¼" barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original blue, series 70 pistol made in 1971, rear sight has been changed to a fully adjustable style by milling out a slot like an S&W rear sight, 1/8" wide standard front sight, added full beavertail, grip safety, added large diamond checkered wood grips, excellent function and nice looking ...\$675
 25-K Colt .45 ACP "Lightweight Commander" Series 70 Auto Pistol 4 ½" barrel with mint bere 109% or critical blue nichts greated (24 to partie this plut pricing partie 70 arms and 100 prices 100 pric
- bore, 98%+ original blue, sights are added (3) dot combat style, all original series 70 commander parts other than sights and captive recoil slide spring, made in 1971, excellent function, original Colt gold medallion full checkered Walnut grips, arched mainspring housing, super looker, "CLW" prefix on serial number \$795
- 26-K Colt .45 ACP "Combat Commander" Series 70 Auto Pistol 4 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original satin nickel finish, fully adjustable nickel finish "Bo-Mar" rear sight and 1/8" blade front sight, spur hammer, short serrated trigger, flat checkered mainspring housing, original Colt silver medallion wrap around rubber grips, original nickel magazine with bumper bottom, excellent function, made in 1977
- 27-K Colt .45 ACP MK / IV Series 80 "Lightweight Officers ACP" Auto Pistol 3 ½" barrel with mint bore, 99% original matte blue / black finish, (3) white dot combat style sights, spur hammer, beavertail grip safety, checkered synthetic wrap around original grips with silver Colt medallions, as new in original blue plastic case with spare magazine and manual, made in 1996...
- 28-K Colt .22 LR Frontier Scout Single Action Revolver 4 34" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ factory blue, factory open sights, case hardened hammer, factory composite black checkered grips
- with logo, cylinder shows very light drag line, collector quality (f) suffix serial number\$465

 29-K Colt .22 LR "Duotone" Frontier Scout Single Action Revolver 4 ¾" barrel with mint bore, 99% factory blue, factory "in the white" frame and grip strap, excellent shape with little edge wear, synthetic black checkered grips with rampant Colt in an oval, excellent function, tight lockup. manufactured in 1958 (C&R)
- 30-K Colt .22 LR "Scout" Nebraska Commemorative Single Action Cased Revolver $4\,\%$
- 31-K Colt .32 N.P. (32 S&W) "Detective Special" Second Issue Revolver 2" barrel with mint
- incorrect serial number on bottom of box (C&R)
- 33-K Colt .38 Special "Official Police" Double Action Revolver 4" barrel with bright excellent bore, 85% original blue thinning on barrel to gray, high edge wear along frame with some peppering on right side above trigger on frame, cylinder is blue to gray on high edges, checkered Walnut grips with silver medallions, very tight lock up, "S.C.H.D." engraved on butt, excellent function, manufactured 1957 (C&R) \$365
- 34-K Colt .22 LR "Officers Model" Target 3rd Issue Revolver 6" barrel with mint bore, 98% original bright blue with a small spot of pitting at the lower edge of sideplate and frame, factory adjustable front and rear target sights, target hammer, excellent service style checkered Walnut grips with silver Colt medallions, excellent function, super tight lockup and perfect timing, made in 1943
- 35-K Colt .45 Colt "New Service" Double Action Revolver 7 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98% original bright and "fire" blue with most loss on thinning front and backstrap, fixed sights, minty Colt logo checkered black hard rubber grips, lanyard at butt, excellent function, all matching with grips factory scratch numbered to gun, collector quality, made in 1907 early model 1st variation, hard to find one better (C&R) \$2095
- 36-K Colt .337 Magnum "Trooper" Double Action Revolver 4" barrel with bright mint bore, 98%+ original blue with edge wear at bottom of crane and at muzzle, very light drag line on cylinder,
- parts, spurless hammer for double action only function, made in 1943, all original and near new overall (C&R)
- 38-K Finnish Valmet 9mm Para Model L-35 4th variation Auto Pistol 4 34" barrel with bright mint bore, 98%+ original blue, fixed sights, no load indicator, brown plastic checkered grips with "VKT" marked in center, one factory magazine, top of slide marked "Valmet L-35", left side is marked with matching serialized numbers, on right side of trigger and a roll pin above triggerguard, both have been engraved with an electric pen "E", collector quality, excellent function (C&R\$1895 39-K Frommer .25 ACP "Lilliput" Vest Pocket Auto Pistol 2" barrel with excellent bright
- bore, 95%+ original blue, fixed sights, 90% faded case color on spur hammer, excellent "FE" logo checkered black hard rubber grips, bottom of original magazine is marked "6.35 Frommer", excellent function (C&R) \$595

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- 40-K Harrington & Richardson .22 LR "Sportsman" Top Break Target Revolver 6" ovoid barrel with mint bore, 98% original bright blue, fully adjustable front and rear target style sights, excellent checkered Walnut one piece target style grips, damascened sides of hammer, excellent unction both single and double action, an early style "Sportsman" not marked "999", appears to be a 3rd variation from around 1934, most blue loss is from a "drag" line on cylinder, matching numbers (C&R)
- 41-K Harrington & Richardson .22 LR "Sportsman Double Action" Top Break Target Revolver 6" ovoid barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue, adjustable front and rear target sights, 99% case color on hammer, minty checkered Walnut oversize target grips on "rice" frame, all
- Revolver 6" ovoid barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, adjustable front and rear target sights, all matching, excellent function both single and double action, minty original dark Walnut checkered target "free pistol" type grips (one of 6 different styles offered on this revolver), collector quality, (C&R) \$495
- 43-K Harrington & Richardson .22 LR ".22 Special" Top Break Revolver 6" ribbed barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue and case colored hammer with short spur and firing pin mount, fixed sights, all matching, mint checkered black plastic H&R logo factory target style grips on a "Rice' frame, excellent function both single and double action, collector quality, made around 1940 (C&R)
- 45-K Harrington & Richardson .22 LR Model 939 Double Action "Swing Out Cylinder" Revolver 6" vent rib barrel with mint bore, 97% factory blue with loss on high edges and muzzle,

- Revolver 3" ribbed barrel with excellent bright bore, fixed sight, 98% original bright nickel, blue and case color, fixed sights, matching numbers, mint "target logo" hard rubber grips, excellent function both single and double action (C&R) . \$215
- 49-K Harrington & Richardson .32 S&W Short Top Break Hammer Revolver 3" ribbed barrel with fair pitted bore, fixed sights, 90% original nickel and faded case color, both hard rubber grip panels have chipout at locating pin, trigger return spring is broken, parts or repair (C&R) ..\$55
- grip paniets have chipotal at locating pint, trigger return spring is proken, parts or repair (CASH). Sob 50-K Harrington & Richardson. 38 S&W Large Frame 5 Shot Hammer Top-Break Revolver 6" ovoid barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original bright blue, fixed sights, cylinder is cut for stop bolt but does not lock up reliably in double action mode, works well and locks tight when used in single action, excellent H&R logo oversize checkered black plastic grips (C&R). \$135 51-K Harrington & Richardson. 38 S&W "Hammer Top Break" Revolver. 3 ¼" ribbed barrel with good strong but pitted bore, 98% original nickel, blue and case color, very good tarrel loop black bard rubber grips with a small chipout on left need at leasting in start loop.
- target logo black hard rubber grips with a small chipout on left panel at locating pin, sharp looker, excellent function .\$165
- 52-K High Standard .22 LR "Sentinel Mark 1" Double Action Revolver 4" pinned barrel with mint bore, 99% original blue, fixed front and adjustable rear target sight, swing out 9 round cylinder with tight lockup, very good smooth wood square butt grips, excellent function
- 53-K High Standard .22 LR "Model A" Pre War Target Auto Pistol 6 34" barrel with mint bore, 90% original blue with back strap and front strap a brown to gray, early target pistol has a push but-ton takedown, fixed front blade with adjustable rear sights, frame shows high edge wear and muzzle shows thinning blue to gray, excellent checkered Walnut grips and has original magazine, comes with a red velvet lined leather wrapped case with lock and key, manufactured 1940 (C&R)
- 54-K High Standard .22 LR Model "B" Auto Pistol 4 1/2" barrel with mint bore, factory open sights, type "I-B" takedown style but missing retracting rod (still works fine just a little more difficult to takedown), excellent checkered original hard rubber grips, correct unmarked full blue magazine excellent function and super looker, made in 1937 (C&R).....\$325
- 55-K High Standard .22 LR Model M-101 Dura-Matic Auto Pistol 6 ½" thumb screw takedown barrel with mint bore, 90%+ original blue with frame and top of slide being matte blue and barrel is gloss blue, blue thinning along top of slide and muzzle, frame and slide show high edge wear, safety, loaded indicator on rear of slide, excellent reddish brown factory grips, manufactured 1959, one factory magazine (C&R)
- 56-K High Standard .22 LR "Supermatic Trophy" Model 104 Olympic Style Target Auto Pistol 6 34" rapid taper Olympic style barrel with mint bore, side grooves for barrel weights (none provided) and muzzle of barrel notched for a muzzle brake (none provided) looks like a model 103, slide mounted fully adjustable rear target sight, excellent checkered Walnut thumbrest target grips
- 57-K High Standard .22 LR Model 106 Military Supermatic Citation Auto Pistol 7 1/4" fluted push button takedown barrel with bright excellent bore, 97%+ original blue, case excellent colors on trigger and magazine release, 98% fluted barrel has notches for compensator (not supplied) and is
- 58-K High Standard .22 LR Model 106 Military Supermatic Citation Auto Pistol 5 ½" push button takedown barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, front fixed blade sight with adjustable rear bridge sight, push button barrel is drilled and tapped for barrel weights (none supplied), barrel is also factory cut for adding compensator (none supplied), case colored trigger and magazine release, mint Walnut checkered grips, comes with one factory magazine, excellent function and condition, manufactured 1968 (C&R)
- 59-K High Standard .22 Short "First Model Olympic" Auto Pistol 6 ¾" barrel with lever takedown and excellent bright bore, 97% original blue with rear slide showing light blue to gray from handling, high edge wear along frame, fixed front sight and "Davis" adjustable rear sight, 1950s early pistol has trigger stop, grooved front and rear strap surrounded by very nice period correct special ordered original Walnut checkered grips with thumb rest for right hand shooting, curved magazine
- 61-K Iver Johnson .32 S&W Short Model 1900 Double Action Only Revolver 2 ½" octagon barrel with fair bore, 89% nickel finish, flaking on cylinder, trigger and hammer are case color hardened, triggerguard is factory blue, factory logo hard rubber grips, right grip has broken corner at heel

62-K Japanese Government 8mm Nambu "Small triggerguard Type 14" WW-II Auto Pistol 4 ½" barrel with good strong but pitted bore, 90%+ original blue with scattered light peppery pitting on frame, all matching numbers except for correct style and type aluminum bottom magazine, small triggerguard, just traces of straw color, excellent unnumbered serrated wood grips, made in October of 1934, excellent function (C&R...... \$565

- left side, very good bright bodied magazine with unnumbered wood base and light pitting on body excellent function, marked "Germany" under serial number, nice looker (C&R) .
- 64-K Luger .30 Luger Model "1929 Swiss Bern" Auto Pistol 4 ¾" barrel with mint bore, 95% original military style blue with almost all loss on the takedown sideplate which shows a spot of cleaned pitting, nice Swiss cross in a shield marked toggle, well hidden import marked under front frame rails, mint black plastic full checked grips, as new magazine with "P" script at rear and a black
- 99% original blue with thinning on slide rails, fixed front sight, ladder 1000 meters 800 yards rear sight, some high edge wear along magazine floor plate and very light at muzzle, 90%+ very nice fire blue along top of charging handle, rear adjustable sight and safety switch, hammer is marked "N.S." (New Safety), all serialized numbers are matching including Walnut grips, right side of frame and barrel marked "Waffenfabrik Mauser/Oberndorf A. Neckar", excellent function, collector quality (C&R)
- 66-K Ruger .30 Carbine New Model Blackhawk Single Action Revolver 7 1/2" barrel with bright mint bore, 98%+ original blue with light thinning on frame at hammer and muzzle, fixed front sight, adjustable rear sight, cylinder shows light dragline, two piece Walnut grips with silver/black Ruger medallions, transfer safety bar, comes with yellow original box with correct side label and original instruction manual
- 67-K Ruger .357 Cal. Model Blackhawk Single Action Revolver 6 1/2" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% original blue showing very light thinning at muzzle, fixed front sight with adjustable rear sight, cylinder shows no dragline, address lines crisp on both frame and barrel, two piece Walnut
- 68-K Ruger .45 ACP Model SR-1911 Auto Pistol 5" barrel with mint bore, all stainless construction shows little or no actual use, (3) white dot "Novak" combat sights, mint large diamond Rosewood checkered grips with black eagle medallions, as new in original box with spare magazine, Ruger pouch, paper and lock . .\$645
- 69-K Russian Makarov .380 ACP Model I-70-17A "Baikal" Auto Pistol 3 ½" barrel with mint
- 70-K Sig Sauer 9mm Para Model P-239 Compact Double/Single Action Auto Pistol 3.6" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original "black Nitron" finish, 3 dot "Siglite" night sights, de-cocker lever, excellent checkered Walnut (2) piece grips plus original black plastic grips, as new in original black plastic case with (2) 8 shot magazines, owners manual and cable lock
- 71-K Sig / Sauer .40 S&W Model P226 Auto Pistol 4 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original matte black finish, white dot front and white line rear fixed sights, double or single action modes, near new in original black plastic case with (2) 10 round magazines, manual and test target\$595
- 72-K Sig / Sauer .45 ACP Model P-220 German Made Auto Pistol 4.5" barrel with mint bore, two tone brushed nickel upper and matte black lower, fixed white dot front and white line rear sights, functions both single and double action and includes an extra hammer for conversion to DAO, decocking lever, mint logo pebble grain synthetic grips, as new in original blue plastic case with spare magazine and manual
- 73-K Sig Sauer .45ACP Model P220 Auto Pistol 4 ¼" barrel with mint bore, 98% factory black nitron finish with loss on barrel at ejection port, light high edge muzzle wear, fixed factory sights and one factory magazine, soft wrap around Hogue rubber grips, frame accessory rail equipped, decocking lever, double/single action, excellent function, comes with "Lasermax" laser box ...
- 74-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 61 "Escort" Auto Pistol 2" barrel with mint bore, 99 1/2% original blue, mint checkered brown plastic grips, near new in original blue vinyl zipper pouch but no box, made around 1971... .\$345
- 75-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 61-3 "Escort" Auto Pistol 2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 99% original bright blue, fixed sights, mint mottled brown checkered plastic grips, made around 1975, looks new but no box or pouch\$325
- 76-K Smith & Wesson 9mm Para Model M&P 9 Auto Pistol 4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original matte black finish, (3) white dot low mount fixed sights, short Picatinny rail on front of frame as new in original black plastic case with (3) 10 round original magazines, S&W plastic holster, (2
- white dot low profile sights, 99 ½% original black finish, as new in original box with spare magazine lock, owners manual and keys
- 78-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 17-2 Double Action Revolver 6" barrel with mint bore, 97% factory blue with loss at ejector rod and muzzle, raised front blade sight, rear adjustable sight case hardened hammer and trigger with some strong colors, Walnut checkered "Magna" style grips strong lockup and mechanically sound.
- 79-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 17-4 Target Masterpiece Revolver 8 3/8" pinned ribbed barrel with bright mint bore, 99% minty original blue, 98%+ case colors still remain on serrated trigger and target hammer, excellent checkered Walnut target grips with gold medallions, front partridge sight on a ramp base and adjustable micrometer rear sight, excellent function, manufactured 1980
- 80-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 17-4 Target Revolver 6" pinned barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue and dark case colors on standard hammer and target trigger, 1/8" blade front sight with a little red paint added and standard fully adjustable target rear sight, excellent Goncalo Alves checkered target grips with speed loader cut and silver medallions, made in 1978, excellent smooth function .
- 81-K Smith & Wesson .38 Special Model 442-1 "Airweight" Revolver 1 7/8" barrel with mint bore, 99% original matte black finish, hammerless design, 99% case color on trigger, fixed sight, mint S&W logo finger groove "boot" rubber grips, as new in original blue plastic case with all paper and cable lock..
- 82-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Early Style" Model 41 Target Auto Pistol 7 3/8" barrel with mint bore and factory installed muzzle brake, 98%+ original bright blue with some very light pitting on right side sharp edge of slide, factory target sights, cocking indicator, no "relief cuts" on frame for easier access to trigger, minty "Fitz AccuRiser" checkered dark brown plastic grips with dual left and right thumbrests and adjustable sliding palm rest, excellent function, (4) digit serial number (looks like 1st year production 1957), collector quality, early style "S&W" marked steel follower magazine ...\$1595

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- **83-K Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Extended Front Sight" Model 41 Target Auto Pistol** 5 ½" heavy barrel with mint bore, 97% original bright blue spoiled buy some spotty light pitting on right side of slide and frame, factory extendable front sight, cocking indicator, minty checkered Walnut thumbrest target grips, early style "S&W" marked magazine with metal follower, excellent function, made around 1974\$1075
- 84-K Smith & Wesson 9mm Model 5906 Auto Pistol 4" barrel with mint bore, ramp dot front sight, Novak dot rear sight, frame and slide are stainless steel, pebble grain Hogue rubber grips with S&W logo, (1) 15 round magazine, ambidextrous decocker/safety, hammer is latter, M.I.M.'s style \$375

- 87-K Smith & Wesson 40 S&W Model M&P40 Auto Pistol 4 1/4" barrel with mint bore, (3) white dot combat fixed sights, 99 1/6% original matte black finish, comes in a "range kit" black plastic case with (3) 10 round magazines, "Bladetech" police style plastic holster, Bladetech (2) clip belt pouch for spare magazines, "UpLola" magazine loader, cable lock and all paper, looks new overall\$435
- 88-K Springfield Armory 9mm Para Model XD-2 Tactical Auto Pistol 5" barrel with mint bore, stainless slide with polymer lower, (2) white dot combat style low profile rear sight and "Hi Viz" red glow front sight, grip safety, Picatinny rail frame, as new in original black plastic case with (2) 15 round magazines, paper and cable lock \$445
- 90-K Taurus 9mm Para Model PT-AF Auto Pistol 4 7/8" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue fully adjustable (3) dot sights, very good smooth Walnut grips, lanyard at butt, 15 round magazine, excellent function \$275
- 91-K Walther .22 Short Olympia "Rapid Fire" Target Auto Pistol 7 3/8" barrel with mint bore, 90% original blue with aluminum alloy lightweight slide taking on a grayish tinge, 1/8" target ramp mounted front and replacement "micro" fully adjustable target rear sights, excellent original checkered Walnut, thumbrest grips with inlaid German silver plaque with "Losch/Weimar" inscribed, excellent function and comes with a factory barrel weight with installation key and extra aluminum barrel weight of unknown origin (C&R)\$1275

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- 97-K Rossi .44 Magnum Model R-92 Stainless Steel Lever Rifle 20" brushed stainless steel barrel with mint bore, polished stainless steel receiver with light scratches, factory sight, Brazilian hardwood straight grip stock and forend, stainless steel crescent buttplate, excellent function, like new\$475
- 98-K Ruger .458 Lott Model M-77 MK II Magnum Bolt Rifle 23" quarter rib magnum barrel with mint bore, 98%-i original blue, front blade sight and 2 folding v notch express rear sight, receiver has a integral scope base, Walnut checkered pistol grip sporter stock with metal pistol grip cap, ebony forend tip, Q.D. swivel studs, rubber factory recoil pad, excellent function \$1295
- 100-K Savage 250/3000 Model 99G Takedown Lever Rifle 22" barrel with bright mint bore, rifle shows 90% blue on receiver and barrel with areas turning to gray and high edge wear, from pinned blade factory sight, rear replaced sporting folding leaf sight and a Lyman No. 29 tang sight with windage adjustment, Walnut checkered pistol grip stock and Schnabel forend tip, wood condition shows light dents and dings otherwise very nice, lever shows about 30% case colors but mostly silver to gray, serrated metal Savage logo, original buttplate, manufactured 1925, excellent function (C&R).
- 101-K Springfield 30/06 Model 1903 WW-II Remington Made Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with good bright bore marked "RA/2-42", 80% parkerized finish, standard 1903 "ladder" rear sight and blade front with original military snap on sight cover, excellent unmarked "C" style pistol grip stock with (2) bolts and trap style buttplate, "R" marked bolt, original sling swivels and nice unmarked WW-I style leather sling, excellent function and sharp looking WW-II 1903 (C&R)\$795

- 102-K Springfield 30/40 Krag Model 1899 U.S. Army Issue Bolt Carbine 22" barrel with minty bright bore, 98% original blue and fire blue on extractor, standard blade front and model 1898 carbine rear sight with "C" marking, excellent dark Walnut straight grip stock without saddle ring or ring bar (correct for this model) smooth blued steel "trap" style buttplate with cleaning kit in butt, excellent function, no cartouche or "P" firing proof on wood but definitely an 1899 carbine stock ...\$1795
- 103-K Steyr Mannlicher .308 Winchester "Scout" Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 20" partially fluted barrel with bright like new bore, front flip up iron sight built into the gray polymer pistol grip stock, top of receiver has integral weaver rail system, mounted Burris 3-9x40 E1 scope that has long range MOA reticule, scope has crisp, clean and clear optics, bottom of forend has UIT/Anschutz style rail with attached sling swivel, buttstock has built in space magazine and sling swivel mounted on left side, roller tang safety and adjustable trigger, rifle comes with box, like new\$1375
- 104-K Uberti / Cimaron 44/40 Model 1873 American Revolving Carbine 18" barrel with bright mint bore, 99% original blue on barrel, trigger, triggerguard and tang, front blade open rear sight, case harden hammer and frame with 98% colors, mint straight grip Walnut stock shows no wear, like new brass crescent moon buttpad, comes with original box and papers\$795

- 109-K Belgium Browning .22 LR Model 22 Takedown Butt Tube Feed Grade I Auto Rifle 219" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue on barrel, factory front and rear folding leaf sight, barrel is drilled and tapped with plugs for scope mount, receiver has been reblued with sides now a matte finish, top and bottom a nice crisp blue, very nicely done, Walnut checkered forend and pistol grip stock, both show dings and handling wear, Q.D. studs added, manufactured in Belgium in 1971, excellent function ...\$495

- 112-K Chiappa / Citadel .22 LR Model M-1 Clip Feed Auto Carbine 18" barrel with mint bore, 99% original matte black finish, M-1 carbine style "wing" protected front and peep rear sighs plus grooved for scope mounting, mint figured dark hardwood pistol grip stock with carbine buttplate, green cloth military style side mounted sling and oiler, looks like the real thing\$295

- 116-K Mossberg .22 S, L, & LR Model 46M-B Tube Feed Auto Rifle 23" barrel with mint bore, 98% factory blue, front hooded selectable blade sight, adjustable rear sight and swing out \$\$-130 sporting micro click aperture sight, very nice two piece Mannlicher style Walnut stock, factory buttplate, 0.D. swivels, no red/green safety jewels\$245
- 117-K Mossberg .22 LR Model 377 "Plinkster" Butt Tube Auto Rifle 20" barrel with mint bore, 98% factory blue, some scattered oxidation but minimal, wood grain synthetic thumbrest stock with roll over cheekpiece, light handling marks on stock, grooved receiver with mounted 4x20 Tasco duplex reticule scope with clear optics\$185
- 118-K Mossberg .22 S, L, & LR Model 26B Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with mint bore, 90% factory blue, front ramp selectable blade sight, no hood, rear adjustable factory sight, no 4 rear swing out aperture sight, NO bolt, plastic triggerguard cracked, Walnut pistol grip stock with red, green safety jewels, sling swivels, factory buttplate, no eye iris on sight

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- 123-K Springfield / Griffin & Howe .22/3000 R-2 Lovell Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, Lyman receiver sight at rear and hooded ramp bead front plus target scope blocks on receiver and barrel, receiver is marked "U.S. Springfield/model 1922 M1" along with serial number, no Griffin & Howe markings but definitely their style and quality of work, barrel only marked "22 3000 Lovell", damascened and polished "N.S." (nickel steel) marked bolt, polished and damascened bolt ways, flat bottom checkered bolt knob, headless cocking piece, modified follower and milled 1903 Springfield detachable floorplate, milled triggerguard, very good+ dark Walnut pistol grip stock with blued steel grip cap, fancy cut checkering, "widows peak" checkered steel buttplate, swivel "eye" at butt and on midpoint of barrel, ebony forend tip, checkering at forend shows dented and slightly worn diamonds, an early wildcat cartridge from the 1930's on a beautifully executed custom 1922 Springfield, .22 3000 Lovell cartridge was made from 25/20 single shot brass and was commercially available from Griffin & Howe, excellent function, and nice looker from 1930's (C&R)\$1695
- 124-K Stevens .22 S, L, &LR Model 15-A Single Shot Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with very good bore, factory open sights, minty Walnut pistol grip stock with no finish and serrated hard rubber buttplate, excellent function ...\$145
- 125-K Stevens / Springfield .22 S, L, & LR Model 87M "M-1 Garand look alike" Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 90%+ thinning factory blue turning to a gray patina with areas of oxidation, some light flaking on "magazine tube, factory original M1 Garand look alike front and rear sights, Stevens sent 300 modified 87-M rifles to the U.S. military for testing as a M1 Garand trainers, these rifles were given a serial number that was stamped on the heel of the buttstock under the buttplate, this rifle is stamped "117" on its heel and "117" on its factory correct buttplate making this one of the 300 sent and used for testing, smooth Walnut M1 Garand style stock is however missing its upper wood and has been cut at the front wood barrel band to give it a sporter stock appearance, front band is missing, although modifications were done this rifle is still rare given its serial number stamp, works and functions properly\$595
- 126-K Walther .22 LR "Sportmodel V" DSM 34 Pre War Single Shot Bolt Rifle 25 %" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue, matching bolt, 200 meter graduated tangent rear sight is screw adjustable for windage ramp blade front sight and grooved receiver, very good light colored Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering at grip, finger groove forend, factory swivels and Wallher logo hard rubber buttplate, finish on wood shows lots of light dings and scratches, excellent function, pre war "crown N" nitro proof ...\$655
- 127-K Weatherby .22 LR Model MK XXII Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24" barrel with bright mint bore, front raised ramp sight that slightly loose and folding adjustable rear leaf sight, grooved black anodized receiver with scratches at safety lever, 98% original blue on barrel and magazine tube, checkered Walnut Monte Carlo stock with cheekpiece has a Rosewood forend tip and pistol grip cap with white diamond inlay, factory rubber Weatherby buttpad with white and black line spacer, stock has Q.D. swivel studs, excellent function, beautiful looking .22 rifle, manufactured in Japan\$765
- 129-K Winchester .22 LR Model 77 Clip Feed Auto Rifle 22" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% original blue, factory original sights, grooved receiver, Walnut pistol grip smooth stock with factory buttplate, one factory magazine, functions properly, collector quality, manufactured 1963 (C&R) \$295
- 131-K Winchester .22 S, L, & LR Model 69A Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% original blue on barrel, bolt handle and triggerguard, factory original sights, push button magazine release and factory magazine, mint dark Walnut pistol grip stock showing very little handling, original hard rubber checkered Winchester logo buttplate, a beautiful looking Winchester 80A (C&R)
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- 133-K Winchester .22 S, I, & LR Model 69A Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with bright mint bore, 98%+ original blue on barrel and grooved receiver, nice crisp barrel address markings, factory original sights and mounted on the grooved receiver is a period correct weaver tip of C4 scope with plain crosshairs and clear clean optics, 98%+ nickel on the swept back bolt, trigger and triggerguard, minty smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with factory logo original hard rubber buttplate, one factory magazine (C&R).
- 134-K Winchester .22 S, L, & LR Model 69A "Target" Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% original blue on barrel and receiver, bolt handle is blue to gray, 97% blue on trigger, triggerguard, factory magazine and magazine floorplate on rifle, front factory sight with no dovetail slot cut in to barrel for rear sight, left side of receiver is a factory Winchester 80A target peep sight, mint smooth Walnut pistol grip stock, factory logo Winchester hard rubber buttplate, excellent function (C&R)
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- 136-K Winchester .22 S, L, & LR Model 1906 Tube Feed Takedown Pump Rifle 20" barrel with excellent bore, reblued finish shows pinpricking along barrel and receiver and a scratch on right side of receiver, light color refinished Walnut stock and forend, straight grip stock has an age crack and color staining on right side at receiver, factory logo hard rubber checkered buttplate, manufactured 1909 (C&R) ...\$465

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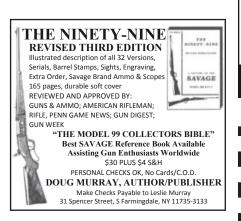
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