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Very few things in this life come easily, especially those things that are truly worth it. I'm not saying that all the good stuff has to come hard, but those things that really matter are *always* worth working for.

I'll argue through my last breath that protecting myself and those I love is one of those things that truly matters. With the same intensity, I'll also argue that the responsibility is mine alone for doing so. It should go without saying that I'm a steadfast supporter of our law enforcement community, but when a threat comes calling and my family doesn't have that kind of time—they have me.

That said, I admit that a lifestyle of everyday preparedness was a challenge at first. Carrying no gun is always more comfortable than carrying a gun. Learning to become unquestionably proficient with that gun demanded a sizable amount of time. Building a pack full of essential items and teaching my family the nuances of situational awareness took serious effort.

But I did it all because, to me, it tops the list of things that truly matter.

In your hands now is *Gun Digest's* annual Everyday Carry issue, designed to be a road map of information that guides you on your own journey of everyday preparedness. From low-profile utility

knives, to suggestions on how to carry a gun more comfortably, to everyday carry items you likely haven't even thought about—we've tapped into our deep pool of experts to share their experiences, expertise and suggestions.

The key word to all this is "suggestions." When it comes to an everyday carry lifestyle, the entire *Gun Digest* team is devoted to arming you with the information you need—but the decision on exactly how you implement that lifestyle gets to be 100 percent your own. Only you know what's best for you and the people you love.

There was a time when public perception of someone who carried a gun all the time labeled them as "conspiracy theorists" or "paranoid." But based on the estimated 5 million people who bought a gun for the first time—and that's just counting the *first half* of 2020—I'd say a better label now is "educated" and "prepared."

In these extraordinarily weird times, it seems obvious to me that the list is growing—the list of people who recognize what truly matters. **GDTM**

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HISTORICAL NOTES

The .221 Remington Fireball cartridge was introduced early in 1963 for the Remington XP-100 bolt-action, a single-shot pistol based on a shortened, lightened 700 series rifle action. The pistol had a streamlined nylon-plastic stock, ventilated barrel rib and adjustable sights. This was the first handgun made by Remington since its pocket automatics were discontinued back in 1935. The Thompson/Center

Contender was also available in .221 Remington for a time, but no longer. Remington was the only source for .221 Fireball ammunition, and it's still available.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The .221 Fireball follows the modern design in .22-caliber high-velocity pistol cartridges for small game and varmint hunting at long range. The rimless case is a shortened version of the

.222 Remington. The cartridge is well adapted to rifles, as well as pistols. The bullet is designed for quick expansion on small animals and is very deadly at all practical ranges.

The XP-100 pistol has a 10-inch barrel and is intended for use with a riflescope. It's capable of sub-MOA 100-yard groups when fitted with a scope and fired from a rest. It's much more powerful than the older .22 Remington Jet used in the S&W .22 WMR revolver. Muzzle energy of the .221 Fireball is greater than the .357 Magnum. Despite the caliber designation, .224 inch is the proper bullet diameter. The .221 Fireball was chambered in the Remington Model 700 Classic rifle on a limited-run basis in the late 2000s. **GDTM**

.221 REMINGTON FIREBALL LOADING DATA AND FACTORY BALLISTICS

BULLET	POWDER	GRAINS	VELOCITY	ENERGY	SOURCE
50 SP	IMR4198	17.0	2,610	755	SPEER, HORNADY, SIERRA, NOSLER
50 SP	IMR4227	15.5	2,600	750	SPEER, HORNADY, SIERRA, NOSLER
55 SP	IMR4198	16.0	2,400	704	SPEER, HORNADY, NOSLER
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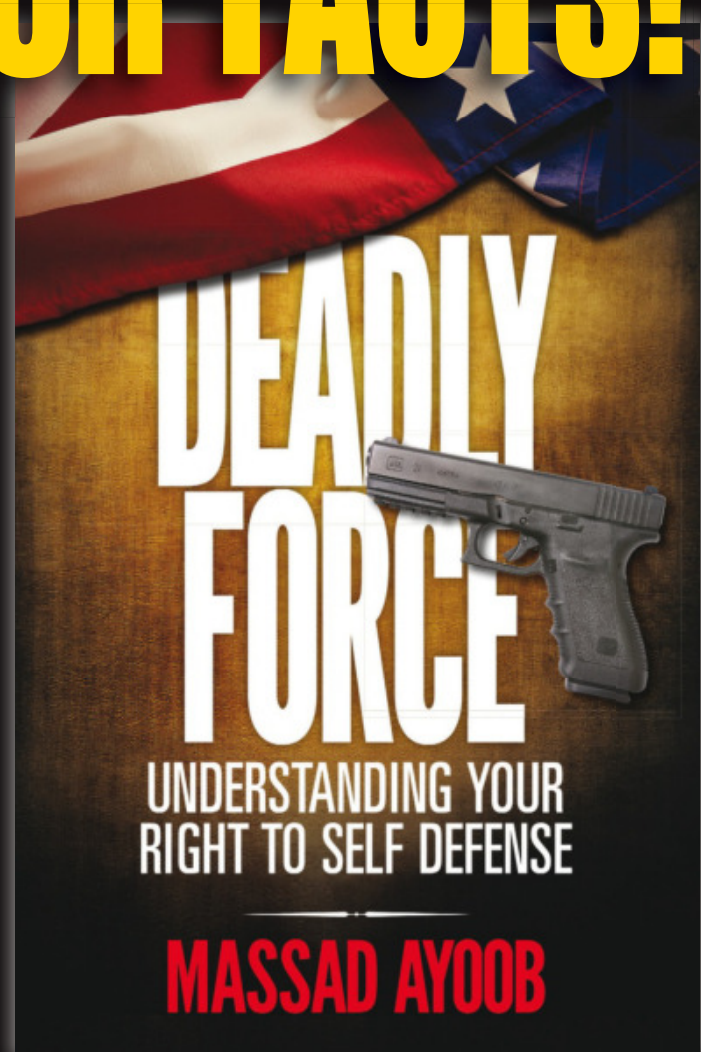
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PROTECTED BY A PUNCH

Federal's new Punch self-defense ammunition.



Most of the really good defensive handgun loads on the market have one thing in common—they were designed to perform well in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's testing protocol. This test assesses a bullet's ability to inflict an effective wound after defeating various intervening obstacles commonly present in law enforcement shootings, like steel, plywood, wallboard and automotive safety glass. The best performing bullets in this test tend to expand to 1.5 times their original diameter and penetrate to between 12 and 18 inches, regardless of the intermediate barrier.

This testing protocol has driven the manufacture of defensive handgun ammunition for the last 30 years, and manufacturers have become really good at building bullets to meet the FBI standard. And, as law enforcement agencies adopt loads based on their performance in this test, so too do civilians; the gen-

eral population likes to be equipped as well as the cops. However, building bullets to meet this standard is expensive. Not only is the conduct of the extensive testing expensive, but so, too, is the engineering and building of the bullets that'll perform well in them.

It's possible that a civilian might need to shoot through steel, plywood, wallboard and automotive safety glass in order to save their life—but it's not likely. The engineers at Federal have a

tremendous amount of experience when it comes to building good defensive handgun ammunition, and they realized that civilians don't necessarily need FBI duty ammunition. They felt they could create loads for defensive handguns that would perform exceptionally well when fired through heavy clothing, which is the most common intermediate barrier civilians encounter. And they felt that they could do this and offer the ammunition at a substantial savings to the consumer.

PUNCH PROTECTION

The result is a new line of self-defense ammunition called "Punch." A 20-round box of 9mm Punch ammo has a sug-



Federal's new Hydra-Shok Deep load for the .380 Auto is the only load for this cartridge that'll consistently expand to 1.4 times its original diameter and penetrate beyond 12 inches. But you have to pay for that performance increase.

Paired with a compact 1911 like the Remington R1 Ultralight Executive, the new .45 Auto self-defense load can pack—pardon the pun—quite a punch.



gested retail price of \$15.99. A 20-round box of 9mm Federal Hydra-Shock ammo has a suggested retail price of \$24.99. That equates to a 36 percent savings.

Rather than developing a single bullet design for all of the different Punch loads, the team at Federal evaluated each cartridge individually to determine which bullet design and weight would work most effectively. Since the bullets weren't specifically designed to perform in FBI protocol testing, Federal spent time tuning each Punch load to meet the primary needs of the self-defense shooter—namely expansion and penetration.

Chris Laack, Federal's handgun ammunition product manager, said, "We looked at specifications from our Hydra-Shok Deep, HST and other bullet designs, and we took what made sense for Punch. We selected whatever elements worked best for each individual caliber. We then played with thickness of the jacket, skive depth, hollow-point geometry and differences in lead cores to build the Punch recipe."

Instead of building a single bullet design for each cartridge, one that would perform well on all types of intermediate barriers, Federal crafted bullets that would work exceptionally well on the barrier most civilian shooters might encounter during a self-defense shooting.

BUT, DOES IT WORK?

This all sounds fascinating, but the question is: Does it work? Based on my testing, it would appear so. I conducted some expansion and penetration tests with the 380 Auto, 9mm Luger and .45 Auto Punch loads. No, I didn't

EXTERNAL AND TERMINAL BALLISTICS TESTING

LOAD	VEL	ENG	PEN	RD	RW	CC
.45 AUTO 230-GRAIN FEDERAL PUNCH	779 ¹	309	15.0	.652	231	5.00
9MM 124-GRAIN FEDERAL PUNCH	1116 ²	342	14.5	.589	124	3.94
.380 AUTO 85-GRAIN PUNCH	864 ³	140	10.0	.510	84	2.04
.380 AUTO 99-GRAIN HYDRA-SHOK DEEP	839 ³	154	12.5	.510	99	2.55

Notes: The reported average muzzle velocity (VEL) and muzzle energy (ENG) were established by firing 10 shots over a Caldwell G2 chronograph with the screens positioned 10 feet from the muzzle. Penetration depth (PEN) recovered bullet diameter (RD) and recovered bullet weight (RW) were determined based on the average of three rounds fired into blocks of Clear Ballistics, after passing through three layers of denim and 2 inches of water. The crush cavity represents the volume of the hole the bullet would create based on the average depth of penetration and bullet deformation. 1 = 3.5-inch barrel, 2 = 4.0-inch barrel, 3 = 2.0-inch barrel

conduct FBI protocol tests. This is partly because I don't work for the FBI, and partly because the FBI and their comprehensive testing isn't the final word on the terminal performance of defensive handgun ammunition. The results from my test were very promising—promising enough to convince me this ammunition has been well designed for the purpose it's intended for, and that's to provide civilians with a less expensive and very capable self-defense handgun load.

On average, the 9mm Luger and .45 Auto loads expanded to about 1.5 times their original diameter and penetrated between 14 and 15 inches. This level of performance is comparable to what you'd expect from other more expensive loads that perform well on all aspects of the FBI testing protocol, when they're fired through heavy clothing.

The .380 Punch load deformed with a frontal diameter 1.4 times its original diameter and penetrated to 10 inches. As far as the .380 Auto goes, this is very good performance. If you want more penetration from a .380 Auto, Federal has another load you should consider. It's called Hydra-Shok Deep, and it'll stretch .380 Auto penetration past that magic FBI 12-inch mark. But it also costs about \$7 (43 percent) more per box. If you're willing to pay 36 cents more per shot, it's clearly the better option.

At this time, the new Punch line from Federal has offerings for the .380 Auto, .38 Special, 9mm Luger and .45 Auto. And, if anyone cares anymore, Federal even has a load for the .40 S&W. Retail prices range between \$15.99 for the .380 Auto and .38 Special, and \$19.99 and \$21.99 for the 9mm, .45 Auto and .40 S&W. **GDTM**

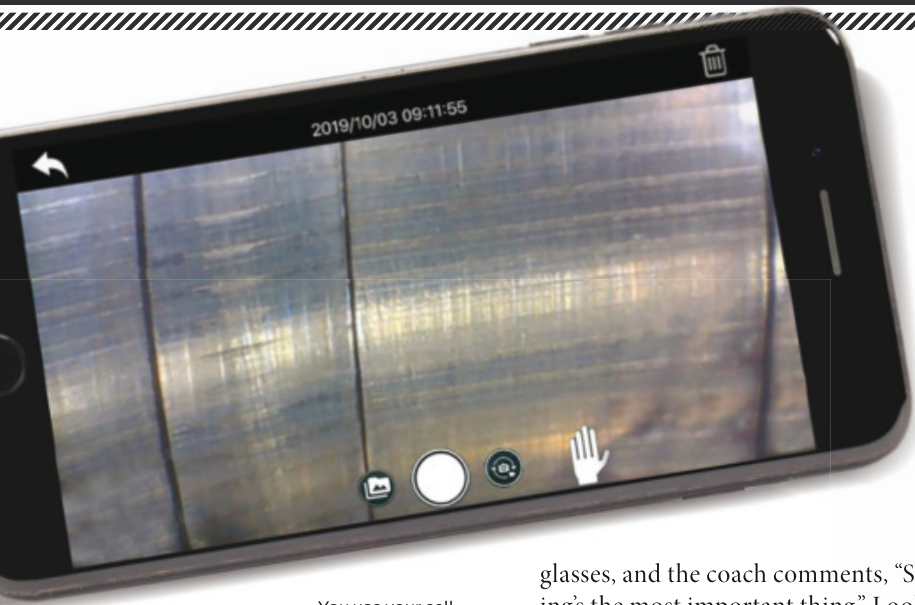
AN INSIDE LOOK

Getting a peek with Lyman's Borecam Pro.

There's a great scene in *Major League* when the team finds out their pitcher with the rocket launcher for an arm is almost blind. They fit him with a pair of

The Lyman Borecam Pro comes with all the goodies: Borecam, charging cable, adapter for every electrical system known to man, cleaning gear and instructions.





You use your cell-phone or tablet as a Wi-Fi receptor to see the image, photograph it or video it and save or send on.



getting tangled, or just dragging the monitor screen around, was a hassle. The Borecam has a 20-inch reach, which was a bit limiting.

So, for the Borecam Pro, Lyman moved on up. First, they made the scope tube 24 inches long. You can now look at the throat of a barrel going down from the muzzle. That saves the work of weaseling the scope over a stock, into a receiver, and past all the internals just to get to the chamber.

And then, they made it wireless. You can port the image to your phone or tablet, and as a result you can easily send it on to wherever you decide. Also, without wires involved, you can mount the phone or tablet (iOS or Android) in a spot that's easy to see, and not have to worry about the wires moving the screen all over the bench as you push, pull or rotate the scope.

You can record video and save still images—all at 720p resolution. The Pro fits down barrels of 20 caliber or larger, so that leaves out the various 17s—but any .22 LR or larger bore is fair game.

The Borecam Pro has a USB charging port in the handle, so you can charge it up as your first step and have it ready once you get the firearm disassembled, the bore cleaned (or not, if you want to see the horror), and clamped in your work rack or bench vise. The charging indicator light goes on when you start charging, and then turns off when it reaches full charge. The power switch also controls the power of the bore light, allowing you to adjust light to the level you need.

I wish I had access to something like this back when I was gunsmithing, to show customers what was what. But then again, back in the 1980s, this level of technology would've been akin to magic. Now, it's just a bit over \$300.

Considering the cost of a new barrel—which you might avoid spending if you have a Borecam Pro—it sounds like a smart investment. **GDTM**

glasses, and the coach comments, "Seeing's the most important thing." Looking at the hideous frames he's wearing, one of the other players replies, "It's not *that* important."

We used to peer down bores and as long as we saw day light from the other end and a shiny surface, we called it good. Little did we know. Now, perhaps, we can know too much. A rifle that otherwise shoots excellent groups might show up at the gunsmith with a request to re-barrel it, saying, "The bore is too rough."

The important thing to remember is actual performance. If your rifle shoots good groups (however you define them) and doesn't foul quickly, does it matter how smooth your bore's surface is?

Not really.

But if you find that your accuracy is starting to suffer or that you once could shoot all day long with little or no accuracy loss, and now after 100 rounds, your groups open up. It's time to investigate.

JUST A PEEK

Lyman to the rescue with the Borecam Pro. Usually, a borescope means optics, lenses, mirrors and some sort of light source—all piped down a barrel. That can be tough when you're trying to inspect an AR barrel. Lyman originally had the Borecam, which was a borescope with a digital camera built-in and wired to a monitor. It worked, but it wasn't ideal. Keeping the wire from



MOB MADNESS

An armed citizen and a violent riot.

On August 25, 2020, 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse put an AR-15 over his shoulder and voluntarily went to downtown Kenosha, Wisconsin, into the midst of a riotous mob. The result was two people shot to death, with a third grievously wounded and young Rittenhouse being charged by the local county prosecutor with five felonies and one misdemeanor.

At the time of this writing, irrefutable facts show that Rittenhouse was being chased by the mob because he had assisted in putting out a fire, an action the mob took exception to.

This article, though, isn't addressing the facts and narrative of the Kyle Rittenhouse case. That information is freely available over the internet and will be played out in the media for the next several months, if not years. Instead, I want to discuss the general legal parameters of

the armed citizen defending themselves in the middle of a riot.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Why were you there? That's the first question you'll be asked if you're involved in an act of self-defense during the middle of a riot. If you expect to survive (legally) after such an event, you need to have squeaky clean hands. You need to be able to make the claim that you were an innocent victim, and only a participant because a criminal act was occurring against you.

Was your use of force reasonable? If you start shooting in the face of a mob, when that mob isn't actively threatening you, even though you were feeling fear of death or grievous bodily injury, you'll need to convince the jury your actions were reasonable. How do you do that?

As mentioned above, you cannot

be committing a crime of your own, or even be seen as the initial aggressor. Most jurisdictions have a law which states (generically) that if you used words or actions that would lead a reasonable person to believe that these words or actions would evoke a belligerent response and then use force to defend yourself, you don't have the ability to claim self-defense at trial.

After making sure you're truly an innocent victim, your actions in defending yourself must be reasonable. Most states have case law (rulings from previous court cases), which declares that a jury must look at the facts of the case through your eyes (knowing all the defendant knows and seeing all the defendant saw). If you're innocent, you'll need to educate that jury as to what you knew and what you saw.

This means educating yourself and being ready to discuss with the jury

why you felt your life was in danger. It'll be overwhelmingly likely that you'll need to testify on your own behalf. Interestingly, when George Zimmerman was exonerated in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, he didn't testify at trial because he cooperated (on video) with the investigating police, and this video made

I've used the word "reasonable" several times already, and as this column continues, you'll see that the criminal justice system—particularly when assessing self-defense cases—hinges on the concept of reasonableness. If your actions and your explanation to the jury as to why you used force isn't viewed as reasonable, you'll likely be

person you used force against. It'd be a shame to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory by getting caught up in the moment and using force where it wasn't justified. A difficult proposition? Yes, indeed.

Simply having a gun and the requisite training to both use the gun effectively and the legal training to

“... you might find yourself being attacked several times or by multiple individuals. For each attack and resultant use of force, you'll need to be able to explain your actions for each attack and for each person you used force against. A difficult proposition? Yes, indeed.”

his case for him. Not many people could've pulled this off as well as Zimmerman did, and if you do decide to discuss the particulars of the case with police, an attorney by your side would be a godsend.

Education includes knowing what "disparity of force" means and how it's dealt with in your jurisdiction. If you're being assaulted with weapons, that's pretty easy to establish, but what about being attacked by unarmed participants? Each case will be different, and it'll be your job to paint a picture for the jury that showed they possessed the physical ability to cause your death or inflict serious injury.

After this is established, you'll need to be able to educate the jury as to *why* you reasonably believed the attackers possessed the opportunity to immediately use their size, numbers or weapons against you. Lastly, you'll need to convince the jury that those you defended yourself from were placing your life in imminent jeopardy. What words or actions were they using that would lead a reasonable person to draw that conclusion?

convicted. That's the harsh reality.

COMPLICATING FACTORS

Getting back to the scenario (being forced to defend yourself during a riot situation), there'll also likely be an additional complicating factor or two, those being the fact that the incident is likely to be caught on cellphone video. If that occurs, that video will be turned over almost instantly to the broadcast media. It's very likely that your incident of self-defense will hit cable news channels before the on-scene investigation is complete. Think hours, not days. And as we've seen, the media (in an effort to sell airtime to advertisers) will seasonalize the event and possibly even incorrectly relate the facts. Unfair? Yes, but that's the reality of the situation—a reality we must be prepared to deal with.

Another aspect of this scenario is that you might find yourself being attacked several times or by multiple individuals (as Rittenhouse was). For each attack and resultant use of force, you'll need to be able to explain your actions for each attack and for each

"do it right" isn't enough. The armed citizen, especially one who lives in an urban area, needs to both understand the prosecutorial philosophy of the local elected district attorney, and have the ability to contact an attorney immediately following such an event. In researching the Kyle Rittenhouse case, I've learned a number of attorneys have volunteered to assist him, and that's great. But if you're the person involved, you need an attorney immediately after the event, to ensure your rights are protected. More on this in a future column. **GDTM**

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01 The Ed Brown FX2

An expansion of the manufacturer's dashing FX Series, the pistol is tailored for concealed carry and incorporates one of the hottest technologies of the day. Look closely: It's hard to miss the slide cut and red-dot perched atop the metal beast. It being Ed Brown, it's not just any reflex married to the FX2, but Trijicon's fairly new and ultra-slim RMRcc. At 0.9 inch in width, the micro red-dot is almost tailor-made for 1911s and other slender concealed-carry handguns. The FX2 seamlessly fits the slide and is so low profile (0.9 inch) it's as unobtrusive as red-dots come. Incidentally, the pistol is available in both .45 ACP and 9mm.

MSRP: Starting at \$4,295

02 Trijicon RMRcc

Since we touched upon it with the Ed Brown pistol, we'll dig deeper on Trijicon's itty-bitty red-dot. As mentioned, where the renowned optics maker concentrated its efforts with the micro sight is trimming its width. It's a whole 0.9 inch in breadth. A great move, ensuring there's no snagable muffin-top when installed on a 1911 or the many new extra svelte polymers. Adding to that, the red-dot is 0.1-inch shorter than the original RMR, and you've got about the most carry-friendly optical sight available today. How's it perform? Need you ask, it's a Trijicon. Go 3.25 or 6.5 MOA dot and you can expect it to light up on target every time you need it.

MSRP: \$699

03 Springfield's XD-M Elite Compact

Based on the XD-M line, the Elite version of the pistol offers some welcome and practical upgrades. Among the more notable is what Springfield calls its Match Enhanced Trigger Assembly (META). Flat-faced (the old XD-M shoe was curved), the trigger promotes a more linear path while reducing the perceived weight required to trip it. It breaks at a very crisp 5 pounds, without a lick of spongy feel. In addition to this, the 3.8-inch barreled XD-M Elite Compact includes large chevron cocking serrations fore and aft, an ambidextrous slide stop, match-grade barrel and a removable flared magwell. Top-notch features at a price nearly any shooter can afford.

MSRP: \$559

04 Hogue Wrapter Adhesive Firearm Grip Line

A better grip without modifying a pistol? Hogue's got it all wrapped up. Installing in seconds, its polymer adhesive upgrade provides a positive surface on nearly any semi-automatic pistol, vastly enhancing its performance. Also, it generally makes a gun more pleasurable to shoot. Not overly thick, the rubberized grip wrapper provides enough cushioning to take the edge off those long days at the range. Better yet, it conforms to your pistol's grip closely enough that you don't lose any familiarity with the firearm. Enhancements don't come cheaper or easier.

MSRP: \$14.95



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05 Gerber Crisis Hook Knife

Next to a jack and a spare, you need this in your vehicle—preferably within reach. Designed to get you out of tight situations behind the wheel, the unique knife has specialized tools for the job. A hooked blade slices through seatbelts, cord and even wire without worry of slicing flesh. While at the rear, a hardened and angled pommel makes quick work of automotive glass with a sturdy strike. There's even an integrated oxygen-tank wrench in the Crisis Hook, a must-have for those who look after elders. Like so much EDC gear, chances are you'll never have to deploy Gerber specialized tool. But if you do, you'll be glad you have it.

MSRP: \$33

06 Glock 43X and 48 MOS Optic-Ready Carry

Featuring factory-milled slides, Glock gives shooters a pair of optic-ready pistols tailored for everyday carry. But don't expect the pistols to play nice with every red-dot on the market. Given the gun's whisper-thin widths, the slide cut is only compatible with specific micro-reflex optics. In addition to this, the Glock 43X MOS and Glock 48 MOS also have non-standard accessory rails. Despite these idiosyncratic features, the 9mms still retains all the features that made them a hit when they were released in 2019. First and foremost, among these is an excellent compromise between an easy-to-carry defensive pistol and capacity. Both the Glock 43X MOS and Glock 48 MOS hold 10 rounds.

MSRP: \$580

07 Zeta6 K-Pak Speedloader

Putting some much-needed rethinking into revolver reloading, this riff on the classic speed strip is right on target. Staggering the two equal-sized rows of three cartridges, the polyurethane speedloader allows three chambers to be loaded at a time. Quick and easy aren't usually thought of when talking about speed reloads and wheelguns. Believe it or not, the idea behind the K-Pak came from studying another long-time revolver reloading method—the half-moon clip. Two of them have simply been straightened out, put back to back and made of polymer. Compatible with all six-shot K-Frame revolvers—.38 Special and .357 Mag.—the speedloader also fits flat and neatly in nearly any pocket.

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08 Maxpedition Micro Pocket Organizer

Not every situation calls for toting a pack. Still, you need a way to keep your kit organized and within reach. Shake hands with the solution. Truly pocket-sized at 3.5 by 1 by 5.5 inches, Maxpedition's organizer has an amazing amount of space to hold pens, multi-tools, flashlights and whatever else you might need to tackle the world. A clamshell design, the unit opens to numerous pockets and webbing loops to secure all your goods. On the outside, a mesh front pocket gives you quick access to small items you might need immediately. For the price, few pieces of kit get your everyday-carry system in better order.

MSRP: \$18.99

09 Galco Instructor Belts

A contemporary take on the time-tested Ranger belt, this gem removes any hint of flop from carrying a side-arm. That goes for full-sized cannons. Where Galco gets it right is the Type 13 nylon webbing with five independent rows of stitching. Creating a rock-solid webbing, the belt is among the most ridged non-core options on the market, which is saying a lot. Additionally, the strap is outfitted with a Cobra-style buckle, about as durable as they come and easy to get on and off. While the belt is ideal for competition or a day at the range, it's stylish and stalwart enough for everyday carry.

MSRP: \$79

10 Limited-Edition Sig P220 Legion Carry SAO

While it's not the first single-action-only P220 that has come down the pike, it might be the most conducive to concealed carry. Sig has trimmed down its behemoth design to a tidy 3.9-inch barreled package for its top-shelf Legion line of firearms. The belle of the ball is a marvelous trigger, which breaks like thin ice and resets with a hair of travel. Raising the .45 ACP's stock, all the Legion accouterments—stainless steel slide with the company's Electro-Optics X-Ray3 high-visibility day/night sights, front cocking serrations, aggressive G10 grips and Elite Legion gray Cerakote finish. Drooling yet? Act fast, because Sig's only rolling out 500 of these beauties.

MSRP: \$1,329

11 Comp-Tac eV2 Mag Pouch

More ammo is always a must. Comp-Tac makes keeping an extra mag at hand easier than ever with its deep-cover eV2. A hybrid design, the unit features a top-grain cowhide backer, comfortable against the skin and protecting the magazine from sweat. Up front, a Kydex body keeps the mag in place. Keeping up with trends, the eV2 is an appendix-carry option, inside the waistband. Now, some have trepidations about this position for firearms, but for mags it makes a ton of sense, keeping them low profile and within reach no matter what.

MSRP: \$29



12 Nightstick TSM-11G

Light, laser and convenience, all in one. Designed to securely mount to the front rail of Glock G42, G43, G43X and G48 pistols, the multipurpose unit gives the shooter the ability to identify and quickly target threats at a push of a button. Even better, it's rechargeable. Lights and lasers eat a lot of juice, so a rechargeable lithium-ion battery is a godsend—or at least a lot better than fitting a battery bill. As to the TSM-11G's fine points, the unit is outfitted with a green laser sight, fully adjustable and 150-lumen white light. The light's dual switches provide the shooter tactile, click actuation in momentary or constant-on use.

MSRP: \$164.28

13 DeSantis Sidestep OWB Holster

The combination of classic good looks and modern-day performance pretty much sums up this dashing outside-the-waistband option. It being DeSantis, of course, the holster is made of full-grain saddle leather, making it a comfortable and sturdy hanger for everyday carry. But it's not just another leather rig. The trailing slot holster features a double-thick sweat shield to keep firearms away from body moisture, and it's tailored for pistols with or without reflex sights. Meticulously molded in a 15-degree forward cant, the holster cuts down on a gun's profile, while still facilitating a quick draw.

MSRP: \$78.99

14 Tru-Spec Vector Pant

Wait ... EDC pants? Honestly, any well-made britches will do. That said, there are purpose-built options that excel at the task and make the prepared life a whole lot easier. Case in point: Vector Pant. Essentially duty clothing, the durable garb is casual enough for everyday applications and as rugged as they come. Constructed of micro rip-stop polyester-cotton blend, the pant is breathable and comfortable and comes with several carry enhancements, including an integrated stretch panel waistband that provides comfort and support, no matter if you carry IWB or OWB. Additionally, a slew of ergonomically laid out pockets allows plenty of room to tote your most important gear.

MSRP: \$79.95

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PERSONAL PROTECTION THE EZ WAY



Feels like a .380 Auto,
performs like a 9mm.

In 2018, Smith & Wesson released the Shield M&P EZ in .380 ACP to specifically address complaints that some shooters had problems racking the slide or manipulating a defensive semi-automatic handgun. Most manufacturers would've called it a day and raked in the money for a concealed-carry piece that checks all the boxes.

However, Smith & Wesson has never been known to rest on their laurels.

They had the right dimensions, safety features and mode of operation. They addressed complaints from shooters who had special needs re-



garding shooting, manipulation and maintenance. Yet, the caliber was an issue. Most firearms instructors recommend .380 ACP as the bare minimum caliber for self-defense. Yet, those same professionals will say they carry a 9mm.

Smith & Wesson followed up with a M&P Shield EZ in 9mm in 2019, and the end result was so popular that we now have a Performance Center offering of this pistol, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

During the past few months, there's been a surge of new shooters and first-

time firearm buyers joining the ranks of gun owners. Whether they've never shot a firearm before or haven't in some time, they're concerned primarily with personal defense and concealed carry. This means it can be very hard to find a handgun on the shelves of sporting goods retailers—particularly if you have special needs as a shooter.

In this instance, it might be smaller-framed people or folks suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome or arthritis. Remember, these aren't the people who've been accustomed to shooting for decades, and unfortunately with the way things are going in some areas, they won't have the time to get up to speed like most shooters can take for granted.

The Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ lets these people have an immediate tool for concealed carry

and home defense, and a lot of these features will make it a winner for any shooter—regardless of skill level or ability.

SLIDE AND FRAME

Like all of the Shield pistols, the Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ has a polymer frame, and this one sports a three-slot rail so the shooter can add a tactical flashlight, laser or a combination of both. There are no interchangeable backstraps as you might find on other M&P-type pistols.

The slide is made from stainless steel and coated in black Armornite. Smith's wavy, cocking serrations are on the rear and a single row of snake skin-type serrations are located in front. The serrations up front give some

PC M&P 9 SHIELD EZ



- CALIBER: 9mm
- CAPACITY: 8+1
- BARREL LENGTH: 3.8 inches
- OVERALL LENGTH: 7 inches
- FRONT SIGHT: Hi-Viz Litewave H3 Tritium/Litepipe
- REAR SIGHT: Hi-Viz Litewave H3 Tritium/Litepipe
- ACTION: Internal Hammer Fired
- GRIP: Polymer
- WEIGHT: 23.2 ounces
- BARREL MATERIAL: Stainless steel
- SLIDE MATERIAL: Stainless steel
- FRAME MATERIAL: Polymer
- MSRP: \$588



shooters an area to press check the slide ... plus, they simply offer a nice, custom look.

We found the slide to be slightly heavier than one on an M&P Shield, but that's to be expected. Ease of manipulation is the name of the game with this one, and in order to make it easier to rack the slide, a lighter recoil spring was used. That dictates more weight to slow the slide down.

In spite of that, three horizontal lightning cuts are made on either side to show off the barrel for a nice custom touch.

A loaded chamber indicator is present on the slide; this should help shooters eliminate press-checking by letting the shooter know instantly and perhaps in the dark if their pistol is loaded.

Disassembly is achieved by means of a takedown lever on the middle part of the frame above the trigger. The shooter locks the slide to the rear, rotates the lever to the 6 o'clock position and pushes the slide off the frame. The recoil spring and guide rod assembly lift out, and the pistol is ready to clean.

Lastly, the magazine release is reversible for left or right-handed shooters and ejects the magazine purposefully every time.

SIGHTS

The Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ ships with a set of Hi-Viz LiteWave H3 sights that provide fast sight acquisition and a bright sight picture, day or night. Hi-Viz combines Tritium with their patented Litepipe

The S&W M&P Shield 9mm EZ PC disassembles quickly and easily for both novice shooters and those who might have problems with manual dexterity.

We like the holsters of LAG Tactical, they truly fit the firearm like a glove and offer superb retention.

fiber-optic tubes, allowing for a perfect sight picture during the day and in low-light conditions.

When shooting in the daytime, the Litepipes use the power of the sun for illumination.

In a low light scenario, the tritium picks up. In full darkness, you might see the Tritium but not necessarily your target. Turn on your weapon-mounted light or your handheld light, and the Litepipes will take over again.

The rear sight and the front sight, for that matter, can be drifted for windage adjustments if needed. There's no provision for mounting a red-dot optic of any kind.

BARREL

The barrel on the Performance Center



M&P 9 Shield EZ is slightly extended past the front of the slide and contains a single angled port. This is intended to reduce muzzle flip, and it works extremely well in this role.

Ignore the chair-borne rangers who tell you that the flash will blind you, destroy your night vision and set your clothes on fire. This is a matter of simple physics and it allows for a faster follow-up shot.

TRIGGER

When they first hit the market, I loathed the factory trigger on the Smith & Wesson M&P pistols. They could be fixed with an Apex trigger and sear, but we wanted a proper trigger from the factory. Thankfully, Smith & Wesson caught up with customer demands and gave the Shield EZ PC an excellent one.

It probably helps that this is a hammer-fired pistol and not one that relies on a striker assembly. As anyone who

shoots striker-fired pistols at this price point can attest, there are numerous internal safeties and moving parts under tension that a shooter must overcome. An internal hammer can allow for a smoother trigger squeeze because there are generally fewer moving parts.

Anodized to match the barrel and grip safety, this trigger breaks at 4.5 pounds and has an extremely short reset. There's a slight take-up followed by a nice, clean break. The flat face will please a lot of shooters, and we loved the short reset.

GRIP SAFETY

Perhaps the most significant external change between the original Shield and the Shield EZ was the introduction of a manual grip safety.

The grip safety runs almost the entire length of the backstrap and, in this case, matches the stainless steel accents on the pistol. The only fault we found with it was the top edges of it were particularly sharp. A shooter who prefers a high hand hold on a pistol, like yours truly, will find discomfort with it.

There are a few remedies here, such as stoning the edges or getting a replacement grip safety from Smith & Wesson. According to my cohorts who have experience with this model, our test pistol isn't an isolated incident



The PC M&P 9 EZ is large enough to easily control, yet small enough to easily and comfortably conceal.

either. However, this is touted as a Performance Center pistol from Smith, and it never should have left the factory this way.

OTHER SAFETIES

This Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ has an ambidextrous frame-mounted safety installed by the Performance Center. S&W also offers a model without. External safeties have become anathema to many shooters and trainers because of the prevalence of striker-fired pistols in the market.

Sometimes they miss the point of view of a new shooter who might be concerned about the lack of an external safety. For some new people, this may be compared to a set of training wheels on a bicycle. They need it as a confidence booster until they feel ready to go without one.

There are two good things about Smith & Wesson M&P safeties: They don't prevent movement of the slide,

meaning the shooter can load and chamber a round with the safety engaged. Secondly, they can be removed by an M&P armorer at a later date with little to no fuss.

Keep in mind that this is a hammer-fired pistol and not one that's striker fired. So that safety lever makes a lot more sense.

MAGAZINE AND ACCESSORIES

The magazine holds eight rounds and, like most Smith & Wesson magazines, it's a functional work of art. We particularly liked the tabs on the sides for ease of loading. While initially going over the pistol as a whole, we noticed nearly every feature made the pistol easier to manipulate. Magazine loading, however, can be particularly difficult for the intended market for this pistol, and Smith & Wesson addressed this in a wise fashion.

Smith & Wesson included a Performance Center-branded cleaning kit with this model, containing a collapsible cleaning rod with rotating T-handle, nylon cleaning brush, bronze bore brushes, an assortment of nylon jags and tips and, of course, cotton patches. This is a great cleaning kit, especially for an entry-level shooter.

A mandatory cable lock is included for shooters who may wish to store their firearm unloaded and locked up.

AT THE RANGE

To test, we burned up six boxes of Federal 115-grain FMJs. We fired 300 rounds with no issues. At 50 feet, our best group was eight shots in 2.75 inches. This is well within the standard for any quality concealed carry handgun. A match-grade handgun will definitely perform better, but that's not what the Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ pretends to be.

Recoil was minimal, and the pistol pointed well. The port keeping the muzzle from rising, coupled with the extremely short reset, made for a very fast and capable sidearm with regard to follow-up shots.

We would compare shooting this pistol closer to the experience of firing a 1911 pistol as opposed to a typical polymer-framed handgun.

CONCEALED CARRY

The greatest pistol in the world can be a failure if there are no viable holsters on the market. We reached out to LAG Tactical in Reno, Nevada, for an OWB or AIWB holster for the Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ, and they supplied us with one of each.

We found that the pistol carried well in AIWB, and LAG's Liberator holster helped greatly in that regard. The Liberator is one of the best designed CCW holsters we've come across, and we use it whenever we can.



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GRIP SAFETIES IN THE 21st CENTURY?

When most people think of a grip safety, the M1911 comes to mind, or perhaps the Israeli Uzi sub-machinegun or a polymer-framed pistol manufactured in Croatia. However, the concept is much older than any of these and was invented by Smith & Wesson back in 1887. The grip safety was a feature on S&W's New Departure line of revolvers. Also known as the Safety Hammerless or unofficially as the "Lemon Squeezer," the grip safety offered an extra level of security for a shooter who wanted to carry a small revolver in their pocket. Fast-forward over 130 years and we're obviously not talking about carrying a S&W Shield EZ loose in a pocket, but as an alternative to the trigger safety incorporated into a lot of modern striker-fired pistols. The biggest complaint about these types of factory triggers is either a heavy break or a mushy feel. Smith & Wesson wanted to introduce a pistol with an improved trigger, but with an additional safety feature. The end result was a hammer-fired pistol with this easy-to-activate grip safety. What's old is new!

However, we were keeping in mind that this was a pistol designed for new shooters who may not be comfortable with that mode of carry and gave an equal amount of time to the more traditional carry method. DeSantis also offers several holster designs for this handgun in IWB and OWB configurations, as do a variety of other manufacturers.

FINAL THOUGHTS

All in all, this was a fine pistol that not only looked good but was fun to shoot. Hopefully, Smith & Wesson includes a provision for the mounting of a red-dot optic on a future iteration of this pistol. These types of sights are constantly improving with regard to size, visibility and battery life.

Smith & Wesson may have been the first manufacturer to make use of the grip safety feature over 125 years ago to allow safe carry of a loaded revolver in a pocket or purse.

The only part of this pistol that we didn't like was the grip safety. It's not that they're a bad feature or unwarranted, but the top part of the safety has sharp edges that could've been cleaned up at the Performance Center. Many new shooters or folks relying on this pistol because they may have problems with hand strength may not have the knowledge, tools or ability to remedy this on their own.

Aside from that, the accuracy, ease of manipulation and inherent safety features make the S&W Performance Center M&P 9 Shield EZ a great personal defense gun. It's affordable for a Performance Center pistol and definitely checks all our boxes for a recommendation with regard to a concealed-carry handgun.

THAT INCLUDES THE CALIBER

A 9mm with low recoil that was easy to fire, manipulate and disassemble for a novice shooter was a true unicorn a few years ago. Smith & Wesson's Performance Center took these challenges head on and made it easy-peasy with the EZ PC. **GDTM**

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Competency with a defensive handgun is a perishable skill. You need to practice on a regular basis to improve or just remain proficient. That takes time and money, and time and money are the two things most of us have the least. For many, a trip to the range can consume a half or full day, and with range fees and ammunition, it can cost a hundred bucks or more. What might surprise you, especially if you're a new shooter, is that you can practice the most important of those perishable skills at home, without ammunition.



Typically, this type of practice is called dry practice or dry-fire practice, meaning, it's practice without ammunition. Too often shooters don't give dry practice the credit it deserves. This is probably partly because dry practice is boring, but mostly because dry practice is *very* boring. However, just because it's boring does not mean it's not helpful. In fact, almost every athletic endeavor—shooting is an athletic endeavor—can be improved with some form of dry practice.

Here's five of the most critical aspects of employing a defensive handgun in an effective manner that can be improved upon without ever firing a single shot. All these practices can be conducted at home for a few minutes each day. You just need to find a safe place where you're undisturbed, make sure your handgun is—for damn sure—unloaded, that there's no ammunition around and concentrate.

PRESENTATION

Being able to get your pistol out of your holster and orientated toward the threat quickly and efficiently is a critical aspect of weaponcraft with regard to the defensive handgun. It starts with clearing the cover garment and establishing a shooting grip while the handgun is in the holster. It ends with the handgun properly orientated with the sights on the target. A great way to work on this is with a shot timer and a smartphone.

A shot timer, such as the PACT Club Timer, comes with a par time feature. This par time feature allows you to set the shot timer to beep after a certain amount of time. It also has a delay start feature. Set the delay start and par time to 3 seconds and stand ready with your handgun concealed as you most often carry it.

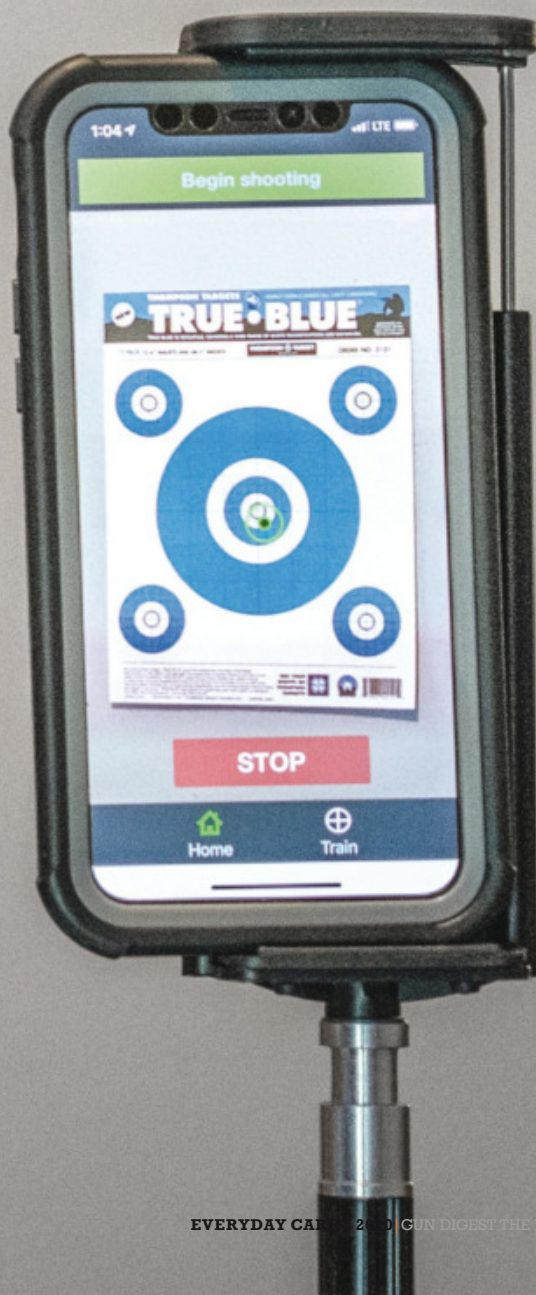
At the signal, draw the handgun, present it toward the target, and make a trigger press when the sights are properly aligned. Your goal is to accomplish this before you hear the second beep, which will occur 3 seconds

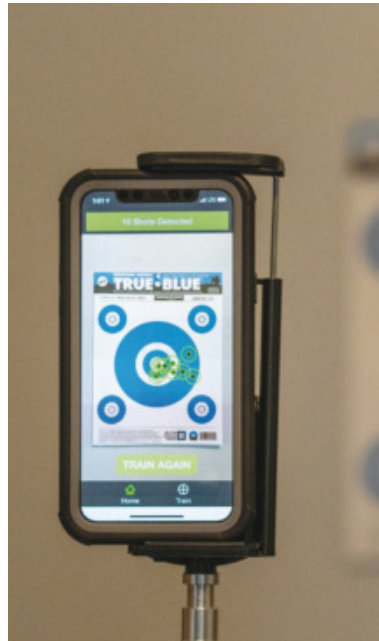
after the first. You can then gradually adjust the par time, with the ultimate goal of getting it down to about 1 second.

The smartphone can be used to video your draw stroke. To do this, you'll need a helper, or you can also use a tripod and a smartphone mount. G-Sight, which manufactures a device we'll discuss shortly, also makes a tabletop tripod and smartphone mount that works great for this. You can record your draw stroke in real time or even slow motion. The idea is to watch your draw stroke to make sure you're performing each step correctly.

HOLSTERING

Putting your handgun back into your holster is also very important. Why? This is the activity that most often results in self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Because holsters that cover the trigger guard and inside the waistband (IWB) carry are so popular, and because shooters often forget to remove their finger from the trigger guard when they holster, the holster or the waistband presses against the finger, the finger presses against the trigger, and the gun goes *bang*. This is often accompanied by a scream and a fluent





Developing your handgun presentation skills—drawing the handgun—can be critical to maximizing your chances of surviving a lethal confrontation.

With a smartphone, and the G-Sight ELMS laser unit and G-Sight LTP app, you can actually record and see *up close* your training results as you progress.

Laser training aids like this ELMS unit from G-Sight are a great and cost-effective way to train at home without ammunition.

(Below) The par time feature on shot timers make them ideal for dry practice training sessions.



expression of profanity.

Many instructors teach that you should be able to holster your handgun without looking at the holster. There are times when this could be a valuable skill, particularly in law enforcement, but for the civilian shooter, the frequency of needing to holster without looking is rare.

Every dry practice session should include at least 20 or so repetitions of the slow and methodical holstering of your handgun. This will condition you to holster your handgun *slow and methodically*. The need to holster in a

hurry is just as rare as needing to holster without looking. On the upside, by the repetitive practice of holstering your handgun, you'll eventually be able to do it—if you feel the need to—without looking.

SIGHT ALIGNMENT AND TRIGGER CONTROL

The secret to shooting accurately is really no secret at all; it's simply the proper alignment of the sights and a trigger press that doesn't disturb that alignment. This is something that dry practice can definitely improve

upon, and there are several inexpensive ways to do it.

One of the oldest methods is to draw a small target about the size of a pencil eraser on a sheet of notebook paper and tape it to the wall. Alternatively, you can just tape a target to the wall. Then, insert a sharpened pencil in the barrel of the handgun. Next, aim at the target, with the pencil about an inch from the target, and press the trigger. The pencil will make a dot on the target when the hammer hits the eraser and pushes it out of the barrel. Do this about five times and you'll have a five-

device like the one offered by G-Sight. Their Expert Laser Marksman System is a laser module that fits inside the chamber of your pistol. When you press the trigger, the device emits a laser flash that you can see on the target. One of the things that makes the ELMS system so revolutionary is that when combined with their G-Sight LTP app, the camera on your smartphone records these laser flashes on the target.

After firing a 10-shot group you can review those imaginary bullet impacts—laser flashes—on your smartphone. You'll need the tripod and phone mount mentioned earlier, and



The ELMS laser training cartridge from G-Sight fits into the chamber of your handgun and casts a laser flash on the target when the trigger is pulled. The kit comes with a desktop tripod, smartphone mount and laser training cartridge. Suggested retail price: \$110.

shot—pencil dot—group on the paper. The goal is for all the pencil dots to be in the same place.

Another technique is to balance a dime on top of the pistol's slide or barrel. This won't work on Glocks or other pistols with flat slides. But, with handguns with rounded slides or exposed barrels, place the dime on the barrel or slide, establish a sight picture, and press the trigger without letting the dime fall off.

A more modern approach is to use a



Dummy rounds are important for dry practice. Not only are they a good training aid, but they also add an element of safety to the process.

G-Sight offers several affordable options. In fact, a complete system with the ELMS, tripod and mount retails for as little as \$110.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Being able to keep your pistol operational is a highly desirable skill. Stoppages/malfunctions occur and that guy by the name of Murphy tends to ensure they occur at the least opportune moment. You prepare for these moments by staging stoppages in your handgun and clearing them. The best way to learn how to clear stoppages is with dummy rounds.

A common dummy round inserted in the chamber of your handgun will simulate a failure to fire. A new dummy round, called the Type 3 Malfunction Round, does a great job of simulating a more complex stoppage where—for a variety of reasons—a cartridge fails to fully chamber.

By setting up these stoppages at home and going through the clearing procedures, you can create a condi-

Type 3 malfunction rounds are dummy rounds that simulate a Type 3 malfunction.

You can mix these rounds in with live ammo when conducting live fire. This will help you train to clear complex malfunctions.

Learning to clear stoppages in your defensive handgun is a critical skill, and the response needs to become conditioned. Dummy rounds help with this training.



tioned response. Then, when you're on the range conducting live-fire, you can use these dummy rounds—spaced

throughout your magazines—to create stoppages you're not expecting. If you've done your dry-fire homework, you'll be ready to further train to create an even more conditioned response to stoppages.

RELOADING

It's a fact that most actual defensive handgun engagements involving civilians rarely exceed the expenditure of more than a single load. In other words, most defensive handgun engagements are over before a reload is required or conducted. That, however, doesn't mean reloading your handgun with speed and grace is something you shouldn't learn to do. In fact, sometimes a reload is the best way to deal with a stoppage. A shot timer can help you develop this skill so that you can accomplish the task faster.

Set the par time on the shot timer to about 4 seconds. Then, fill up several magazines with dummy rounds, put one in the gun and the rest in your magazine pouches or wherever you normally carry them. Now, with the handgun orientated toward the target, when you hear the start signal on the



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expenditure of time or money, it only makes sense.

But don't overlook the assistance dry-fire practice can provide in conjunction with a trip to the range for live fire. Intermingling dry fire with live fire while on the range can help you get the most out of the time and money you're spending, while actually making loud noises.

As a final consideration and reminder: safety first. When conducting any form of dry practice, make sure your handgun is unloaded, that no live ammunition is anywhere near you and that you're always pointing your handgun in a safe direction. Bullet holes in your television, family members or yourself have a way of creating a bad day. Being humans of sound mind and caring nature, that's something we like to avoid. **GDTM**

timer, conduct a reload.

There are essentially three different types of reloads to practice. With the speed reload, you're simply ejecting one magazine and inserting a new one. With the slide-lock reload, you start with the gun in slide lock and then eject the magazine, insert a new one and drop the slide. For the tactical reload, you retain the partially expended magazine that's in the gun—for potential later use—and insert a new one.

You can work on all of these reload techniques with the par time feature on the shot timer. For speed and slide-lock reloads, a good goal is something between 2 and 3 seconds. For a tactical reload, time isn't so much of a concern because you should only conduct a tactical reload when you have *time*.

FREQUENCY

I dry practice every day. It might only be four or five trigger presses or presentations, or I may spend as long as 20 minutes working on sight alignment and trigger control, immediate action or reloading. Handling your handgun every day, even for just a few moments, gets you more familiar with it. If you can do it without the adverse

A pencil is a great tool to help develop sight alignment and trigger control. It'll work great with a semi-auto, not so much with a revolver.



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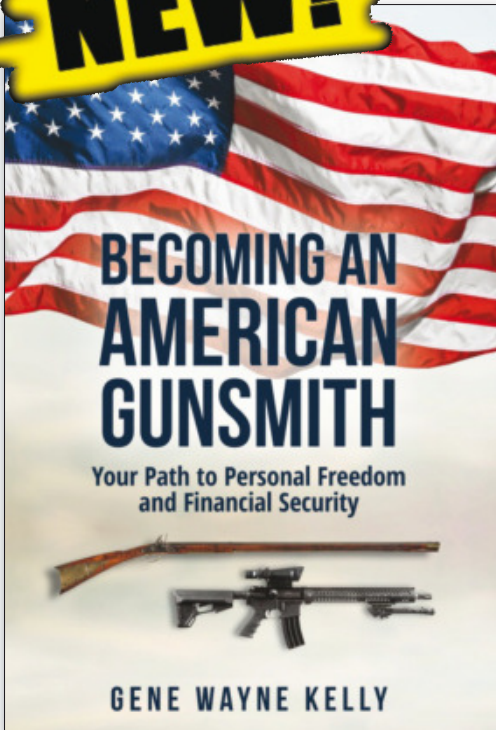
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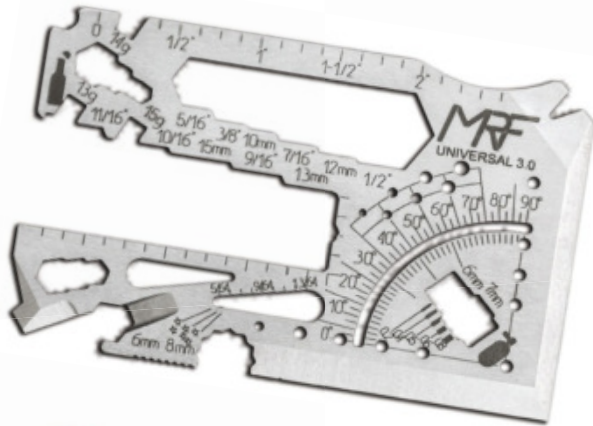
Call it gun fever, pistol pandemic or what have you. Folks procure a heater and act as if they're ready to tackle all the world has to throw at them right then and there. It's almost enough to laugh at.

Aside from solid training and inside-out knowledge of the particular firearm destined for their hip, there's a load of additional kit required to do things right. Holster selection alone is a dynamic nearly lifelong process—few hangers are ever defined as perfect. Additionally, there are tons of little things that, along the way, you learn enhance your ability to handle everyday emergencies. A lethal-force encounter isn't the only thing that can do you in.

So, without further ado, here are some pieces of kit that either enhance carrying every day or solve problems bullets don't. **GDTM**



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01 Disc MultiCard Multitool Titanium

In this day and age, who doesn't have a multi-tool? Then, you know their major drawback: They're clunky and a pain to tote around. Well, not anymore. The MultiCard Multitool makes being prepared as simple as tucking away your Diner's Club card. Tipping the scales at 1.55 ounces, credit card-sized (so you can tuck it into your wallet) and made from the wonder metal, titanium, this tool is engineered for the utmost convenience. Nevertheless, it's no mere novelty; it's capable of executing more than 21 functions, including wrenching nuts, stripping wires, manipulating oxygen tanks and pulling nails.

MSRP: \$39

02 Pokka Pen

For field notes or the potential love-of-your-life's phone number, you better have a pen that works. Up to this point, pens that worked wet, dry or otherwise tended to run nearly an arm and a leg. Enter Pokka Pen. Designed with partners Rite in the Rain and Fisher, the Pokka is engineered to lay down ink in rain, snow, grease or whatever else you throw at it—at a fraction of the price of any other pen in its class. The secret to the Pokka's performance is the genuine Fisher cartridges found in the company's legendary Space Pen. It's an out-of-sight addition to any EDC kit.

MSRP: \$12.95 two-pack

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03 Sunshine Products Mini Stash Cash Can

Cash talks, especially in emergencies. Even if you're wed to your Visa or Mastercard, it's a solid idea to have some disaster cash on hand, whether commuting to work or traveling across the country. Simple as it is ingenious, this little brass canister makes it easier than ever to keep emergency funds on person at all times. Designed to hold one bill, properly folded, the canister is easily attached to a keychain, backpack or, heck, zipper for that matter. It takes up almost no room and draws little unwanted attention. One hundred-percent American made, the can is waterproof thanks to twin O-rings and impact resistant to most everyday bumps and tumbles.

MSRP: \$25

04 Blue Force Micro Trauma Kit NOW

No one's coming to save you, including medics. Given this, including a trauma kit in your possibles bag isn't a sober choice—it's a lifesaving one. Blue Force puts one right at hand with its Micro Trauma Kit NOW system. Designed for belt carry, the IFKA is convenient enough to become a constant companion and boasts the instruments to manage a slew of traumatic injuries. Chief among these include hemostatic dressing, tourniquet and medical tape. But you can upgrade the kit to include QuickClot Combat Gauze, chest seal, decompression needle and nasopharyngeal airway, among other things. Chances are you won't need a lick of this gear. But, by God, if you do, you'll be glad you have it on hand.

MSRP: Basic \$129.95; Advanced \$199.95

05 KeySmart Pro

Traditional keyrings have run their course. Disorganized and bulky, they clutter pockets and barely accomplish their main function—hardly what you're looking for in a tidy EDC kit. Luckily, KeySmart has completely rethought how you carry and utilize these vital everyday items. Functioning almost like a pocket knife, the organizer holds up to 14 keys in a neat and orderly fashion. Along the way, it trims up the gear you have on person, making space for more vital kit worth having on hand. Furthermore, KeySmart also solves the whole lost key problem. Linking with a smart device via Tile, the device gives you a way to locate keys quickly and efficiently. A tidy little package, it not only streamlines your EDC system, but it also makes it more effective.

MSRP: \$59.99

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06 Hanks Belts Kydex Reinforced

It goes without saying, but if you're rocking a regular belt for concealed carry, you're asking for trouble. Limp as a noodle, that single layer of leather is going to allow your pistol to print. Worse yet, it won't facilitate a clean and consistent draw. A gun belt is in order for EDC—the stiffer the better, which is exactly what Hanks' Kydex Reinforced belt provides. Better yet, it does so without weighing you down. Light as a feather, the rigid thermal plastic is the ideal core material for a rock-solid gun belt for everyday wear. Hanks goes a step further, keeping the belt slimmer than others in its class, utilizing nylon backing on extra-thick full-grain leather. It's a nifty system, one that ensures you won't be caught with your pants down in a life-threatening situation.

MSRP: \$89.99

07 E12 2.0 Fenix Flashlight

A flashlight is an imperative enhancement to a self-defense gun, but it's also a must-have for about everything else life throws at you—unless you stay indoors after the sun goes down. Seeing as few of us do, the E12 2.0 Fenix proves a godsend. It's small enough to always be on person and strong enough to blind an assailant or pinpoint where you dropped your keys. Measuring a tick over 3 inches and tipping the scales at less than an ounce, the second-generation E12 fits perfectly in a front or rear pocket. When the rear power button is hit, it deploys up to 160 lumens of light. Waterproof, dust-proof, boasting an adjustable clip and running off everyday AA batteries, the E12 makes carrying a flashlight an absolute breeze.

MSRP: \$26.95

08 Light My Fire

Much of EDC revolves around urban settings, but it's foolish to think that's the only environment you need to prep for. Do any hiking or cross-country travel? It's a solid plan to be ready to face Mother Nature. A number one in that column is a way to start a fire. Swedish-made FireSteel Army has you covered for kindling a lifesaving flame in nearly any conditions. No larger than a house key, the magnesium-alloy fire starter takes up next to no room in a pack or jacket pocket and is completely self-contained. Its striker is attached via a durable nylon cord and is good for up to 12,000 strikes. Biobased plastic handles provide ample grip space, so even gloved hands can get the 3,000-degree sparks flying.

MSRP: \$19



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09 Trayvax Armored Summit Wallet

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10 Real Avid Gun Tool AMP

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That handgun you have for personal protection is worthless if it's not on your person. In order to use it to save your life you have to have it with you. Unfortunately, there's no *good* way to carry a handgun; the best and most comfortable way is in your hand, but we cannot walk around with a gun in our hand all the time. So, we look to various carry methods and holster styles to help us "pack iron," as they used to say. Though,

in today's world, that saying might need to be altered to "packing plastic."

There are essentially five techniques for carrying a defensive handgun in a holster, and there's a specific holster style best suited to each technique. As a concealed carrier, you must decide which system best suits your lifestyle and body type. It needs to be as comfortable as possible, but each carry style has pros and cons—beyond comfort—that must be considered. Even though you might find a particular style comfy, it might not be the best choice for the way you live.

I reached out to Galco Gunleather and asked for five of their best-selling concealment holsters for the Sig Sauer P365, one for each of the most popular concealed carry techniques. Here's a look at those holsters along with some things that need to be considered with each carry mode.

1. OUTSIDE THE WAISTBAND (OWB) CARRY

Most will agree the OWB carry is the most accessible and comfortable method of carry. All you really need to make it happen is a belt. However, OWB carry is the most difficult to conceal and requires a serious belt for optimum security and holster stability. With ultra-compact guns, you might manage concealment with an extra-long untucked shirt, or a similarly long vest or jacket, but it'll require vigilance on your part to keep the gun hidden at all times.

Most who carry OWB do so on their strong side. If 12 o'clock is your



belt buckle, something between 3 and 4 o'clock is the most common holster position. However, some also carry in the cross-draw position, which puts the holster somewhere between 9 and 11 o'clock. For those who spend a great deal of time in a vehicle, cross-draw can be a comfortable alternative. However, with cross-draw, a holster with some reward cant is preferred.

There are hundreds of styles of OWB holsters, but most of them resemble something like the Galco Stinger (\$69). This is a fitted holster that'll securely hold the gun in place during normal activity. Due to the compactness of the P365, this style holster makes the gun a bit easier to conceal than a larger handgun like a Glock 17 or Colt 1911. Of all the carry styles, OWB offers the easiest access to your handgun. Ideally, choose a holster like the Stinger that's form fitted and holds the handgun securely. Otherwise, consider a holster with a thumb retention strap.

2. INSIDE THE WAISTBAND (IWB) CARRY

Inside the waistband carry is likely the most popular concealed carry technique. In most cases, a belt is required, but it doesn't have to be as substantial as a belt worn for OWB carry. What IWB carry does necessitate is a pant size that's about a half to a full size larger than normal because the holster and gun must fit between your body and your waistband; dress pants with an elastic waistband or jeans with a bit of stretch are ideal. Access is almost as easy as OWB carry, and concealment can often be accomplished with an untucked shirt—even a T-shirt—vest or jacket.

Just as with OWB carry, there are many different styles of IWB holsters. A style that has become very common is represented by the Galco KingTuk Classic (\$79), where a form-fitted holster is attached to a leather pad fitted with belt keepers. Many carriers find this design comfortable because the pad spreads the body/holster contact over a larger area. The primary downside to IWB carry is that many of the IWB holsters



With IWB carry, concealment can be found with a vest or, in many cases, an untucked T-shirt.

are difficult to put on or take off. In some cases, the process might require you to halfway undress. And, as with OWB and appendix carry, going to the restroom for a sit-down visit requires some problem solving.

3. IWB APPENDIX CARRY

Carrying a handgun in the appendix position—in the front of your waist just left or right of your belly button—has become very popular. Mostly exercised



Appendix carry is becoming more popular all the time. For those with a trim physique, it offers comfortable ease of concealment. However, it may not always allow easy access to the handgun.



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with those who have a trim physique, it offers very fast access and easy concealment with an untucked shirt. However, it can be damn near impossible to draw a handgun from appendix carry if you're bent over, and bending over or crouching is synonymous with fighting. If you happen to get knocked down and find someone over top of you and beating on you, you might find it near impossible to draw your handgun.

Appendix holsters are also IWB holsters, and a good appendix holster like the Galco Scout 3.0 (\$89) is small and trim so that it'll induce the least amount of bulk inside your pants. Most have a clip or single snap to facilitate on and off, and many can also be used strong side or weak side as a traditional IWB holster.

4. ANKLE CARRY

Compact guns can be carried in ankle holsters, and modern ankle holsters are very secure. However, if you spend most of your day on your feet or if you have a very active lifestyle, ankle carry can become cumbersome. It also obviously requires long pants. On the other hand,



Regardless of the carry method you chose, you should routinely practice drawing the handgun from concealment.



Galco's Stinger offers a classic design.



if your day is mostly spent seated or in a vehicle, ankle carry may not be a bad idea. Traditionally, it has been the method of preferred carry for a backup or second gun. Lots of police officers carry a backup gun in this manner. When I worked the street, I carried a Glock 22 in a duty holster and a Glock 27 on my ankle. The 27 would work with my duty magazines, which made it even more practical.

A high-quality ankle holster like the Galco Ankle Glove (\$130) will have a retention strap. This keeps the gun secure should you become engaged in a robust physical activity. Velcro is the primary

method of securing an ankle holster to your leg, but your ankle size needs to be taken into consideration. As a cop, I wore an ankle holster, but I have skinny ankles. To make it work, I always wore boots with my patrol uniform. This provided more bulk to better secure the holster; if you have trim and skinny ankles or like to wear skinny jeans, an ankle holster isn't for you.

By simply pulling up your pants leg, an ankle holster can be easily accessed. This is Galco's Ankle Glove.



Of all the holster styles out there, don't skimp when it comes to an ankle holster. You can get by OK with lesser-quality OWB and IWB holsters, but with an ankle holster, spend the money. Additionally, for trips to the porcelain throne, ankle and shoulder holsters present the least problems.

5. SHOULDER HOLSTER CARRY

Popularized by the 1980s *Miami Vice* television series, shoulder holsters may be one of the most overlooked carry methods. Obviously, they require a cover garment/jacket for concealment, but they provide ease of access from almost any position. If you're a suit and tie kind of guy, they make sense, just keep in mind that with a shoulder holster you must keep your jacket *on* to maintain concealment regardless of how warm or uncom-

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Shoulder holsters can be a very comfortable way to carry concealed, but they require that you wear a jacket, vest or sweater at all times.

comfortable you may get.

Non-custom shoulder holsters can cost between \$50 and \$250. They're also offered with the handgun supported horizontally or vertically. Horizontal carry offers easier access, and vertical carry seems to work best for large handguns. The best of the bunch will have a thumb retention device to hold the handgun securely and clips to attach the holster to your belt for added rigidity. Most also come with either a single or double magazine pouch. This offers a great way to carry extra ammunition and kind of balances the weight.

And weight is a consideration. It takes some time to get used to wearing a shoulder holster, especially when filled with a 30-plus ounce handgun. The Galco Classic Lite Shoulder Holster for the SIG P365 retails for \$120 and would be considered middle of the road with regard to quality and expense.

OTHER OPTIONS

There are other less-than-traditional carry methods. Fanny packs can be an alternative, and the new Fastrax Pac Waist-pack (\$89-\$99) from Galco is one of the best options. A distinct advantage they offer is that they're easy to put on or take off. Pocket carry can be employed with

ultra-compact handguns, and in reality, it's not a bad technique. But you won't do it successfully with trim-fitting jeans, and it's not as accessible as holster carry; you could get into a situation where you're unable to get your hand into your pocket to get your gun out. If you're going to pocket carry, consider a pocket holster to help conceal the gun and keep it properly positioned inside your pocket.

And finally, there's off-body carry like with a purse or a holster that's attached to your car. Purse carry is very popular for women, and while it has its detractors—if someone steals your purse, they steal your gun—it's a solid option for women without altering their style of dress to carry more traditionally. And, a variety of holster manufacturers like Galco also offer purses specifically designed for handgun carry. If you're going to carry



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As for vehicle holsters, they're a great way to make handgun access easier while you're riding in your car; with some vehicles, it can be difficult to access a gun carried in one of the five carry methods mentioned. However, leaving a handgun in a vehicle isn't a great idea due to theft concerns. Vehicle holsters are best utilized as a way to keep your handgun accessible while you're in your car. When you get out of your car, you should transition the handgun to your desired on-body carry method.

FINDING THE RIGHT ANSWER

Many interested in concealed carry, select the gun before the holster or carry method. This often results in a situation where the carrier finds that the gun selected is difficult or uncomfortable to keep on all

day. Ideally, the process should start with you deciding where and how you want to carry the gun, and then you can begin looking at holsters and guns that allow that to be done in the most comfortable manner. Remember, if you're not carrying your handgun it cannot save you.

And finally, it should go without saying that you need to practice drawing/presenting your handgun from whatever concealed carry method you decide upon. It's highly unlikely you'll ever have to face down an adversary at high noon at 20 steps iconized by Western movies. But if you do need to induce a handgun into a fight it is highly likely that you'll need to do it in a hurry. Find a handgun, holster and carry method that fits your lifestyle, that's comfortable and that permits quick and easy access. **GDTM**



They're lots of concealed carry holsters to choose from. Pick the one that fits your lifestyle and the way you dress. Sometimes, the answer isn't just one.

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

ARKANSAS

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

CALIFORNIA

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

FLORIDA

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

ILLINOIS

Nov 15-Dec 20 IL, woodstock. mc henry county gun show. mc henry county fairgrounds, 11900 country club rd.

INDIANA

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 Cty. 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

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

1212 E. Quarry.

LOUISIANA

Dec 5-6 LA, West Monroe. West Monroe Gun Show. West Monroe Convention Center, 901 Ridge Ave.

Dec 5-6 LA, Gonzales. Gonzales Gun Show. Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, 9039 S. St. Landry Ave.

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

Dec 19-20 LA, Kenner. Gun & Knife Show. Pontchartrain Ctr., New Orleans Area, Williams Blvd. Exit off I-10.

MICHIGAN

Nov 14-15 MI, Prudenville. Gun & Knife Show. Houghton Lake K of C, 833 W. West Branch Rd.

Nov 20-22 MI, Lansing. Gun & Knife Show - 3 Days. Ingham Cty. Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St.

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OHIO

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Nov 14-15 OH, Cambridge. Cambridge Gun Show. Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy.

Nov 21-22 OH, Norwalk. Huron County Gun Show. Huron County Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd.

Nov 21 OH, Norwalk. Huron County Gun Show. Huron County Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd.

Nov 21-22 OH, Montpelier. Staline Gun Show. Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building, Montpelier Ohio.

Dec 12-13 OH, Medina. Gun Show. Community Ctr., Co. Fairgrounds (SR 42) 735 Lafayette Rd.

Dec 19-20 OH, Wellington. Lorain County Gun Show. Lorain County Fairgrounds, 23000 Fairgrounds Rd.

Dec 19-20 OH, Montpelier. Staline Gun Show. Williams County Fairgrounds-Gillette Building, Montpelier Ohio.

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Dec 19-20 OK, Shawnee. Gun Show. Expo Center, 1700 West Independence.

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Nov 16 OR, Portland. The Original Rose City Gun Show. Metropolitan Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr.

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Nov 28-29 PA, Monroeville. The Pittsburgh Gun Show. Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd.

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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.

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Dec 5-6 SD, Rapid City. Rapid City Firearms Association December Gun Show. Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 444 Rushmore Road North.

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Nov 14-15 TX, Kerrville. Gun & Knife Show. Event Center, 3785 TX-27.

Nov 14-15 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd.

Nov 21-22 TX, Pasadena. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway.

Nov 21-22 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town Blvd.

Nov 21-22 TX, Longview. Longview Gun Show. Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd.

Nov 21-22 TX, McAllen. Gun Show. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center 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, Allen. Premier Gun Show. Allen Event Center, 200 E. Stacy Road.

Dec 5-6 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. San Antonio Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf.

Dec 12-13 TX, Conroe. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 FM 1484.

Dec 12-13 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town Blvd.

Dec 12-13 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St.

Dec 12-13 TX, Amarillo. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Center, 401 Buchanan St.

Dec 12-13 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd.

Dec 19-20 TX, Pasadena. High Caliber Gun and Knife Show. Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway.

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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.
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Dec 19-20 VA, Dale City. Dale City Gun Show. Dale City VFW, 14631 Minnieville Rd.
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Nov 14-15 WV, Morgantown. The Morgantown Gun Show. Mylan Park Expo Center, Ruby Community Center, 500 Mylan Park Lane.

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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 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. PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854. PH: 517-676-4160. www.migunshows.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 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 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.texasgunandknife-shows.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, 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.showmastersgun-shows.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 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.
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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.com.
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

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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/lodigunshow.html.
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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.

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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.

Nov 21 OH, Norwalk. Huron County Gun Show. Huron County Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm. A: \$5.00-12 and under free. T: 100. F: \$35.00 ea. for both days. Bill-Mr Promotions. 221 E Main St, South Amherst, OH 44001. PH: 440-320-4660. gmoates@twc.com.

Nov 21-22 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.

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.premiergunshows.com.

Nov 21-22 TX, Longview. Longview Gun Show. Maude Cobb Convention Center,

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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.greatsouthern-gunshow.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 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



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Nov 28-29 TX, Dallas. Premier Gun Shows. Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N Stemmons Fwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10 cash only. T: 1400. Premier Gun Shows. PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX 76162. PH: 817-732-1194. www.premiergunshows.com.

Nov 28-29 TX, Nacogdoches. Gun Show. Civic Center, 3805 NW Stallings Drive. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$8. T: 200. F: 1-4 \$55; 5+ \$50; 10+ \$45. G&S Promotions. PO Box 338, Wister, OK 74966. PH: 918-659-2201. www.gandsgunshows.com.

Nov 28-29 VA, Hampton. Gun Show. Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr. off Mercury Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10. T: 700. Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA 23703. PH: 757-483-5383. www.sgkshows.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, West Monroe. West Monroe Gun Show. West Monroe Convention Center, 901 Ridge Ave. 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.capgunshows.com.

Dec 5-6 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.

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.migungshows.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. rapidcity-rifleclub.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.

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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.

Dec 12-13 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.

Dec 12-13 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.

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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.

Dec 12-13 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.conrad-dowdell.com.

Dec 12-13 SC, Columbia. Gun & Knife Show. State Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Dr. SH: Sat. 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, 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.

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, 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, 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 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.sgkshows.com.

Dec 18-20 IA, Maquoketa. Big Bore Enterprise: Maquoketa Iowa Gun Show. Jackson Valley Fairgrounds, 1212 E. Quarry. SH: Fri. 5pm-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: 250. 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.

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. 10am-5pm. 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.

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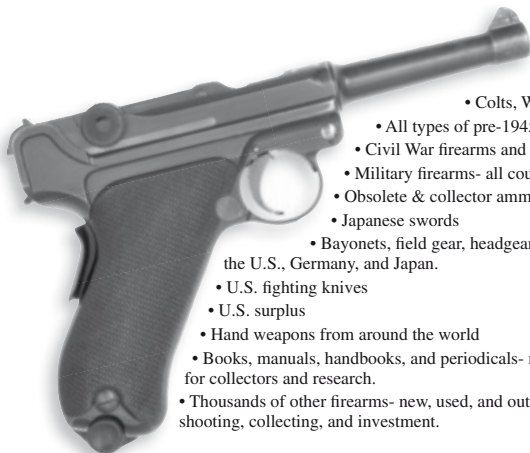
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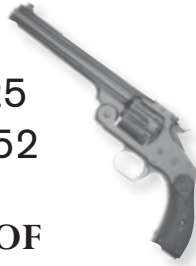
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- 35-M Smith & Wesson 9mm Para Model 940 "Centennial" Double Action Revolver** 2" barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, all stainless construction appears new overall, mint "Santoprene" checkered finger groove combat style grips, excellent function, just a few tiny scratches keep this one from mint condition, very unusual in 9mm Parabellum \$975
- 36-M Smith & Wesson .22 LR Model 41 Target Auto Pistol** 5 1/2" heavy barrel with mint bore, 97% original bright blue, blade front sight, no rear sight but has a nicely installed and working Tasco "ProPoint" red dot optical sight installed using a Weaver style aluminum base that was installed by drilling and tapping the top of the barrel, barrel has also been "lightened" by drilling the face of the barrel with 14 holes (very professionally done), excellent function, excellent original checkered Walnut grips with thumb rests and "S&W" marked metal follower magazine, made in 1983 \$895
- 37-M Webley & Scott 38/200 (.38 S&W) Mark IV Top Break Double Action WW-II Revolver** 4" ribbed, flat sided barrel with mint bore, 96% original dull blue with silvering on sharp edges, matching numbers, fixed sights, very good+ logo checkered black hard rubber grips, lanyard ring at butt, excellent function, both single and double action, fitted with hammer block safety for import purposes (C&R) \$525
- 38-M U.S. Government .45 ACP Model 1911A1 Remington Made WW-II Auto Pistol** 5" barrel with minty bright bore and marked "H.S." on barrel lug (High Standard barrels are commonly found on Remington and Ithaca pistols), 98% original parkerized finish, fixed sights, slide marked "Remington Rand Inc." over "Syracuse N.Y. U.S.A." about 1" in length, arched mainspring housing is checkered in the Remington style, mint Keyes fiber checkered brown plastic grips with reinforce rings at screws, internal reinforcing ribs and production code markings, "F.J.A" inspector marking "P" proof on frame and top of slide, crossed cannon proof is hit slightly of center, excellent function, "G" (General Shaver) marked full blue magazine, all correct and original 2nd contract 1911A1 Remington for WW-II, collector quality (C&R) \$2150
- 39-M U.S. Government .45 ACP Model 1911A1 Ithaca Made "WW-II British Lend Lease" Auto Pistol** 5" barrel with mint bright bore, barrel has "G" proof mark, fixed factory sights, 98%+ original Parkerized finish with slight edge wear along slide, British proof marks on barrel, slide and frame and marked "United States Property" M1911A1 U.S. Army, magazine marked "G" (General Shaver) on floorplate, grips are correct Keyes Fiber with strengthening ribs, very nice collector quality (C&R) \$1895
- CENTERFIRE RIFLES:**
- 40-M British .303 British BSA Made "SHT LE III" Dated 1917 WW-I Bolt Rifle** 25" barrel with very good bore, 90% arsenal rebuild blue, matching bolt and 10 shot magazine, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 yards, "wing" protected front blade sight, good but well dented and dinged stock with trap style brass buttplate, no stacking swivel, excellent function, import marked at right rear of receiver (C&R) \$465
- 41-M British .303 British "No. 4 MK I" Savage Made WW-II Bolt Rifle** 25" barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original dull blue finish, "U.S. Property" marked receiver, most small parts "S" marked, simple 2 position flip up rear sight and "wing" protected front sight, excellent Walnut semi pistol grip stock with small "S" stamp behind triggerguard, excellent "trap" style pot metal buttplate, excellent function, matching bolt, import marked but still collector quality (C&R) \$725
- 42-M British .303 British "No. 4 MK II" Bolt Rifle** 25" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original black finish, 1300 yard marked flip up rear sight with wheel adjustment to micrometer markings, standard "wing" protected front sight, all matching numbers on receiver, bolt and clip, excellent semi pistol grip stock with trap style brass buttplate, dated 1954 receiver, excellent function, looks near new, collector quality, import marked (C&R) \$965
- 43-M Chinese Government 7.62x39mm SKS Model 56 Auto Rifle** 20 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original blue with storage grease still visible on exterior (should be disassembled and cleaned before firing), 1000 meter graduated rear sight, matching numbers, very good+ Asian hardwood stock with old cloth sling, spike folding bayonet and wiping rod, no cleaning kit in butt trap, unmarked except for serial number, import marked, excellent function (C&R) \$495
- 44-M Enfield .303 British No. 4 MK I (M47C) Bolt Rifle** 25" barrel with excellent bright bore, 95% original blue/black finish, no markings on sides of receiver but a small "M47C" mark at top of left side rear stock band, matching bolt, flip up rear sight with sliding "peep" aperture graduated to 1300 yards, dated 1944, matching number magazine, excellent original wood with some inspectors markings, serrated upper handguard, blued steel "trap" style buttplate and correct swivels, import marked but still a collector quality (C&R) \$795
- 45-M F.N. 8mm Mauser "Egyptian Contract Model 1949" Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 23" barrel with excellent bore, 98% original dull blue, "Farsi" marked tangent rear sight with markings out to 1000 meters, Egyptian crest on front receiver bridge, very good original stock with field and storage nicks and dings scattered about, excellent function, import marked on underside of barrel but still very nice original specimen (C&R) \$1475
- 46-M French 7.5x54mm Model 1944 MAS Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 22 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98%+ original finish, "peep" rear sight graduated to 1200 meters, this an early 1944 (only 6250 made) and is parkerized with a correctly black painted receiver, "F" prefix 4 digit serial number, hood protected blade front sight, all matching numbers including both minty buttstock and forend, "spike" bayonet under barrel, these were issued to French Navy and commando units after WW-II as used in French Indo China, excellent function, collector quality, import marked, sling bar and swivel (C&R) \$1995
- 47-M French 7.5x54mm Model 1949/56 MAS Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 20 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, integral flash hider and grenade launcher, 98% French arsenal rebuild parkerized finish, "peep" rear sight graduated to 1200 meters and windage adjustable, mixed numbers, import marked, excellent function, comes with an original leather sling and rubber recoil pad for shooting grenades, super looker (C&R) \$1075
- 48-M French 7.62/308 Model 1949/56 MAS Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 20 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% French arsenal rebuild parkerized finish, "peep" rear sight graduated to 1200 meters and windage adjustable, integral grenade launcher/muzzle brake, excellent function, mixed numbers, import marked (C&R) \$1075
- 49-M German / Walther 8mm Mauser Model G-43 Nazi Era made Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 22" barrel with excellent bright bore, 95%+ original blue, hooded front and tangent military style "ladder" rear sight graduated to 1200 meters, all matching numbers including excellent laminate stock with "cup" style "trap" buttplate, upper handguard is matching laminate with some short hairline cracks near rear sight, all original and correct "WaA 134", "AC-44" proofed, excellent function, collector quality (C&R) \$3750
- 50-M Interarms 7.62x39mm Custom "Mark X MZ" Model "Mini Mauser" Bolt Rifle** 21" barrel by "Baker Arms" of Beverly Massachusetts with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, no open sights but has a Bushnell 3-9x40mm "Buchhorn" widefield scope with duplex reticule and crisp clear optics, "Zastava" made mini action, excellent dark Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering of very high quality, "Cascade" style cheekpiece and Pachmayr "Old English" rubber buttpad, swivels "eyes", push button hinged floorplate, Redfield scope base and rings, excellent function, super looker \$695
- 51-M J.G. Anschutz 4mm Long "Wehrsportkarbiner" Single Shot Bolt Trainer Rifle** 26" barrel with 8 3/4" rifled section in 4mm the remainder of barrel is about .45", 95% original blue/black finish, tangent military style sight graduated to 10 meters, good Walnut pistol grip stock with "Waffen-Lux/Heidelberg/Leopoldstr.9" cartouche in a banner, "JGA" marked receiver, K-98 style side mount sling bars and bayonet fixture, stock shows lots of nicks, dings and scrapes plus an added front section of forend with an oval cutout to aid cleaning, no wiping rod, excellent function on this rarely seen indoor practice trainer (C&R) \$535
- 52-M Martini .310 Rook "Australian Cadet" No. 4 B.S.A. Made Single Shot Training Rifle** 25" barrel with very good bright bore, 90% original blue with some streaks of light pitting on left side of receiver running through the "B.S.A." logo markings, "Commonwealth of Australia" and "V.I.C." marked on right side "Kangaroo" stamped on front receiver bridge, 600 yard graduated open rear sight knurled wheel adjustable for windage and elevation, "wing" protectors on rear sight and snap on front sight hood, nicely cartouched straight grip stock with numerous dents and dings from field use, cocking indicator, original sling swivels, excellent function, matching numbers (C&R) \$695
- 53-M Mauser 7x57 Model 1895 "Chilean Contract" DWM Made Bolt Rifle** 29" barrel with mint bore, 98% blue, crisp rifling, original front blade sight, 2000 meter ladder rear sight, receiver has mint Chilean crest and proof marks also on buttstock, all serialized numbers match but cleaning rod, smooth straight grip Walnut stock with handling marks, factory original buttplate and leather sling, collector quality (C&R) \$625
- 54-M Mauser 8mm Mauser Model 43 Spanish Air Force Bolt Action Short Rifle** 23 1/2" barrel with good but lightly pitted bore, 80% original blue, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, "wing" protected front sight, matching numbers on small parts but mismatch on bolt with straight handle, nice Spanish Air Force crest on front receiver bridge, good solid pistol grip original stock with side bar sling mount and swivel at barrel band, steel buttplate, excellent function (C&R) \$375
- 55-M Russian 7.62x39mm "SVT-40" Clip Feed Gas Operated Auto Rifle** 25" barrel with bright mint bore, 98% arsenal refinish blue and plum purple on bolt, Tula arsenal 1941 marked rifle has all matching serialized numbers, bolt has been serialized with electric pencil, semi straight/pistol grip smooth hardwood shows matching serial number and proof marks, left side of stock has a replacement wood insert where a scope was once mounted, rifle has a heat shield, bayonet lug and flash hider, cleaning rod and bayonet, bayonet is marked "1961" with a serial number not matching to rifle, collector quality (C&R) \$2495
- 56-M Savage 25/20 Model 23B Sporter Clip Feed Bolt Rifle** 25" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% original blue thinning lightly on barrel with light pinpricking and toning to brown on triggerguard and bolt handle, front German silver blade original sight and original open rear sight, Walnut pistol grip stock with Schnabel forend, factory logo steel buttplate with 90% original blue toning to brown, one factory magazine, manufactured 1924-1945 (C&R) \$495
- 57-M Savage / Stevens 30/30 Model 325-C Clip Feed Bolt Rifle** 21" barrel with very good bright bore, 90%+ original thinning blue, ramp bead front and a "WFC Co." no.175 receiver "peep" rear sight, open rear dovetail on barrel, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with serrated plastic buttplate, wood finish shows lots of finish use scratches but nothing serious, excellent function (C&R) \$305
- 58-M Swiss 7.5x55mm Swiss Model 1889 Straight Pull Bolt Rifle** 30 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original blue, all matching numbers, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, excellent original Walnut stock with bright steel buttplate, sling swivels, stacking pin and brass muzzle cap, excellent function, not import marked, collector quality (Antique) \$895
- 59-M Swiss Government 7.5x55mm Swiss Model 1911 Straight Pull Bolt Carbine** 23 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98%+ original bright blue, all matching numbers, military rear sight graduated to 1500 meters, 1937 dated receiver, very good original Walnut stock with blued steel buttplate, side mount sling bar and swivel plus a nice original leather sling, excellent function, nicely import marked but still collector quality (C&R) \$1275
- 60-M Swiss 7.5x55mm Swiss Model 1911 Straight Pull Bolt Rifle** 30 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original bright blue, all matching numbers, military style rear tangent sight graduated to 2000 meters, excellent lightly figured Walnut pistol grip stock with finger grooves, blued steel buttplate, original swivels and stacking pin, excellent function, nicely import marked on receiver, super looker (C&R) \$695
- 61-M Swiss 7.5x55mm Swiss Model 1911 Straight Pull Bolt Rifle** 30 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original bright blue, all matching numbers, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, blade front sight, very good stock with steel buttplate sling swivels and stacking "pin", all original and correct import marked on receiver, excellent function (C&R) \$485
- 62-M Swiss 7.5x55mm Swiss Model K-31 Straight Pull Bolt Rifle** 25 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue, excellent crisp clear Swiss cross on front receiver bridge, all matching numbers, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 1500 meters, "wing" protected front blade sight, very good original Walnut stock with small Swiss cross proofs, steel buttplate, side mount sling bar and swivel, stacking pin and original leather sling, wood shows storage dents at rear or comb, import marked on left side of sight base, excellent function, made in 1941 (C&R) \$795

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63-M U.S. Government .30 Cal. "Standard Products" M-1 Auto Carbine 18" Underwood barrel with excellent bore, barrel dated "3-44", protected front post sight, "stamped" adjustable rear sight, receiver marked standard products "STD PRO", 97% arsenal rebuild parkerized finish, bayonet lug, factory buttplate, "flat" bolt, push button safety, excellent smooth "SA" marked Walnut (low wood) stock, comes with sling, one Underwood 15 round magazine and canvas "Kirkman" dated 1942 magazine pouch on stock (C&R)\$1250

64-M U.S. Government 30/06 Model M-1 Garand Springfield Armory Made Auto Rifle 24" barrel with very good bright bore and marked "B.SID65 1955", 98% arsenal rebuild parkerized finish, standard military "peep" rear and "wing" protected blade front sight, "S.A." marked bolt, trigger housing group (new style) and op-rod, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with a light re-oiling over field use nicks and dings, excellent function (C&R)\$965

65-M Winchester 30/30 Model 64 Lever Rifle 24" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original bright blue, hooded ramp bead front and sporting open rear factory sights, receiver correctly drilled tapped and plugged for receiver sight (none provided), excellent dark Walnut pistol grip stock with checkered steel "widows' peak" buttplate, swivel "eyes" have been neatly installed on toe line of buttstock and forend cap with Q.D. swivels installed, made in 1951, excellent function showing little actual use, collector quality (C&R)\$1095

66-M Winchester / U.S.R.A. 45/70 Model 1886 Extra Light Weight Lever Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 99 1/2% original bright blue, brass bead front and Lyman 66A rear receiver sight, slot blank in rear barrel dovetail, minty dark Walnut straight grip stock with checkered steel shotgun buttplate, 1/2 magazine, tang safety, as new overall in original factory box, only 3500 made.....\$1095

67-M Yugoslavian Government 7.62x39mm Model 59/66 Auto Rifle 20" barrel with excellent bright bore and integral grenade launcher, 98% original bright blue, all matching numbers, original military open rear sight graduated to 1000 meters, hooded blade front sight, grenade launching sight, folding blade bayonet, mint hardwood semi pistol grips lock with original rubber "trap" style buttpad (no cleaning kit in butt or wiping rod under barrel), this one had been carefully degreased and looks new, import marked (C&R)\$625

RIMFIRE RIFLES:

68-M Browning .22 LR Grade I "Miroku" Butt Tube Feed Auto Takedown Rifle 19 1/4" barrel with mint bore, 99% original bright blue, Grade I scroll engraving on receiver, original front bead sight, rear "cantilever" scope base attached to barrel using factory drilled and tapped holes with high quality rings and a nice "Weaver K-4" scope with excellent optics and plain crosshair reticule, checkered Walnut high gloss pistol grip stock and forend, collector quality, Japanese manufactured in 1975, super looker\$695

69-M Daisy .22 VL Single Shot Caseless Ammo Rifle 18" barrel with very good bright bore, 98% original black finish, original factory open sights, near excellent synthetic pistol grip checkered brown stock with black grip cap, forend tip and buttplate, excellent function and comes with a box of original Daisy VL caseless ammo.....\$275

70-M J.C. Higgins .22 S, L, & LR Model 31 Auto Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24" barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue with areas of peppery pinpricking along barrel, original open sporting sights, grooved receiver, two piece Walnut stock with light scratches and wear, working retractable red nylon sling in lower comb of buttstock, factory buttplate and pistol grip, excellent function (C&R)\$265

71-M Kimber .22 LR Model 82 "Government" Single Shot "U.S." Marked Target Bolt Rifle 25" heavy barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, barrel is marked "U.S." over the serial number, barrel equipped with factory scope blocks and factory front "Globe" type replaceable insert target sight, rear Kimber target style fully adjustable rear aperture sight, Marksman style smooth pistol grip stock, stock shows 6 1/2" age hairline crack along left side of forend, adjustable forend sling swivel, original buttplate, excellent function and very nice looking (C&R)\$795

72-M Marlin .22 S, L, & LR Model 39A "3rd Model 1st Variation" Takedown Lever Rifle 24" barrel with crisp Ballard rifling and excellent bore, 97% early professional re-blue on barrel and 90%+ on receiver and lever, receiver shows light scratches and high edge wear and lever and tang show thinning blue to gray from handling wear, original front ramp brass blade sight with no hood, rear sight has been removed and filled with a blank, receiver is mounted with a Lyman 66 MC aperture sight, excellent semi beavertail Walnut forend and pistol grip stock, original hard rubber buttplate, still shows "bulls eye" logo in lower comb and has added sling swivels, on left side of barrel engraved "marlin" has been double struck and on right side shows a 1" scratch at dovetail blank where rear sight once was, functions properly, manufactured 1948 (C&R)\$625

73-M Marlin .22 S, L, & LR Model 39A "3rd Model 3rd Variation" Takedown Lever Rifle 24" micro-groove, "JM" stamped barrel with bright excellent bore, 95% original blue with thinning along barrel and muzzle, lever shows blue to brown in areas and receiver has light edge wear, overall in excellent condition, front hooded ramp sight and "Marbles" rear open sight, receiver has solid scope base attached using factory drilled and tapped holes, original buttplate with white line spacer, functions properly, manufactured 1956 (C&R)\$795

74-M Marlin .22 S, L, & LR Model 20 Pump Rifle 23" octagon barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original bright blue with a little light peppering on receiver and sharp edge light pitting on barrel, factory open sights, excellent Walnut straight grip stock with blued steel crescent style buttplate and almost all original varnish, excellent function, collector quality, super looker (C&R)\$1250

75-M Mauser .22 LR Model ES340 Single Shot Bolt Rifle 25 1/2" barrel with excellent bore, 95% original blue taking on a brown tinge, windage adjustable tangent rear sight graduated to 200 meters, ramp bead front sight (missing hood) and grooved receiver, "B.U.G." prewar proofs, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with checkered round knob grip, finger groove forend, Mauser logo checkered hard rubber buttplate Mauser circular cartouche in butt cheek and Mauser banner logo on front receiver bridge, tip of serrated trigger is missing but rifle still functions very well, all matching with original 1" sling swivels and checkered triggerguard (C&R)\$485

76-M Mossberg .22 LR Model 44 U.S. (U.S. Property Marked) Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 26" heavy barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, 90% case color on bolt handle, knob is gray, rear Mossberg aperture sight, barrel marked "U.S. Property", Walnut pistol grip stock with "safety indicator jewels" has factory buttplate and sling swivels, comes with one factory magazine, collector quality (C&R)\$450

77-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 550-1 Grooved Receiver Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 98% of an old refinish blue, factory open sights and grooved receiver, very good lightly figured Walnut pistol grip stock with broken buttplate with large chunk missing from middle, a pre 1968 rifle with no serial number, these 550's are one of the few .22 autoloaders that will successfully feed all (3) 22's in automatic mode, excellent function (C&R)\$325

78-M Remington .22 Short Model 24 Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle 19" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original blue just starting to fade a bit towards muzzle, factory open sights, very good lightly figured buttstock with a couple hairline age cracks on left side emanating from triggerguard/receiver, near excellent original forend, takedown action is nice and tight, blued smooth steel buttplate with "Rem / UMC" logo, excellent function, made in 1931 (C&R) ..\$965

79-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 521-T Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with mint bore, 95% original blue toning to brown along barrel and thinning on receiver, front original Globe sight, blank filled in rear dovetail slot and original receiver mounted Lyman 57-RS aperture sight, bolt shows nice case colors, excellent smooth Walnut pistol grip target stock shows some handling wear, factory original buttplate has small chipout at toe, sling swivels and forend has accessory rail with sling swivel attached, excellent function, comes with one factory magazine (C&R)\$325

80-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 510 "Targetmaster" Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue, receiver is toning to brown, receiver also has been drilled and tapped for scope base, original field sights, nickel plated bolt, bolt handle, and trigger, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with its original Remington checkered buttplate, stock has added sling swivels, comes with original Remington marked magazine (C&R)\$265

81-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 12 Slide Action Rifle 22" round barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original blue with some sharp edge thinning on receiver, factory open sights, very good straight grip dark Walnut stock showing some denting on left side, circular groove "bullet" shaped pump handle has (1) lock screw missing, made in 1929, logo hard rubber buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$425

82-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 12-A Pump Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue with a tiny amount of peppering and a hairline scratch on left side of receiver, factory open sights, factory open sights, minty Walnut straight grip stock with "Rem/UMC" hard rubber buttplate with a tiny chipout at toe, made in 1929, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)\$895

83-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 12-C Slide Action Hammerless Takedown Rifle 24" octagon barrel with mint bore, factory original open sights, early professional restoration shows 98% blue with areas of light toning to gray, peppery pinpricking on receiver and some wear along barrel's sharp edges, Walnut straight grip stock with original buttplate and small grooved Walnut forend, very nice refinished model 12 (C&R)\$585

84-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 41 "Targetmaster" Single Shot Bolt Rifle 27" barrel with minty bore, 95% original dulling blue toning to brown, factory open sights, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with extra varnish and logo hard rubber buttplate (C&R)\$225

85-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 510 "Targetmaster" Single Shot Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with excellent bore, 97% original blue, receiver is drilled, tapped and plugged for side mount scope and blue to brown in color, bolt and trigger still show case colors, factory open sights, Walnut pistol grip stock that has been hand checkered on forend and pistol grip, very nicely done, factory buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$125

86-M Remington .22 S, L, & LR Model 510 "Targetmaster" Single Shot Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with mint bore, 95%+ original dulling blue taking on a brown tinge, factory open sights, good but faded case colors on bolt, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with field use nicks, dings and scratches mostly in finish, original logo checkered hard rubber buttplate, excellent function, made in 1947 (C&R)\$215

87-M Savage .22 LR Model 23A Clip Feed Bolt Rifle 23" barrel with excellent bore, 98%+ original bright blue, factory open sights, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with Schnabel forend and smooth blued steel "SVG" logo buttplate, wood shows a little extra finish, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)\$265

88-M Stevens .22 LR Model 14 1/2" "Little Scout" Rolling Breach Block Single Shot Takedown Rifle 20" barrel with excellent bore, 95% original blue on barrel with thinning at muzzle and areas of blue to brown, some pinpricking along barrel, remnants of faint case colors show on the now mostly gray receiver, receiver shows peppery pinpricking in areas, Walnut straight grip stock and forend, small hairline crack on wrist at buttstock near tang, original buttplate, factory original brass blade front sight and open rear sight, functions properly (C&R)\$285

89-M Stevens/Springfield .22 S, L, & LR Model 87A Tube Feed Auto Rifle 24" tapered barrel with mint bore, fixed open factory sights, 98% original blue, receiver is factory drilled and tapped for target aperture sight (none provided), smooth pistol grip Walnut stock with original buttplate, triggerguard is black enamel is worn to gray, excellent function (C&R)\$165

90-M Weatherby .22 LR "Model XXII" Clip Feed Auto Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue, very good figured Walnut pistol grip stock with skipline cut checkering, grip cap and forend tip of rosewood, Monte Carlo, cheekpiece, logo solid rubber buttpad and factory 1" sling swivels, wood shows scattered light denting with one deep dent in forward part of cheekpiece, 10 shot magazine, excellent function, 3 position leaf style rear sight and brass bead ramp mounted front sight missing its hood, grooved receiver, early Italian Beretta made rifle (C&R)\$635

91-M Weatherby .22 LR Model XXII Clip Feed Autoloader Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 97% original bright blue with two small spots of cleaned light pitting on right rear of barrel around "Made in Italy" marking, original ramp bead front (missing hood) and (3) aperture express style folding leaf rear sights plus a Weatherby XXII "4x50" scope mounted using grooved receiver, excellent figured Walnut pistol grip stock with skipline cut checkering, Rosewood grip cap with white diamond inlay, Rosewood forend tip, original sling swivels and logo solid rubber buttpad, excellent function, an early XXII made by Beretta, 10 shot original magazine (C&R)\$865

92-M Winchester .22 Short "Pre War" Model 74 Butt Tube Feed Autoloader Rifle 24" barrel with excellent bright bore, 95% original blue going brown, bead front and "Marbles" sporting open rear sight, the base for a bolt mounted receiver "peep" sight is present but no staff or "peep", good solid Walnut pistol grip stock with a repaired crack at top of wrist and field use nicks and dings, excellent function, 1st year production (1939) (C&R)\$425

93-M Winchester / U.S.R.A. .22 LR Model 63 High Grade Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle 23" barrel with mint bore, as new in factory box, fabulous bright blue, engraved receiver with gold filled animal scenes, very high grade dark Walnut highly figured pistol grip stock with cut checkering, smooth blued steel buttplate and matching forend, only 1000 made in 1997, collector piece.....\$1395

94-M Winchester .22 S, L, & LR Model 55 Single Shot Auto Ejection Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 95% original blue with some scattered spots of light pitting, factory open sights, excellent function, good solid Walnut pistol grip stock with an added diamond pattern of filled carving in middle of forend (C&R)\$265

95-M Winchester .22 S, L, & LR Model 55 Single Shot Auto Ejection Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue, factory open sights with front sight missing its bead, good solid Walnut pistol grip stock with checkered plastic logo buttplate, excellent function showing mostly field use nicks, dings and scrapes on wood and finish (C&R)\$325

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96-M A.H. Fox 12 Gauge "Sterlingworth" Side by Side Shotgun 30" barrels with raised concave rib, 2 3/4" chambers and fixed modified and full chokes, minty bright bores, 98% original blue and bright case colors, boxlock receiver, double triggers, extractors, auto safety, minty lightly figured Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, grip cap and serrated hard rubber buttplate, L.O.P. of 14 1/4", 1 3/4" drop at comb, excellent function, made in 1927, collector quality (C&R)\$1295

97-M Akdal 12 Gauge Model MKA1919C Clip Feed "AR-15 Style" Auto Shotgun 20" barrel with screw in choke tub "full choke", 3" magnum chamber with mint bore, 99%+ "Bonz" camouflage cover entire shotgun and magazines, A-2 style front fixed sight and attached to Picatinny rail on top of flat top receiver is A-2 style carry handle with adjustable rear sight, AR-15 style platform has a rubber recoil pad sling swivels, bolt mounted slide charging handle and 3 screw in chokes, full, cylinder and modified, comes with original box and two magazines, like new overall\$895

98-M B.C. Miroku 20 Gauge "Superior Grade" Over / Under Skeet Shotgun 26" vent rib, (2) bead barrels with mint bores, 3" chambers and fixed skeet and skeet chokes, front white bead is missing from its fixed base, 98% original bright blue with excellent scroll engraving on frame, single selective trigger, auto ejectors, non-automatic safety, gold plated trigger, excellent dark Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, grip cap and "Pachmayr" vent recoil pad giving an L.O.P. of 14 1/2", wood shows a few nicks and dings from range use and has a shield shaped monogram plate at lower edge\$895

99-M Beretta 12 Gauge "Silver Snipe" Over / Under Shotgun 28" plain barrels with 2 3/4" chambers, excellent bright bore, fixed full and modified chokes, 95% original barrel blue with graying towards breach, minty silver boxlock receiver, single trigger, extractors, buttstock is just fair with a chipout at toe, a long un-repaired crack from rear to front and chipouts at upper tang on both sides, lever release forend is good showing lots of field use, useable as it but really needs a new buttstock (C&R)\$495

100-M Browning 12 Gauge Lightweight Double Auto Shotgun 29 1/2" matted top barrel with mint bore, 2 3/4" chamber and fixed full choke, 98% original "Autumn Brown" Hiduminium lightweight alloy receiver and 98% barrel blue, receiver has a gold toned engraved border along with gold toned scroll engraving, very good+ Walnut pistol grip round knob buttstock with cut checkering and an original "Double Auto" John Browning head profile fancy horn buttplate, excellent forend, "autumn brown" is one the rarer receiver colors, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)\$1395

101-M Browning 12 Gauge Pre War "Superposed" Over / Under "Double Single Trigger Shotgun 26" concave rib barrels with 2 3/4" chambers, excellent bright bores and fixed modified and improved cylinder chokes, double/single triggers (either trigger functions as a single trigger with front trigger firing low barrel first and then upper barrel after inertial cocking, rear trigger fires upper barrel first then lower barrel after inertial cocking), auto ejectors, 98% of a good quality refinish blue, plain non engraved frame or barrels on this 1935 Belgian made shotgun, excellent original pistol grip stock with round knob, cut checkering and original horn buttplate showing intertwined twin circles with "Browning" in top circle and "Superposed" in lower circle, excellent function with crisp auto ejectors, wood shows a light application of "Lin Speed" and shows a few light age cracks and field use scrapes but nothing serious, very nice looker (C&R)\$1795

102-M CZ-USA 20 Gauge "Upland" Side By Side Shotgun 26" barrels with raised rib, 3" chamber and (5) screw in tubes, (full, modified, improved cylinder and skeet cylinder), 99 1/2% original bright blue, silver boxlock receiver with light scroll engraving is near new looking, double triggers, extractors, manual safety, excellent checkered, round knob, pistol grip, Turkish Walnut buttstock with skeleton rubber buttplate and lever release semi-beavertail checkered forend, nice looking but stiff action that needs some field or range time, about new in original box\$695

103-M Davidson Firearms .410 Gauge Boxlock Model 63B Side by Side Shotgun 26" barrels with raised rib, 3" chambers, excellent bright bores with fixed improved cylinder chokes, 96% original blue, silver receiver with light scroll engraving, double triggers, extractors, very good+ hardwood pistol grip stock with cut checkering, grip cap and serrated plastic buttplate, excellent function, a nice Spanish made, .410 side by side\$595

104-M Harrington & Richardson 28 Gauge Model 1905 Single Shot Shotgun 28" plain barrel with improved cylinder and bright excellent bore, 95% original blue on barrel, triggerguard, hammer and lever, pin pricking along barrel and shows some areas of thinning turning to brown, receiver taking on a brown tinge, two piece takedown with removable hinge pin has smooth forend and round knob Walnut pistol grip stock, stock has the letter "H" carved into wrist on left side and "B" on the right side, factory logo buttplate, replacement small brass pin front sight (C&R)\$295

105-M Hunter Arms / L.C. Smith 16 Gauge "The Fulton" Boxlock Hammerless Side by Side Shotgun 28" solid rib barrels with mint bores, 98% original blue, one scratch mid barrel on left side, 99% vivid case colors on receiver, nitro proof, improved and full cylinder fixed chokes with 2 3/4" chamber, single bead front sight, checkered Walnut semi pistol grip round knob stock with checkered Walnut forend, serrated plastic buttplate, double triggers, extractors, excellent function, new looking overall, collector quality (C&R)\$895

106-M Iver Johnson 20 Gauge "Hercules" Grade Side by Side Shotgun 28" barrels with 2 3/4" chambers, excellent bright bores choked modified and full, 98% refinish blue with the boxlock receiver a coppery/purple blue, double triggers, extractors, automatic safety, good solid Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, "Iver Johnson" logo grip cap and "owl head" serrated hard rubber buttplate with a couple small chipouts on buttplate, splinter style forend is checkered and has a 4" long strip along right side missing, still nice looking and excellent function (C&R)\$495

107-M J.C. Higgins / High Standard 12 Gauge Model 583-110 Tube Feed Bolt Shotgun 28" plain barrel with 2 3/4" chamber, excellent bright bore and fixed full choke, 98% original dulling blue, excellent lightly figured Walnut pistol grip stock with serrated black plastic J.C. Higgins logo buttplate, excellent function (High Standard model 514) as sold by Sears (C&R)\$145

108-M L.C. Smith 12 Gauge Field Grade Sidelock Side by Side Shotgun 26" barrels with raised concave rib, 2 3/4" chambers and fixed improved cylinder chokes, 98% good quality refinish blue and 98% re-case colored sidelock receiver with markings a little light due to refinish, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, round knob, serrated hard rubber buttplate and nice color and grain, checkered "splinter" style forend, double triggers, extractors, auto safety, excellent function but total restoration of metal and wood that was gunsmith done (C&R) ...\$745

109-M L.C. Smith 12 Gauge Field Grade Side by Side Sidelock Shotgun 28" barrels with raised concave rib, minty bright bores, 2 3/4" chambers with modified and full fixed chokes, 99% of a very nice quality refinish blue, sidelock receiver shows a good re-case coloring with a coppery tone to opening lever, double triggers, extractors and auto safety, Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, grip cap and serrated hard rubber buttplate has been restored to like new condition with a 14" L.O.P. and 1 1/2" drop at comb, excellent function (C&R)\$715

110-M L.C. Smith 12 Gauge Field Grade Side by Side Sidelock Shotgun 30" barrels with raised concave rib, minty bright bores, 2 3/4" chambers with fixed full and full chokes, 98% original blue and case colors, double triggers, extractors, non-automatic safety, excellent lightly figured Walnut pistol grip stock with flat cut checkering, grip cap and serrated hard rubber buttplate, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)\$1495

111-M Marlin 16 Gauge Model 90 Over / Under Shotgun 28" barrel with excellent bright bores, 2 3/4" chambers and fixed full and modified chokes, barrels are early style "open" construction with no center rib, 95% original blue with scattered light pitting and graying, double triggers, extractors, good solid Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering showing lots of field use nicks dings and scrapes in finish and wood, plastic buttplate is broken with a triangular piece missing, excellent function, made in 1949 (C&R)\$595

112-M Mossberg 16 Gauge Model 190-KB Clip Feed Bolt Shotgun 26" barrel with mint bore, 2 3/4" chamber and factory "C-lect" external variable choke device, 98% original blue, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with Monte Carlo and logo vent rubber recoil pad, excellent function, shows only storage wear with no actual use (C&R)\$215

113-M Mossberg 20 Gauge Model 185-K Clip Feed Bolt Shotgun 26" ported "C-lect choke" equipped barrel with excellent bright bore, 97% original blue, 2 3/4" chamber, fixed sights, plain Monte Carlo pistol grip stock with small area of crazing and dents on right side of buttstock, both red and green jewels at safety switch are intact, vent recoil pad with a chip out of toe, one original magazine, excellent function (C&R)\$195

114-M Mossberg .410 Model 83 B (a) Internal Magazine Bolt Shotgun 24" barrel with excellent bore, 3" chamber with full choke, bore shows some lead skid marks, 97% original blue some light pinpricking along barrel, 1/2" area cleaned to gunmetal gray is 4" from muzzle, single brass bead front sight, standard factory polymer finger groove triggerguard, smooth pistol grip stock with original serrated buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$235

115-M Remington 12 Gauge Model 1100 "Skeet" Autoloader Shotgun 26" vent rib (2) bead barrel with 2 3/4" chamber and fixed "Skeet" choke, 98% original blue, roll engraved bolt and receiver, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with impress "Fleur-de-Lis" checkering, grip cap and logo plastic buttplate, excellent function\$595

116-M Remington 12 Gauge Model 1100 TA "Trap" Auto Shotgun 30" vent rib barrel with mint bore, 2 3/4" chamber and fixed "full" choke, 98%+ original blue, excellent figured Walnut pistol grip stock with "Fleur-de-Lis" impress checkering, grip cap and Remington logo vent rubber recoil pad, excellent function, showing little actual use, wood shows minor storage or range use dings\$675

117-M Remington 20 Gauge Model 11-87 Premier "Dale Earnhardt" Limited Edition Autoloader Shotgun 26" vent rib (2) bead barrel with mint bore, 3" chamber and (3) screw in "Rem choke" tubes, 99 1/2% original bright blue, engraved receiver with gold filled scroll surrounded Dale Earnhardt image on left side with gold filled "Seven Time Winston Cup Champion" in a scroll riband on right side of receiver, mint dark Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, grip cap with "R.A." logo in gold, solid brown rubber logo buttplate and matching forend, as new in original box with all choke tubes, locking keys, tube wrench and paper, collector quality\$895

118-M Stevens / Springfield 12 Gauge Model 5100 Side By Side Shotgun 30" barrels with raised rib, 2 3/4" chambers, fixed modified and full chokes with the left tube showing a couple very shallow un-repaired dents but both barrels showing excellent bright bores, 90% original blue with left barrel showing an oval area of browned light pitting and streaky graying, 95%+ original case color on boxlock receiver, double triggers, extractors and auto safety, stock is very good pistol grip brown "Tenite" synthetic with cast in checkering, grip cap and plastic buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$265

119-M Stevens / Springfield 12 Gauge Model 94B "U.S." Marked Single Shot Shotgun 30" barrel with mint bore, 2 3/4" chamber and what looks like an original "poly choke" variable choke device, 97% original blue, 95% original case color on frame with "U.S." and ordnance "bomb" stamped on left side along with Stevens markings, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with no buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$245

120-M Winchester 12 Gauge Model 59 Autoloader Shotgun 26" Win-Lite barrel with excellent bore, 2 3/4" chamber and "Versalite" modified screw in choke tube, 98% original blue/black finish with game scene roll engraved receiver and gold toned triggerguard, a "poly choke" brand add on ventilated rib has been added to barrel, very good+ original Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering and checkered logo plastic buttplate, nice lightweight 12 gauge autoloader with lots of versatility, excellent function, made around 1963 (C&R)\$465

121-M Winchester 12 Gauge Model 59 Autoloader Shotgun 26" "Win Lite" barrel with excellent bright bore, 2 3/4" chamber and improved cylinder factory screw in "Versalite" choke tube, 95% original blue/black finish, roll engraved receiver, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with cut checkering, logo checkered plastic buttplate, excellent function, shows lots of field use wear on both metal and wood but a nice versatile lightweight shotgun, made in 1965 (C&R)\$385

122-M Winchester 12 Gauge Model 12 "Heavy Duck" Pump Shotgun 30" plain barrel with mint bore, 3" chamber and fixed full choke, 98% original blue, excellent dark Walnut pistol grip stock with Winchester logo solid red buttplate with correct 13 5/8" L.O.P., circular grooved pump handle, shows some storage nicks and dings but little actual use, made in 1959 (C&R)\$895

123-M Winchester 16 Gauge Model 12 Pump Shotgun 28" plain barrel with excellent bright bore, 2 3/4" chamber and fixed full choke, 90%+ original blue with most loss on sharp edges of receiver and belly from hand carry, very good plain Walnut pistol grip stock with an added "Western Field" vent rubber recoil pad giving an L.O.P. of 14", serrated flat bottom pump handle, made in 1953, excellent function (C&R)\$385

124-M Winchester 20 Gauge Model 12 Pump Shotgun 28" plain barrel with very good bright bore, 2 3/4" chamber and fixed full choke, 90%+ original faded blue, very good Walnut pistol grip stock with logo hard rubber buttplate, made in 1947, excellent function (C&R) \$395

125-M Winchester 12 Gauge Model 23XTR Pigeon Grade Light-Weight Side by Side Shotgun 25 1/2" vent rib, (2) bead barrels with mint bores, 3" chambers with improved modified and improved cylinder fixed chokes, 99% original blue, coin silver boxlock frame is engraved with game birds in flight and "pigeon" on belly of receiver surrounded by tight scroll engraving, single selective trigger, auto ejectors, auto safety, minty fancy figured Walnut straight grip stock with cut checkering, logo solid red rubber buttplate and matching lever release, checkered and engraved beavertail forend, excellent function\$1965

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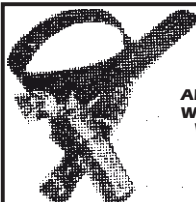
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A new class of folding knife has emerged over the past few years that addresses environments such as this. The knives borrow traits that made tactical folders popular and distill them down to small and compact forms for easy carry and unobtrusiveness, particularly when blades are opened in public settings.

Urban EDC knives are easy to acquire and use once an enthusiast becomes familiar with the features and quality pieces available on the market. The knives blend in well in the office, but

also have substance for tackling tough cutting chores. They're equally at home in a pair of dress slacks or jeans and can perform most daily cutting tasks.

QUIET CARRY LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

Quiet Carry is a new knife brand that embodies the urban EDC trend. The company's IQ frame-lock folder is a slender and compact model that carries so easily, one's apt to forget it's there. The blade of the IQ is ground from ELMAX stainless steel and is a user-friendly sheepsfoot shape. Measuring 2.9 inches, the blade is just long enough to be compact and pocket-friendly but sports enough length to get work done.

SLIGHT BELLY

The IQ puts a unique spin on the tried-and-true sheepsfoot blade shape with the inclusion of a slight belly. Typically, sheepsfoot blades have straight-line edges, making them precise utility cutters. The slight belly of the IQ allows the knife to be an effective slicer even with

the handle held at an upward angle when cutting media on a bench or tabletop.

The blade nests fully inside the handle in the closed position and is opened via a flipper. A small flipper tab protrudes from the end of the handle, with the blade riding on ceramic caged bearings to promote ultra-smooth rotation. The handle is 6AL-4V titanium, and the folder includes a travel limiter that prevents the lock bar from being pushed past the blade tang. There's also a steel wear pad on the end of the bar to provide secure steel-on-steel lockup. All these innovations are common to quality tactical frame-lock folders.

A small but sturdy titanium clip is attached to the handle of the IQ for tip-up pocket carry. Of deep-carry design, no part of the knife handle remains visible above the seam of a pants pocket. The clip is small but thick and sturdy, with



Four modern Urban EDCs include, from top to bottom, the Rick Hinderer Knives XM Slippy, Zero Tolerance 0230, Enrique Pena Front Flipper Barlow and Quiet Carry IQ frame-lock folder.

no danger of springing through forced outward pressure while securing it to a pants pocket.

The IQ tested for this article sports a black PVD-coated handle, and the non-lock side has a carbon-fiber overlay for a classy touch. Four tiny holes on each side of the handle are aesthetic and serve no functional purpose. Overall, the manufacturing quality of the knife is excellent with fine fit and finish. It's comfortable, thin and carries well, but those with large hands might consider it a bit awkward to use with little girth to the grip.

Regardless, the unique sheepfoot blade makes this knife a workhorse. With its low profile, the IQ is a great candidate for an office carry piece and equally comfortable in a pair of jeans. It will slice cardboard, strip wire and cut webbing with ease. Don't let its slender profile fool you, this knife is built for work. The manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) as of this writing is \$198 for the black PVD-coated handle/carbon-fiber overlay version, and \$182 for a bead-blasted titanium handle piece. Orders can be placed through the company's website at QuietCarry.com.

FRONT FLIPPER BARLOW

Enrique Pena from Laredo, Texas, is one of the hottest custom knifemakers working today. Specializing in folding knives of the lock-blade variety, Pena's style merges the traditional with modern flair. Case in point, his Front Flipper Barlow looks like an average traditional folder, parading a 3-inch, modified clip-point blade and a substantial handle that fills the hand comfortably. Barlows are work knives, ideal for utilitarian knife chores.

Yet Pena's version showcases top-of-the-line materials all around. The blade is premium CPM-154 stainless steel for edge-holding power. When closed, the tang protrudes slightly and features deep finger notches. The design allows for thumb motion, like that in

The Rick Hinderer Knives XM Slippy combines tactical folder styling and construction with the convenience of a slip-joint folder. One of the most rugged single-blade, slip-joint folders on the market, it comes with an elongated nail nick and a thumb disk that can be removed via a small hex wrench that's included.

Nick Timpson, who does business as Birdvis Knives, offers up his Lanny's Clip single-blade slip-joint in a variety of handle materials, with superb fit and finish.



actuating a BIC lighter, to be used on the exposed tang, rolling it and causing the blade to rotate and snap into the open and locked position. The blade rides smoothly on caged ball bearings in the pivot area. The result is ultra-smooth action that needs to be experienced.

Pena offers the Barlow in an OD green handle with tan Micarta single bolsters. Black titanium liners lend the knife some class and delineate the green and tan Micarta. A propeller shield is a

traditional touch on an otherwise modern piece. A LinerLock secures the blade in the open position, and a tan Micarta handle spacer rounds out the handsome good looks.

The Front Flipper Barlow is a hot seller from a popular maker. The piece showcases Pena's eye for detail and superb craftsmanship. One of the things I liked was the ease of deploying the blade. With the average flipper folder, the opening tab protrudes from the bottom of the tang. Pena's flipper adopts a low profile with nothing protruding to disrupt the classic lines of the knife. And unlike classic flat-sided Barlows,



Enrique Pena is a custom knifemaker best known for merging styles. His Front Flipper Barlow offers the traditional styling of a hard-working folder paired with the modern convenience of one-handed deployment and a sturdy LinerLock.

contoured handle scales are palpably comfortable. A little over a half-inch wide, the knife naturally nestles in the user's palm.

The contoured handle scales also ride better in a pants pocket, making it feel less bulky and therefore more comfortable to carry. In this modern era of pocket clips, it's refreshing to see a knife that slides into a pants pocket for traditional carry. I found the front-flipper Barlow to be a pleasing intersection of the old (Barlow pattern) and new (one-hand flipper opening mechanism and LinerLock). Quick to deploy, the clip-point blade is utilitarian with a tip that can be used for cutting or scoring, and a bit of belly for slicing and cutting easily

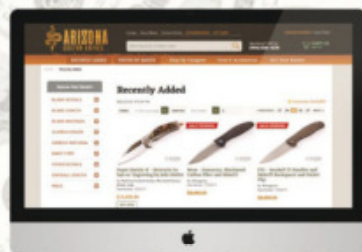
through any material.

Pena's custom Barlow adds flash and panache to a traditional design, as well as high utility function. So, you might ask, what would it cost you to place one of these Pena Barlows in your pocket? The maker's list price for one like the test sample, which comes in a variety of Micarta colors, is \$850. Contact Pena for specific materials and pricing.

FLASH & PANACHE

The XM-18 has been the signature and best-selling folder line for Rick Hinderer Knives. Knife enthusiasts everywhere have come to describe the XM-18 with adjectives such as "overbuilt," "rugged," "built like a tank" and other descriptive terms that denote rock-solid engineering.

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5 Myths About Knife Sharpening



Knife sharpening is, on its surface, a simple thing. That hasn't prevented a few myths from popping up, though. Here are five knife sharpening myths, busted.

1 MYTH: You Need Expensive Knife Sharpening Tools
FACT: Quality knife sharpening stones, sticks, oils and other gizmos can help quite a bit. However, you can't buy your way to sharpening success. Technique is 90 percent of it. Humans have been sharpening knives without manufactured products for centuries. How did they do it? They knew how to work an edge. Here are knife sharpening tips for the uninitiated. All you need are some junky practice knives, a sharpening stone, a Sharpie and some patience to get started.

2 MYTH: Diamond-Infused Knife Sharpening Stones Last Forever
FACT: Diamonds might be forever, but knife sharpeners are a different story. Here's DMT with the answer: For those who use stones on a daily basis and maintain them properly, the diamond will likely last for a few years. For those who use them less frequently, it's likely the stone will last from 10 to 20 years. Still, you can't beat the value of a \$40 knife sharpener that gets the job done over several years.

3 MYTH: Using a Sharpening Stone Dry Works Faster Than Using It Wet Because It Removes More Metal
FACT: Don't confuse friction with progress. Adding a little water or oil maximizes your effort with every stroke on a knife sharpening stone. Remember, knife sharpening isn't necessarily about scraping metal away; it's about refining or creating an edge. SharpeningSupplies.com ran a test exploring this exact knife sharpening myth. The results? The results were clear. Use your stones wet. The stones used wet worked far better than the ones used dry. On that note, if you use water on a stone, always use water. If you use oil, always use oil. Oil and water don't mix, and that goes for knife sharpening, too.

4 MYTH: Electric Knife Sharpeners Can Sharpen Almost Any Knife
FACT: Electric knife sharpeners can sharpen most knives, but that doesn't mean that they should. Electric knife sharpeners have fixed angle positions. If your favorite knife's edge is set at 20 degrees, and the electric knife sharpener is set at 15 or 30 degrees, you might need a new favorite knife. The type of grind is also left unconsidered with electric knife sharpeners. For example, a blade's convex edge will be reset by a sharpener tuned to a flat grind. Edges aren't set by accident. They are tied to the purpose and performance of a knife. Matching the knives you intend to sharpen to the features of an electric knife sharpener is important. So is learning how to use manual knife sharpeners!

5 MYTH: Diamond Knife Sharpeners Aren't Really Made Out of Diamonds—That's Just Marketing
FACT: Diamond knife sharpeners use real diamonds. On first glance, this knife sharpening myth seems to make sense. Walk into a jewelry store and you'll see diamonds with four-figure price tags. A sporting goods store, on the other hand, offers diamond knife sharpeners for less than 100 bucks. Maybe you should've reconsidered financing that engagement ring. Knife sharpening companies often use monocrystalline diamonds, which aren't the same as jewelry-grade diamonds. Here's DMT again with the explanation: Monocrystalline diamonds are diamonds of high quality that aren't fractured. These diamonds are uniformly sized. DMT bonds these to a nickel backing to provide a long lasting very flat surface. The alternative is to use polycrystalline diamonds. These diamonds are fractured and won't wear as long as the higher-quality monocrystalline.

HALF MYTH: When Sharpening, Use an Equal Number of Strokes on Each Side
FACT: This one could cut either way. It's right on the line of myth versus reality. It's generally accepted that an equal number of strokes on each side of the blade will result in an even edge. However, hands don't work exactly the same way in both directions. Most people's backhand stroke isn't as sturdy, and that could result in an uneven edge. The trick is to compensate with a few more strokes on that backhand.

Offering the XM-18 in several sizes, Hinderer also designed a slip-joint version—the XM Slippy. The XM Slippy takes the concept of a non-locking, slip-joint folder and gives it the same rugged, built-tough treatment that's a hallmark of the series.

Currently offered in 3-inch CPM-20CV stainless steel sheepfoot and Spanto (Hinderer's own reinforced blade shape) versions, the ergonomic handle features 3D-machined G-10 scales for a solid grip. Color choices include black, blue, gray, red and OD green, and Hinderer sent me a gray-handle XM Slippy with a sheepfoot blade. Getting it in hand, I was immediately impressed by the excellent quality of the build. Everything fits together nicely, and the blade's action is smooth. A heavy-duty titanium pocket clip is easily mounted to either side of the handle for ambidextrous tip-up or tip-down carry.

For all intents and purposes, the Slippy looks much like the rest of the Rick Hinderer XM-18 models. Two options for blade deployment include pulling it open manually using a long nail nick like other slip-joint folders or via a thumb disc, the latter of which can be attached or detached from the blade spine using an included Allen wrench. Once open, there is more than enough spring pressure on the blade to secure it during use.

Which blade shape is for you? For general, all-around use, it's hard to beat the Spanto—a shape conducive to many uses with a reinforced tip that adds strength to the blade. The sheepfoot is more of a working blade shape, something you can use on a jobsite stripping wires, opening packages and for other cutting tasks that come up. Overall, the Rick Hinderer Knives XM Slippy looks like a tactical knife, but upon closer inspection is an urban EDC for folks who will put the knife to work without hesitation about its durability over the long run. Be sure to check out the XM Slippy. Its MSRP: \$275.



(Bottom) The Quiet Carry IQ folder combines sleek styling with one-handed opening, a frame lock and high-performance blade steel. The knife's ultra-slim and compact form allows it to blend in easily and carry well in jeans.

Zero Tolerance's first slip-joint folder, the ZT 0230 is designed by Danish knifemaker Jens Anso with advanced materials like carbon fiber and CPM 20CV stainless steel, giving it a high-tech edge.

WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

The Zero Tolerance 0230 is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Slender and lightweight, it sports a 3-inch CPM-20CV stainless steel sheep's foot blade and an extremely lightweight, durable, all-weather carbon-fiber handle. Best known for high-end tactical folders, Zero Tolerance offers the 0230 slip-joint in high-tech materials and a no-nonsense working knife configuration.

Designed by Jens Anso, a popular custom maker from Denmark, the straight edge of the sheep's foot blade is easy to sharpen and the blunt nose is nonthreatening and eliminates accidental punctures. Instead of a traditional back spring, the 0230 slip-joint folder employs a special double ball-bearing detent system. Much like the ball bearing detents of LinerLock or frame-lock folders, the double detent system not only holds the blade closed, but also secures it in the open position. It doesn't lock the blade, but rather holds it open.

Cutting force is applied in the opposite direction from which the blade rotates, so regardless how hard you bear down on the blade, it should never accidentally close. Like traditional slip-joint folders, a half-stop pauses the blade when it's partially open, allowing the user to index and manipulate the blade without necessarily having to look at it.

In use, the 0230 is a capable cutter.

The sheep's foot blade is a great pull-cut tool and wire stripper that would make a fine companion on home improvement projects. It has no bulk in the pocket and carries exceptionally well. The only problem is that you may forget you even have it! The carbon-fiber handle gives it a cool, futuristic look, and a blue anodized aluminum spacer adds a nice touch of color. If you're a fan of ZT knives, the 0230 will make a great old-school addition to your collection. Certainly, this knife won't disappoint. Available now through ZT dealers, the MSRP is \$180.

DON'T STOP HERE

Urban EDC folders pair low-profile characteristics with modern materials and mechanisms, making them the perfect daily companions, particularly in office or corporate environments. Less bulky than tactical folders, urban EDCs are ideal for everyday carry and blend into any scenario. Having proper tools is a must for those who are serious about tackling daily tasks at home or in the office. **GDTM**



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A Makarov is reliable, rugged, not expensive and shoots 9mm Makarov ammo. That's not .380 Auto, although just as powerful. When the .380 has all been swept off the shelves, there's probably still some Mak left.

It seems that ammo shortages are now the new thing. Every few years, kind of like the plagues of Egypt, we find ourselves scrambling to find ammo. (Those of you who hadn't stocked up in one of the in-between periods, that is.)

One way to deal with this is to have backups (or main guns) chambered in calibers that aren't so popular. I know, I know—you don't want to be subject to the scorn of your fellow gun club members when they catch you packing something chambered in a "mouse gun" caliber, but when it's that or harsh words, which is better?

The choice of an alternative ammo source depends on a few things. One, it has to be popular enough that gun shops and other retailers will actually stock it. An example from another

shooting segment: The 7mm Remington Magnum and the .280 Ackley Improved deliver pretty much the same performance. Which do you think your local gun shop is going to have on the shelves? What, you've never heard of the .280 AI? I rest my case.

At the same time, it has to be a cartridge that doesn't pop to the top of the list of "I need more ..." when people think of splurging on emergency ammo. So, that leaves out all the usual suspects: the 9mm, .38 Special, .357 Magnum, .40 S&W and .45 ACP. It also eliminates the common backups, like 10mm, .44 Magnum and .380 Auto.

Now, in a full-blown *we-need-ammo-now* panic, there won't be anything left in any caliber. But you can stretch things with some ammo choices, and not all of them are bad.

9MM MAKAROV

The Mak is a derivative, both cartridge and pistol, of the German PPK in .380 Auto, one that was used extensively on the Eastern Front. Replacing the legions of Nagant revolvers and Tokarev pistols, there have since been shiploads of them imported after various communist countries fell or were sold by the Chinese back when we were more-or-less friendly with them. In regard to power, it's the exact equivalent of a .380 Auto, and the Makarov pistols are traditional double-action pistols with blowback actions.

If you want inexpensive FMJ practice ammo, you can select from a slew of imported ammo, and CCI makes their aluminum-cased FMJ ammo in 9mm Makarov. Their test barrel lists velocity as 1,000 fps, but repeated range trips to chrono it has seen it deliver just over 900 fps out of various Maks.

.38 SUPER

You're only ever going to see pistols in .38 Super that are 1911s or clones. However, if you do pack a 1911, then this is a viable option. You could even



Got a .44 Magnum? There's lots of defensive-load .44 Special to be had, and it'll work just fine. In fact, unless your defense is against bears, the .44 Special is probably a better choice.



have a two-barrel gun with magazines for each: 9mm Parabellum and .38 Super. Stash away a goodly supply of Super, which isn't hard to do in good times, and then do all your practice with cheap (relatively speaking) 9mm ammo. Carry it as a 9mm when the ammo is available. And when ammo gets tight, you have your stash of Super to fall back on.

Some Super is hotter than 9mm, but much of it is in the same league.

When a factory listing for 9mm shows a 115-grainer at 1,175 fps and the same company makes .38 Super with 115s at 1,180 fps, what's the difference?

That said, if you want the difference, then you can always invest in ammo that's hot, like CorBon, which carries a 115-grain JHP at 1,400 fps, or a 125-grain JHP at 1,350 fps. That's the book spec from the old days of a .357 Magnum loading, which it rarely actually delivered.

.357 SIG

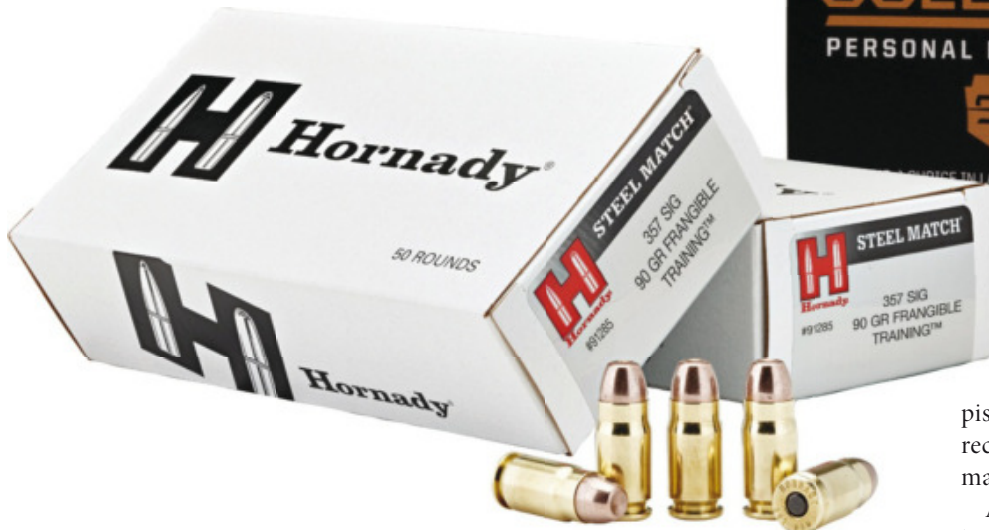
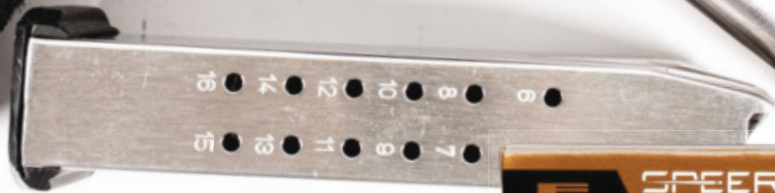
Once the wunderkind that was going to be the new 9mm Magnum, the .357 Sig has fallen a bit out of favor—in part, because of the ferocious blast and recoil in compact guns. However, if you use a full-sized sidearm, the recoil and muzzle blast aren't much more than a 9mm, on par with a 9mm +P and the velocity boost is significant.

Speer Gold Dot offers a 125-grain JHP at a listed 1,350 fps, and I can tell you that out of a 5-inch Government model it gets all of that. I'm not exactly a Glock fan, but a G31 gives up a half-inch of barrel to the 1911, while gaining a 15-round magazine.

You could, like the 9mm/.38 Super example, have a pistol with two barrels, one



This Springfield XD has barrels for both .40 S&W and .357 Sig. It works like a champ with either and, best of all, you don't even have to swap magazines to go from one to the other.



in .40 S&W for the easy ammo times, and a spare .357 Sig barrel to use when ammo supplies are tight. Unlike the 9mm/Super pairing, you won't even need to have different magazines for each caliber.

.41 MAGNUM

OK, we've gone from the barking .357 Sig to the real thumper, the .41 Magnum. You can have this only in single-action or double-action revolvers; no

pistols here, but if you can handle the recoil then you can get the performance.

After the shelves have been stripped bare of .44 Magnum ammo, there will still be some .41 Mag. there—just because the gunmakers sell .44 Mags. to .41 Mags. at a better than 10-to-1 ratio, but the ammo makers do better. Checking various retailers and online

"It seems that ammo shortages are now the new thing. Every few years, we find ourselves scrambling to find ammo."

Take a 1911 in 9mm or Super and fit a barrel of the other. You'll have to swap magazines, but otherwise it'll run just fine. A lot of .38 Super ammo is the same power as 9mm, but some loads can be better than 9m+P, or even +P+.



sites, I find that despite all the .44 being gone, there's still .41 to be had.

.44 SPECIAL

Now this is a—if you'll pardon the pun—a Special case. If your choice is a .44 Magnum revolver for defense or EDC, say an S&W M29 classic or something like that, you can always find .44 Special to feed it. And, unlike the downloaded .45 Colt ammo for cowboy-action shooting, .44 Special is readily found in loadings that are realistic defensive loadings.

A 180-grain JHP, leaving the muzzle at 900 fps, is equivalent to a .40 S&W. Or, if you want something a bit more traditional, the Federal "Training" (they call it that, but this isn't just target ammo) load is good stuff. That one is a 200-grain lead semi-wadcut-

ter hollow-point at a listed 870 fps, and you can expect a solid 825 fps out of a 4-inch barrel.

That's like the old FBI .38 Special load, but with a larger-diameter bullet *and* 25 percent more bullet weight.

THE CONFUSING

Then, there's the .45 Colt. Yes, there are excellent EDC carry options in that cartridge. But the ammo choices? A headache. You have excellent choices, such as the Sig JHP, but you have to be careful once you start perusing the options other than JHP or JSP.

An all-lead "cowboy" load might or might not be the ticket. A lead hollow-point of 250 grains at a real-world 890 fps is an excellent thumper. But the "cowboy" load next to it on the webpage you're perusing might be a 255 conical lead bullet with a tiny flat point and exit your immedi-

ate vicinity at the casual pace of 690 fps. I'll readily grant you that it's a lot better than the 100-grain Makarov load we started with at its 900 fps, but it isn't what you were expecting, nor what you want to be delivering, considering it comes out of a revolver that weighs close to 3 pounds.

So, if you're going to go the cowboy route, you have best do your homework before the panic times come.

AND THE HOPELESS

Some might come to mind as alternatives. The 10mm, for example ... well, fuggedaboutit. The 10mm fans are so



voracious that they'll snap up all the 10mm ammo to be had even when there isn't an ammo-buying panic.

The .45 GAP? Besides only ever being chambered in Glocks and never loaded by many ammo makers, it's seldom seen in gun shops—either as pistols or ammo. If you do find ammo, it's usually dust-covered and has been there since someone mistakenly ordered it years ago. And you can't ever count on finding much. If you do ever have to use it, anyone who knows guns, who sees the caliber listed, will look at you with something between pity and disbelief.

So, there you have it: unconventional options for unconventional times. And, given the current world we live in ... these are definitely unconventional times. **GDTM**



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CONSIDERING A .22 FOR SELF-DEFENSE

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Scott Reidy, director of training at Sig Sauer Academy, spent 21 years as a police officer in Nashua, New Hampshire, where winters are cold and clothing is heavy. He's spent most of the last 10 years as a full-time firearms instructor.

"Last year, we had 14,000 students through our concealed carry program," he said. "We teach heavily on acceptable caliber and recommend no lower than a .380, but there are some big caveats there. Can you safely manipulate the gun? Manage the recoil? How small does the gun need to be to conceal?"

In other words, there are scenarios where rimfires for self-defense make sense, rare as they might be. Older arthritic hands that can't handle the *snap* of a micro .380 or 9mm might

be OK with a low-recoil .22 WMR or .22 LR. Disabled or injured shooters with limited hand mobility may be able to safely manipulate a small and light pistol, with limited recoil.

Then, there are deep concealment scenarios that call for a positively tiny piece—a boot or even a belt-buckle gun. This all boils down to the idea that a small gun a shooter can shoot accurately, reliably and quickly is better than a larger caliber they can't shoot well at all. Hitting is better than missing. One gun is better than no gun.

And, two guns are better than one gun. A friend of mine in Georgia does just this, carrying a concealed Sig P365 on his hip every time he steps out of the house, along with a Ruger LCR in .22 WMR in an ankle holster when about town with his wife, who knows how to shoot but doesn't like to carry.

"If something terrible happens, and we're in a shopping mall, say, I can get her to a safe place, arm her

with that little gun she likes to shoot at the range, and situationally we're better off," he said. "Two guns are better than one."

Limited as it might be, rimfires have a particular use case in the self-defense world.

THE MIGHTY MAGNUM

Considering rimfires for self-defense, we're really lumping together the two .22s—the .22 WMR and the .22 LR. This is largely unfair because as all *Gun Digest* readers know, ballistically they're very different. Most won't argue the adequacies of .22 WMR for self-defense, and some will say its power versus cost versus weight make it the ideal SHTF survival round.

Consider how the .22 WMR holds up to the old-school pocket gun rounds like the .25 Auto and .32 Auto, as tested by engineers at Federal Ammunition at the Federal Factory in Anoka, Minnesota.

"Our Gold Dot .22 Magnum load,

When looking for penetration from a .22-caliber bullet, think speed. CCI's Stinger and Velocitor rounds are designed with velocity in mind.

.22 WMR 40-GR. GDHP

VELOCITY:
1,500 fps
PENETRATION:
10 in.
EXPANDED DIAMETER:
.350 in.
TEST BARREL:
S&W, 2 in.





.25 AUTO 35-GR. GDHP
 VELOCITY: 810 fps
 PENETRATION: 7.25 in.
 EXPANDED DIAMETER: 0.375 in.
 TEST BARREL: Beretta Mod 950 BS-25, 2.36 in.



.32 AUTO 60-GR. GDHP
 VELOCITY: 725 fps
 PENETRATION: 7.5 in.
 EXPANDED DIAMETER: 0.465 in.
 TEST BARREL: Kel-Tec P-32, 2.7 in.



Whether it's a .22-, .25- or .32-caliber pistol, a little cartridge is better than no gun at all.

which we've had in the lineup for years, will go toe-to-toe with any .32 Auto or .25 Auto any day of the week," said Dan Compton, product manager for rimfire and shotshell with Federal. "Our main goal was penetration, even at the sacrifice of expansion. The light bullet with flat profile really gave us that penetration."

Federal found that the 40-grain .22 WMR running 1,500 fps penetrated 2.5 inches more than the heavier, slower 60-grain .32 Auto load running just 725 fps. Talented gun writers like our own Richard Mann have

corroborated these findings from as early as 2013, how the .22 WMR with loads like Gold Dot and Hornady Critical Defense have killing penetration when placed correctly, with adequate expansion from handgun-length barrels.

THE LITTLE PILL

A more debated topic is the viability of .22 LR for self-defense applications. While no dedicated .22 LR self-defense loads are currently on the market, it wouldn't surprise me if we see them trickle out in the new year.

If the main goal remains pen-



"Not all .22 LR loads are made equal. At bad-breath distances, the right .22 LR round could be potent."

etration, as it was for Federal on .22 WMR project, it's likely a self-defense .22 LR will be a fast, light load—something hyper-velocity like a CCI Stinger or Velocitor. Both loads have been widely tested by engineers and gun writers alike for self-defense applications, and, in the best cases, penetrate ballistic gel just 6 inches.

To this point, Reidy has seen cases on the street where .22 LR rounds have failed to penetrate heavy leather jackets. One of my most memorable police stories as a daily newspaper reporter was a guy shot randomly in the back of the head with a .22 LR

while running down the street. The shooter was an estimated 50 to 100 yards away when his 40-grain soft point connected dead center in the back of the runner's head. The bullet broke the skin, but not the skull, and stuck there like bent tin can. The cell phone photo his girlfriend had taken of the bullet lodged in his head was graphic, and the newspaper declined to run it. The runner, for what it's worth, thought he was stung by some giant hornet and was seen, patched up and pushed out of the emergency room in a few hours.

Not all .22 LR loads are equal, of course. Damage from a bulk-pack

load at 100 yards is nothing like that from a hyper-velocity round at 10 steps. At bad-breath distances, the right .22 LR could be potent. As David Petzal has written, "They've killed African lions and Alaskan grizzlies and who knows how many unfortunate human beings."

With a big trend in the firearm industry currently being all things .22 LR, and the release over the past year or so of new .22 LR pistols from Glock, Ruger, Taurus, Kel-Tec and others, rest assured the discussion of .22 LR as a viable and deadly self-defense round is only just beginning.

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BEAM ME UP!

7 EDC light myths ... debunked.

“A light will give away my position.” Have you ever heard a fellow gun owner utter these words? There are more than a handful of myths about lights and guns, rooted in a poor understanding of using them effectively together.

The reason most gun owners don't understand how a light works when paired with a firearm is simple: It's difficult to practice in low-light conditions. But, it's *very* important that every gun owner shoot in low-light conditions at least once ... if, for no other reason, than to experience the challenges first hand. Ideally, you should seek out a reputable trainer with a low-light course.

There just isn't a good reason to not join the 21st century and embrace high-performing lights, regardless of the myths. Bad things happen all the time—especially when the sun isn't out.

SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON DEFENSIVE LIGHTING

There are some basic concepts and terms that, if you're familiar with them, will help you spot those nasty myths.

Photonic Barriers: Photonic barriers are anything that makes your light



less effective than it could potentially be. Examples of these performance-stealing variables are the very same ones that impact how well your car's headlights work: fog, rain and even how clean the lens is. Other more extreme examples of photonic barriers include gun smoke, dust in the air and other light sources being aimed back at you. Most of these barriers can be overcome with a sufficiently powerful light, but others might require you to change how you use a light.

Umbrella or Baseboard Lighting:

Just because a light has a high output doesn't make it unusable in confined spaces. Instead of pointing it directly where you're looking, pointing the light at the ceiling and creating a reflective umbrella of light that covers everything in that room is a great way to make sure you don't overwhelm your eyes with a ton of light.

What if you're in a place with a super-high ceiling? Point the light at the baseboard, floor or ground. Sure, you aren't

going to get the same level of illumination as umbrella lighting, but it'll work in a pinch. Umbrella lighting is best employed with handguns and handheld lights; baseboard lighting is better suited for long-guns because they often have more powerful lights mounted to them.

Constant-On and Momentary-On:

Most of the time, momentary light activation is best paired with a long-gun, where pistol lights are best employed with a constant-on switch. Depending on your individual use case, a handheld light can be used effectively with both a constant-on and a momentary-on. The reason constant-on is preferred with a pistol is simple: It can hurt the fingers after a bit. A long-gun, on the other hand, isn't anywhere near as difficult to use in momentary mode.

Lumens vs. Candela: You might have heard the term "lumens" thrown around a lot, but what about its lesser-known but more important brother, candela? Lumen is the measurement unit for the total amount of light coming out of the lens. More lumens *technically* means brighter, but that light might not harness those lumens efficiently and leave you with a less ef-

fective light than you think you have. Candela is a measurement of the amount of light in a particular spot in the beam pattern, which can be used to determine how efficiently that light projects.

MYTH 1: 200 LUMENS IS ENOUGH

As lights have become more powerful, there's a growing segment of folks who believe there's such a thing as too much light. The idea that "X lumens is enough" is that if you have too much light you might blind yourself if you shine your light on a white wall or mirror.

Why It's Wrong: Even with a very low output light, bad technique can blind you. Learn your home's layout, identify what surfaces reflect enough light to impair your vision—and practice. The umbrella and baseboard lighting techniques ensure that even if you have a Modlite Archimedes Death Ray slung under your pistol, you aren't going to blind yourself.

If you haven't already, turn the light out in the bathroom and shine a flashlight on the ceiling and the base of the wall to see what it does. Magic.

MYTH 2: A LIGHT WILL GIVE AWAY MY POSITION

This self-explanatory myth—that should absolutely be a concern in a military context—is often applied to



One light isn't going to solve every problem. Balancing size, output and throw is just as important as selecting your defensive carry ammunition.

civilian defensive use. The idea is that turning a light on to see is like flipping on a neon sign above your head.

Why It's Wrong: There's some validity to the argument if we're talking about a SEAL Team conducting a night-time snatch and grab, but the legally armed citizen likely isn't going to be presented with a situation that requires a high level of light discipline while making a late-night Arby's run.

Because the use of a high-output weapon light can control a threat in some cases, the possibility to avoid being forced to use deadly force is a welcome tool. Plus, the information you can gather with light is a hell of a lot more thorough than what you can gather without ample lighting.

MYTH 3: A GUN WITH A LIGHT IS HARD TO CONCEAL

Adding a light to your EDC pistol will add bulk. That's fact. However, the idea

that a light added to your pistol transforms it into something you couldn't possibly conceal most certainly is myth.

Why It's Wrong: Advancements in holster design over the past decade have made concealing a gun with a light attached much easier than ever. Additionally, lights like Streamlight's excellent TLR-7 A add nearly no bulk to the pistol while still delivering acceptable performance.

Holster makers to investigate for concealing a pistol with a light attached are Bawidmann, Tenicor and PHLster for AIWB; Raven Concealment's Perun LC is a great option for OWB if you aren't comfortable with appendix carry.

Still can't seem to pack a gun with a

light? Carry a handheld like Streamlight's Pro Tac HL-X USB or Modlite's PLHv2 and get proficient using it.

MYTH 4: A GUN ISN'T A FLASH-LIGHT

While the argument that you shouldn't use a gun as a flashlight is sound, this



argument against weapon-mounted lights is most commonly delivered as: “I wouldn’t want to point a gun at my family if I was clearing the house.”

Why It’s Wrong: Your firearm isn’t a task light, and Jeff Cooper’s rules for firearm safety always apply. Don’t point your firearm at anything that you don’t intend to destroy. Just about any modern light from a reputable manufacturer is more than capable of lighting up a large room when using a technique like umbrella lighting. This misconception

is rooted in a lack of understanding in how to use a light effectively.

Still worried about it? The answer is adding a handheld light to your EDC and nightstand.

MYTH 5: IF I CAN’T SEE, CRIMINALS CAN’T SEE

If you can’t see, obviously criminals won’t be able to see you either ... right? This myth seems to make sense if you take it at face value.

Why It’s Wrong: A criminal only cares that you appear to be an opportune target; they don’t need to see exactly what’s in your hands. You, on the other hand, not only need to see the outline of the criminal, but you also

need to know *exactly* what’s in their hands. If you use deadly force, no one’s going to care that the banana the bad man was pointing at you *looked* like a gun; all that anyone will care about is that it *wasn’t* a gun.

MYTH 6: THE STROBE FUNCTION DISORIENTS ATTACKERS

The myth that the strobe function on a flashlight disorients an attacker has roots in the theory that rapidly flashing light will overload the visual system and cause confusion.

Why It’s Wrong: There’s a reason most top low-light instructors don’t teach the use of strobe in their classes—and very few serious duty-rated lights actually include a strobe function—it doesn’t work. You have a far better chance at disorienting someone with a



constant blast of lumens than throwing them a disco party.

The only result you'll get from a strobe is less information about what the attacker is doing and what's in their hands. The point of adding a light as part of your defensive toolbox is to gather more information to make better decisions.

MYTH 7: I DON'T NEED A LIGHT DURING THE DAY

Daytime is bright. There couldn't possibly be a need to have a flashlight during the day. After all, the sun has way more lumens than any pocket light saber you might be considering ... right?

Why It's Wrong: The idea that you

When it comes to pistols, turning your light to constant-on as you draw can be done much easier when you add some PHLster switches to your light.



won't encounter a situation that would benefit from a flashlight, just because the sun is out, is asinine. How often have you walked out of a dimly lit store and found yourself squinting?

That big glass door that you walked through does a great job of backlighting people. With a high-powered flashlight, you can overcome that photonic barrier and make the best decision for that particular situation. Again, carry a handheld light in public: You don't want to be drawing on anyone unless the threat is eminent.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

The best way to go about determining which particular concepts work best for you is to try them out in your home and in your daily routines.

If in doubt, here are some solid practices to live by:

- › Carry a handheld light regardless of whether you have a weapon-mounted light.
- › Get specific low-light training from a well-respected instructor. YouTube doesn't count.
- › Practice in your home with an unloaded gun. Learn how to get the most out of your tools in a controlled situation. **GDTM**



REASONS TO CARRY A HANDHELD LIGHT

- › It's a flashlight. It's always useful.
- › It can supplement a weapon-mounted light.
- › A high-powered flashlight can be a deterrent.
- › You can gather information when lighting conditions are less than ideal without pointing a gun.

Companies like Cloud Defensive and Modlite are rewriting what we consider acceptable performance from weapon lights.





ALWAYS BE AWARE

Real-world shootings, real-world self-defense training.

When setting up our own training and practice program, we're all faced with trying to determine how to prioritize the various skills we could work to improve. Which skills should have priority? Which skills are more secondary?

In this country, law-enforcement officers are involved in a lot of shooting incidents, which are well-documented. The FBI has been gathering and collating information on these incidents since the 1930s, and each year it puts out a report referred to as Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Summary (LEOKA).

Each year in the United States, typically somewhere between 75 and 100 police officers are killed feloniously in the line of duty. The LEOKA report has a brief, several-paragraph summary of each incident in which a police officer was killed in the previous year. For many, this serves as the basis for setting up their firearms training program.

I have a couple problems with this approach. First, we're studying the officers who, to put it bluntly, lost the fight or were ambushed. Second, the vast majority of these officers were working uniform patrol. The duties of a uniformed police patrol officer led them to be involved in many, many dangerous incidents, which, frankly, have

nothing to do with the life of the typical private citizen.

The majority of shootings involving police-patrol personnel generally fall into one of three categories.

1. The first is traffic stops. Often, an officer stops a car for a minor traffic violation without knowing the occupant is a dangerous and wanted felon.
2. The second general area is bar enforcement. Officers go into seedy bars to enforce liquor laws, drug laws, gambling laws, prostitution laws, break up fights and look for parole violators.
3. The third dangerous area consists of responding to domestic-violence calls. The cops go into the trailers, apartments and houses of people who are already drunk and fighting.

As you can see, these three types of activities carry significant risk of being involved in violence. However, they have no crossover to the typical private citizen.

The problem is, the FBI report is about the only place most people know to look for information on gunfights. Although the information isn't terribly relevant to the law-abiding citizen, it's all they have access to. I've done a lot of research over the past several years trying to find out exactly what is commonly involved in private-citizen, self-defense incidents, and I have found a

number of recurring themes. I prefer to structure my personal practice and what I teach to private citizens on these issues I see coming up over and over again in private-citizen, self-defense shootings.

PLAIN-CLOTHES LAW ENFORCEMENT

Before getting into my own students' experiences, I'd like to touch on two law

enforcement agencies whose experiences pretty much mirror those of the private citizen. The first is the FBI, whose special agents are required by policy to keep their weapons concealed when they're in business clothing and outside of their office. Thus, when out in public, they're dressed like private citizens and carry concealed handguns. FBI agents don't make traffic stops, they don't do

bar enforcement and they don't answer domestic violence calls.

It surprises lots of people that around half of all shootings involving FBI agents occur because some thug doesn't realize they're law enforcement and tries to hold them up or carjack them. Therefore, their incidents closely reflect those of the private citizen carrying a concealed handgun.



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FBI SHOOTINGS + DISTANCE

Every few years, the FBI does an internal audit of all of the shooting incidents involving their personnel (non-uniformed agents). Their goal is to try to make certain their firearms training matches what's actually happening on the street. Here are the results of a more recent internal study (note that these studies are not conducted annually):

January 2012 to January 2016
Total number of incidents: 26
Total number of rounds fired: 96
Average per incident: 3.7

DISTANCE	ROUNDS FIRED	PERCENT
0-3 yards	57	59
3-7 yards	10	11
7-15 yards	20	21
15-25 yards	9	9
+25 yards	0	0



Victims of armed robbery often report the criminal appeared out of nowhere. The reality, in most cases, it's that they were totally unaware of their surroundings, and oblivious to the people and activities around them. They were walking through the parking lot texting or yacking on a cellphone or were otherwise distracted and preoccupied—and completely failed to see obvious warning signs all around them.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents also get into a lot of plain-clothes shootings because of the nature of undercover narcotics work. In 2007, the DEA had 44 defensive shootings. The average distance involved was 14.6 feet, and the average number shots fired was five.

REAL-WORLD THREATS

As of May 2019, a total of 67 of my Rangemaster students reported back to me, or were reported through law-enforcement channels, after being involved in using a handgun for self-defense against armed criminals.

Of those 67 incidents, my students' record is 64 wins, zero losses and three forfeits. Of the 67 students who were armed at the time of their encounter, they all survived and only three were injured. We have, unfortunately, had three students I know of who lost their encounter and died. All three were killed in separate street robberies and all three were unarmed at the time of the incident, hence the term "forfeit." It's hard to win a gunfight if you didn't bring your gun. Since 64 out of 64 students who were armed won their fights, we must be doing something right.

Here are some snippets of informa-

tion from those 67 cases:

- › Approximately 10 percent occurred in/around the home
- › Approximately 90 percent occurred away from home
- › In more than 90 percent, the range was 3 to 7 yards
- › In two cases, there was physical contact
- › Three cases involved distances at or beyond 15 yards

So, when we look at FBI agent involved shootings, DEA agent involved shootings and Rangemaster private citizen self-defense shootings, we see a lot of common factors. The vast majority of these shootings take place at 7 yards or less, although there are exceptions. Being able to get a concealed handgun out quickly and make good hits with those first few rounds seems to be the recipe for success.

KEY SITUATIONAL EXTRACTIONS

So, let's look at some of the circumstances and conditions involving those fights, see how they compare to the FBI and DEA experience and see if this information can help us structure our training programs correctly.

First, the single most common type of crime resulting in defensive gun use

seems to be some form of armed robbery—whether someone is robbing your business, sticking you up on the parking lot, trying to take your car at gunpoint or an armed home invasion.

There are a lot of common misconceptions about armed robbery. For one thing, armed robberies don't typically commence at arm's length. The whole purpose of the robber's gun or knife is to terrorize the victim into compliance from a safe distance. Once the victim is compliant, the robber moves in to take the wallet, purse, car keys, bank bag or whatever it is he's after. I often say, in our context, confrontational distances are the same as conversational distances. In our culture, we speak to people, especially strangers, from two or three steps away initially. That's also the distance from which armed robberies are often initiated.

Another common misconception is that bad guys beam down from the mother ship and suddenly appear next

to you. Of course, this is nonsense. An awful lot of victims will try earnestly to convince you of this. "Jeez, it all happened so fast! He materialized right next to me! I never saw him!" I wish I had \$100 for every time I've heard that exact quote from a surviving victim of violent crime.

What they're admitting is that they were walking along with their head completely up their butt, totally unaware of their surroundings, and oblivious to the people and activities around them. They were walking through the parking lot texting or yakking on a cellphone or were otherwise distracted and preoccupied and completely failed to see obvious warning signs all around them. We stress this to our students and encourage them to get their head up, open their eyes and pay attention to their environment. This is the key to dealing with the problem before it's right on top of you.

DISSECTING DISTANCE

With that background information, let's look at the 60-plus incidents involving our Rangemaster students. First, let's look at the distances involved. Only three incidents occurred at contact distance. In one of those cases, physical contact between the attacker and the defender was deliberate; in another, contact was purely accidental; in the third, there was no actual physical contact. This goes back to what I wrote about initiating conversations from outside contact distance, and of the advantage of being aware of your surroundings and being able to challenge someone before they are within arm's reach.

Distances beyond 7 yards were involved only in 5.2 percent of the incidents. Keep in mind, though, that's about one incident in 20. We have had private citizen students who were forced to fire in defense of themselves or a family member at distances of 15, 17 and 22 yards. Thus, our practice regimen should include some shooting beyond 7 yards.

As I was debriefing the student involved in the shooting at 22 yards, he said to me, "You know, when I had to

Two yards is the outer limit for confrontations happening in what the author defines as "extreme close quarters." Only three of the author's Rangemaster students were involved in incidents at contact distance.



Five yards is the outer limit for "close-quarter situations" and is about the length of an average sedan. Eighty-six percent of the author's 67 Rangemaster students were involved in incidents at distances of 3 to 5 yards. Train for this.



Seven yards is the outer limit for what the author defines as "open quarters." Incidents at these distances aren't as frequent because the people involved are beyond conversational distance.



hit that guy all the way across the street, it never occurred to me that I was a statistical exception. I just had to deal with it." Truer words were never spoken. You might be the individual faced with that somewhat rare longer shot, so you should be prepared for it.

The rest of the shootings, 93.1 percent of them, occurred at between 3 yards and 7 yards with more than 80 percent occurring between 3 and 5 yards. The typical American sedan is 16 feet long, so one car length is about 5 yards. It would be safe to say then, the majority of private-citizen, self-defense shootings occur between a couple steps away and the length of a typical car. Based on that,

we do the majority of our training and practice at that 3- to 5-yard distance.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Our shooting incidents typically involve a fairly small number of shots, say three to four rounds. We have, however, had a number of shootings that required more rounds. Right off, I can recall student shootings involving eight, 11 and 12 rounds. None of our students have had to reload during a fight, although I can think of three who went to slide lock. Fortunately, no further firing was necessary at that point.

In our training, we heavily stress firing with two hands at eye level. We only

shoot with one hand if we only have one hand available. As a result, the vast majority of our students' shootings have involved two-handed, eye-level shooting and, as a result, the hit ratio is running around 95 percent.

No student has used, nor felt the need for, a flashlight in any of our shootings. This is another topic in which there is a lot of misunderstanding among the shooting population.

There is an often-quoted statistic that claims 80 percent of pistol fights occur in the dark. This is nonsense. A more accurate statement would be that 80 percent of pistol fights occur during the hours of darkness. For statistical purposes, the hours of darkness are from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Obviously, in much of the country, it's not dark during that entire period.

Secondly, criminal encounters don't occur in a vacuum. There's no more reason for a bad guy to be in the dark than there is for you to be in the dark. Just because it's 3 a.m. on the Stop 'n Rob parking lot doesn't mean it's dark. In fact, with modern commercial lighting, I have actually seen my sights more clearly late at night on one of these parking lots than in the afternoon on an overcast day. Law-enforcement officers often have to go into very dark places to search out hiding suspects. Again, it is a matter of context. That's completely different than a thug approaching you on a lighted parking lot at night.

TAKEAWAYS: SKILLS TO MASTER

To summarize, our students' experience and those of the FBI and DEA seem to be quite similar. I am fully aware 67 incidents represent a statistically insignificant number. However, when we see the same things occurring over and over again, I consider that a clue.

Shootings involve a defender in civilian clothing with a concealed handgun. The majority of the FBI's shootings occurred at 6 to 10 feet; the DEA's at an average of 14.6 feet; and the vast majority of ours at 3 to 7 yards. Typically,

More than 90 percent of the nearly 70 shooting incidents involving the author's Rangemaster students happened at distances of 3 to 7 yards. In violent confrontations at these short distances, it's important to be able to quickly draw a handgun and get it into the proper shooting position. This takes practice.



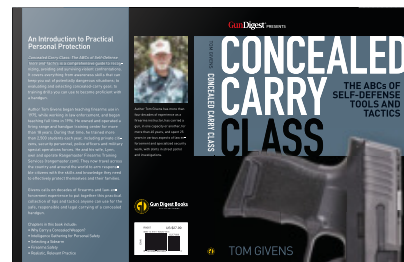
the number of shots fired is fairly low, but there are numerous exceptions. Shootings at 15 to 25 yards occur far less frequently, but often enough to be of concern.

With this in mind, I suggest the following as the skills a private citizen should work toward competency in:

1. Fast, efficient, reliable presentation of the handgun from concealment.
2. The ability to accurately place several quick shots into an anatomically important area of the target at a distance of 3 to 7 yards.
3. The ability to place an anatomically important hit in a reasonable amount of time beyond 7 yards, out to at least 25 yards.
4. The ability to reload the handgun quickly and efficiently, especially if it holds fewer than 10 rounds.
5. The ability to rapidly move off the line of force (sidestep) without hindering the presentation of the pistol from concealment.

Other skills such as malfunction remedies; alternate shooting positions, such as kneeling; the use of cover; and flashlight-assisted shooting techniques could be useful skills after mastery of the basic skills listed above has been accomplished. Early in your training,

I would prefer to see all effort directed toward competency in the core skills listed. The best approach is to model our training to match what we see occurring over and over again in the field, rather than hope what happens in the real world mirrors what we like to do on the range. **GDTM**



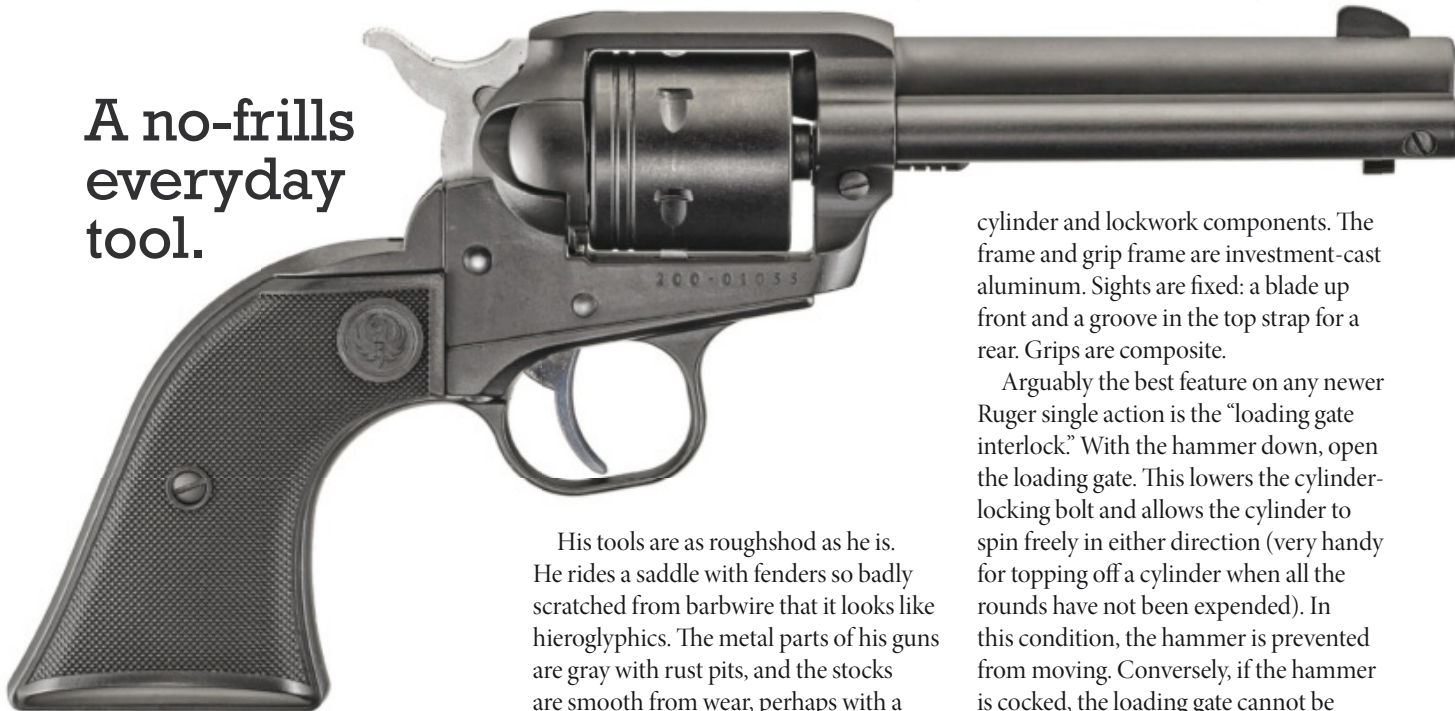
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THE 2020 COWBOY

A no-frills everyday tool.



I've known a few cowboys in my time. These guys are not the pressed shirt and starched jeans over ostrich-skin boots types. No, I'm referring to the man who wears a wrinkled chambray shirt, torn jeans that have patches on top of older patches with run-over boots and a sweat-stained hat.

His tools are as roughshod as he is. He rides a saddle with fenders so badly scratched from barbed wire that it looks like hieroglyphics. The metal parts of his guns are gray with rust pits, and the stocks are smooth from wear, perhaps with a few chips. Cowboys like this don't give a damn what a gun looks like. All they care is that it doesn't cost them an arm and a leg to buy or shoot.

Ruger's Wrangler .22 LR is made for these cowboys—or anyone else interested in a rugged and dependable sixgun. It provides the latest in single-action revolver tech without frills and dressing.

RUGER'S REVOLVERS

Bill Ruger kept alive what was thought to be a diminishing market for single-action revolvers when he introduced the Single-Six in 1953. Ruger pioneered the use of precision investment castings, which allowed Ruger to offer a well-made, accurate and rugged revolver at a competitive price point. The first Single-Sixes carried an MSRP of \$57. Today, however, a new Single-Six carries an MSRP of \$629.

The Wrangler steps up with an MSRP of \$249. To paraphrase Henry Ford, you can get any barrel length you want as long as it's 4½ inches. The metal parts are Cerakoted in black, silver or burnt bronze. Its cylinder is finished in a black oxide. The only steel in the Wrangler is the barrel,

cylinder and lockwork components. The frame and grip frame are investment-cast aluminum. Sights are fixed: a blade up front and a groove in the top strap for a rear. Grips are composite.

Arguably the best feature on any newer Ruger single action is the "loading gate interlock." With the hammer down, open the loading gate. This lowers the cylinder-locking bolt and allows the cylinder to spin freely in either direction (very handy for topping off a cylinder when all the rounds have not been expended). In this condition, the hammer is prevented from moving. Conversely, if the hammer is cocked, the loading gate cannot be opened. Along with Ruger's transfer bar that prevents the hammer from touching the inertia-driven firing pin unless the trigger is fully pulled, these are among the safest of all single-action revolvers.

The only issue I had was an occasional tie up of the lockwork when cocking the hammer. This was quickly solved with a few drops of gun oil in the cutouts on the side of the hammer and the loading gate pivot. It also helps to put a couple of drops of oil on the cylinder base pin. We have come far in firearms design, but the damn things still need lubrication.

Interestingly, the barrel-cylinder gap in my sample was a rather tight .0015 inch. I suspect that's to protect the aluminum frame from flame cutting, but if you're shooting some of the dirtier .22 LR ammo, plan on spraying that area after every 100 rounds or so. Someone who shoots a lot might find the gunk makes it a little tougher to cock and shoot.

No, Ruger's Wrangler isn't a fine revolver with all the little tweaks to make it top of the line. It's a rough-and-tumble gun designed to punch holes in stuff reliably. In that regard, it's a winner. **GDTM**

RUGER'S WRANGLER

TYPE: **Single-action revolver**

CALIBER: **.22 LR**

BARREL LENGTH: **4 5/8 inches**

CAPACITY: **Six rounds**

TRIGGER: **5 pounds, 8 ounces**

RIFLING: **1:14, RH**

SIGHTS: **Top-strap groove rear; fixed-blade front**

SAFETY: **Transfer bar and loading gate interlock**

GRIPS: **Black composite**

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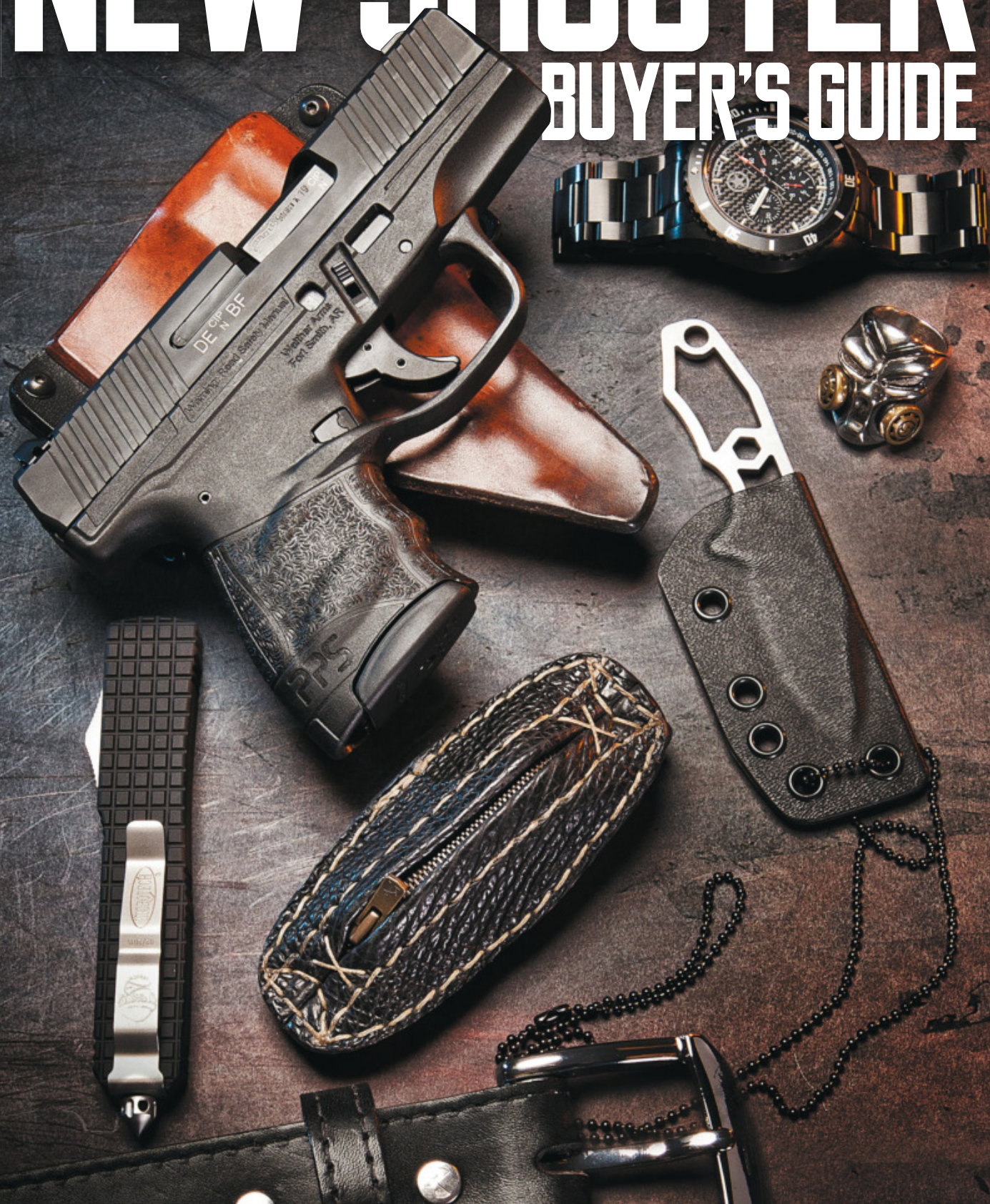
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SHAPESHIFT MODULAR HOLSTER SYSTEM



Imagine buying one holster that can quickly and easily transform into a variety of carry positions. This is now a reality with the all-new ShapeShift Modular Holster System.

The ShapeShift Core Carry Pack is the foundation of the ShapeShift Modular Holster System and includes everything you need to carry in four distinct ways. In just a few quick steps, quickly transform the ShapeShift into an IWB holster, appendix carry holster, OWB belt slide, and OWB paddle holster. The Core Carry Pack also includes a bonus Holster Mount, so you can attach your ShapeShift to a variety of surfaces in seconds.

This Modular Holster System went through two years of development, and each holster method is unsurpassed in comfort and concealability.

For those looking to carry concealed, the ShapeShift IWB Holster is comfortable and ultra-concealable. A stainless steel core gives structural support to the holster, while a soft CoolVent neoprene base maintains essential

comfort. The shell of the modular holster attaches to the base with a single mounting point, which eliminates printing and makes the holster bend against the body even better.

Appendix carry has never been safer and more well-designed than with the ShapeShift Appendix Carry Holster. This holster is an upgrade from other appendix carry options because of the single mounting feature that improves concealability and a breathable neoprene backer that makes carrying AIWB natural. The holster shell fully covers the trigger guard and includes an optional thumb release.

The all-new ShapeShift OWB Paddle Holster is the next evolution of outside the waistband carry. With its customizable design, this modular holster can be equipped with adjustable active retention, passive retention, or both. An ergonomic thumb release, included in every Core Carry Pack, gives you the option to carry using active retention. The Adjustable Retention Unit allows you to custom-

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All holsters are made with the best and most durable materials, and Alien Gear Holsters backs this promise with a forever warranty and a 30-day test drive. Made in America, unique to the planet.

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SHAPESHIFT APPENDIX CARRY HOLSTER

HOLSTERS

Comfort and unsafety are usually the biggest downfalls of traditional appendix holsters. What could be the best method of concealed carry is usually avoided because of these two issues.

Alien Gear Holsters is redefining this with a new approach to AIWB Carry.

With its breakthrough design, the ShapeShift Appendix Carry Holster is now the perfect solution to modern-day carry.

Alien Gear Holsters has solved the comfort issue with a new breathable perforated neoprene base that lays softly against the body. With its single mounting point, the AIWB holster will also flex and conform to the body better than ever before.

The ShapeShift Appendix Carry Holster is the safest holster on the market. Unique to Alien Gear Holsters, an "Alien Skin" material grips the firearm to eliminate any possibility of sliding, and a customizable passive retention system ensures your firearm will stay put no matter the situation.

The ShapeShift Appendix Holster is fully compatible with the ShapeShift Modular Holster System. The user



can quickly and easily swap out their holster for a different carry configuration to suit their needs as a concealed carrier. Additional carry options are available, including Classic IWB, Shoulder, and Belt Slide.

Alien Gear Holsters uses only the best materials for their holsters; each

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HOLSTERS



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Alien Gear Holsters can equip you to carry, and at a savings when you bundle. The Sport Tuck Belly Band Holster bundle nets you discount on the belly band when you add the IWB holster of your choice.

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This is a new type of belly band holster. Spandex is nowhere to be seen. Alien Gear Holsters doesn't settle for doing things the same way as everyone else; we were only interested in the best belly band holster or nothing. Put it on and you'll see for yourself.

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HANDYMAN POCKET KNIFE

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- 3 1/8-inch blade, 7 inches overall
- 4 oz. knife only / 6 oz. including sheath
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- Rockwell 60-61
- Industry-leading clear Cerakote finish protects your blade from corrosion
- Classic general-purpose blade with flattened pommel for field adjustments
- Textured G10 handle will not swell, split, warp, or crack
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PROPACK

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TACTICA

DEFENSE FASHION

BEST BELLY BAND HOLSTER



Finding the perfect belly band holster online can be challenging. You might feel frustrated because you've wasted time and money on holsters that aren't comfortable, safe, or concealable.

We understand that the quality of your holster makes a difference in the quality of your personal protection. Every woman should own a holster that allows her to conceal carry every day. That's why Tactica has designed the ultimate belly band holster to meet all of your concealed carry needs.

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Most belly band holsters feature neoprene or elastic holster pockets.

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One concealed carry position won't work for everyone, and our adjustable belly band design gives you the flexibility to carry anywhere on your

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If you're concerned about making the wrong choice, don't worry! Our Belly Band Holster is offered with a 10-day trial period and 30-day warranty. If you don't love it in the first 10 days, you can return it, but we're pretty sure you won't want to!

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TOPS KNIVES



As another superb Leo Espinoza-designed knife, the 3 Pointer from TOPS Knives makes for an excellent EDC, fishing, camping, and hunting knife.

One of the main goals with this model was options for carry. Each of the three variants (skeletonized, tan canvas handle, black canvas handle) come with beta loop straps and a neck chain. This allows multiple ways for wear. There are also options for personalization.

The knife is large enough to handle a small buck (like a three-point buck, for example) as well as small game, fish, and fowl. It's a great size and design for all sorts of other uses as well.

It's made with a 1095 steel blade that is tough and easy to sharpen. The blade is thin with a full flat grind and has a curved edge that makes slicing tasks a breeze. The knife comes with a Kydex sheath designed for horizontal belt carry or neck carry.

It's a smaller profile and a blade length of just 3.13 inches. The Skeletonized weighs in at 2 ounces and 4 ounces with the sheath. The 3 Pointers with micarta handles weigh 2.4 ounces and 4.2 ounces with the sheath.

You'll find this fixed blade knife replacing your folder for EDC because of how light, functional, and easy to carry it is.

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VERSACARRY

Some people who carry prefer leather because of the comfort and protection it can offer to both the user and firearm. Others choose a Kydex option due to its strength and rigidity. The Comfort Flex Deluxe by Versacarry was engineered to give its user the best of both worlds. This Inside the Waistband (IWB) holster is crafted from our signature water buffalo leather with an embedded polymer layer, sewn in-between two pieces of leather for strength and rigidity. This design ensures that the firearm will never come in contact with the hard polymer material, potentially causing unwanted damage. The back side of the holster is made from a combination of leather and closed-cell foam

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Top Features of the Comfort Flex Deluxe are:

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WHY YOU NEED A VEHICLE GUN SAFE

IF YOU'RE AN ARMED CITIZEN AND DO ANY SORT OF DRIVING, SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL NEED TO CONSIDER A VEHICLE GUN SAFE

By the Editors of Gun Digest

The common refrain about “gun-free zones” is “I simply won’t go.” It’s a noble sentiment, steeped in the righteous intentions and completely incompatible with real life. It stings like salt in a wound, but a visit to these less-than-enlightened venues end up on a to-do list more often than you’d figure — be it jury duty, parent-teacher conferences, or even work.

The obvious solution to this unpalatable situation, given our highly mobile society, is to simply stow your gun in your car. Of course, doing so is easier said than done. It's impracticable to downright loony to think you can just toss you 9mm or .45 somewhere sight-unseen and call it secure. Always a consideration, firearms' security is especially imperative on the road. Tempered glass and anemic locks hardly inspire the confidence you should have when not personally accounting for your firearm.

Like the home variety, a vehicle gun safe thwarts crime and keeps your firearms where it needs to be — in your possession. And should be among the top accessories for anyone who carries on a regular basis. Quite possibly, it's the gun owner's best travel companion.

The Necessity of a Vehicle Gun Safe

Similar to handgun safes, the vehicle variety only offer a moderate amount of protection in most cases, compared to a full-out gun vault. Still, they're more than adequate for short-term storage if they have two important features.

First and foremost, they must easily be hidden away from the general public's prying eyes. Criminals case cars, peering through windows searching for valuables. If there's nothing to offer, they'll move to the next vehicle. A car gun safe in clear view is like a flashing neon sign screaming "rob me" to the felonious meathead.

Almost equally important, the gun safe must attach to a structural component of the car. The floor is acceptable, the frame (or something bolted to it) is better. Otherwise, you might as well gift wrap the gun safe — it's become little more than a present a thief can pry or cut open at his leisure in the comfort of his own den.

Aside from theft, a gun safe in a vehicle makes sense as simply a way to secure a firearm on longer drives, say a family road trip and the like. Rolling 300 miles between stops, someplace safe to stow your pistol out of reach of children is wise and will give your side a rest from your gun digging into it.

Vehicle Gun Safe Limitations

While not a hard-and-fast rule, vehicle gun safes aren't typically built

to the specs of other firearms security devices. It makes some sense. Ideally, vehicle gun safes guard their contents over a much narrower window of time — hours, compared to days, weeks, and months. Your hackles shouldn't raise too much, car thieves are also under the gun and won't have as much time to pry and break in, given their much more public area of operations. Furthermore, they aren't armed with the same robust tools of the home thief, so you typically don't need an absolute excess of armor. They work with screwdrivers instead of pry bars, claw hammers opposed to grinders.





Since automobile fires are rarer than house fires, vehicle gun safes don't generally offer this line of protection. All in all, they're simple lined metal boxes, meant purely as theft-prevention devices. Besides, if your car is on fire you might have larger problems than firearms security.

With these factors in mind, gun owners do well to remember a gun safe in their vehicle is for temporary storage. Treating it otherwise tempts fate.

Unacceptable Vehicle Gun Safe Alternatives

"Well, I can simply toss my handgun in the center console or glove compartment box," are infamous last words of a gun-theft victim. While each certainly keeps a firearm out of sight, they offer the same level of security as wrapping a gun in old newspaper and hoping for the best. Something as simple as a butter knife can defeat their locks. Additionally, you can bet any criminal worth his crowbar will check both for valuables once inside the car. If either is your only option, you're better off leaving your gun at home.

Some of the Best Vehicle Gun Safes

What is the best gun safe for the road? There are plenty of solid examples of gun safes specifically

designed for vehicles that incorporate directly into existing aspects of a car or truck. Some of the cleverest examples are Lock'er Down and Console Vault safes, which are mounted in a center console turning the entire unit into a gun safe. For larger firearms, there are systems such as SnapSafe's Trunk Safe, which bolts in the boot, essentially converting the better part of one into a gun vault.

However, there are simpler, more straightforward systems. The Bulldog Case Car Safe, for instance, is a relatively inexpensive option that's highly flexible; simply mount the bracket in a car and the safe slides in an out

when unlocked. And it's difficult to do better than Fort Knox's Auto Box line. Constructed with 10-gauge steel, the hand and long gun safes boast among the best rapid-access mechanical locks around and true security when installed properly.

However, don't pigeonhole yourself to gun safes with "car," "truck," or "vehicle" in their names. A quality-built handgun safe will do equally as well as long as they meet the hidden and secure stipulations. A GunVault NanoVault will more than take care of the job, firmly attached to a seat assembly. Or one of Vaultek's rapid-access models would also fit the bill. There are no points against being creative, as long as your solution holds fast and is hard to find.

Parting Shot

Gun storage on the road isn't the simplest nut to crack, yet it's a reality. There's simply no way to call yourself a responsible gun owner if you leave car door locks to guard your firearms. In turn, part of your self-defense plan must include how to secure your gun when you're away from home. This ultimately means getting a vehicle gun safe. The peace of mind it provides is worth the investment and ultimately will keep you and your firearms safer. ●

