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COMPENSATED PISTOLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN surrounded by significant argument when applied to defensive or carry use. I recall arguments surrounding compensated (or ported) semi-autos twenty years ago, revolvers longer than that. A couple local agencies used them on their SWAT team. After setting some clothing and gear on fire they faded from favor but they worked. Muzzle rise was less, as was felt recoil, especially on the short .40 calibers. Most were ported barrels with cuts in the slide. External compensators were mostly competition affairs, adding length to what were long pistols to begin with. When they did not come loose or get shot off the barrel they worked great and remain the mainstay of very high-end race guns. Until recently they remained mostly competition devices, but changes in machining and design have brought them back to the carry pistol, adding another option for taming recoil and muzzle rise, matching the improvements in current ammunition.

COMPS AND BRAKES

MANY COMPETITION PISTOLS USE COMPENSATORS and brakes, most carry designs focus on compensation only. Ports face up and compensate for muzzle rise with some recoil mitigation. A few

brakes are out there in niche handguns for “tactical” purposes, but most seem more problematic than helpful, like a solution in search of a problem. Screwing a brake on the end of your threaded barrel does not always prove helpful or safe, but compensated pistols, especially 1911-style designs, are catching on. Unlike add-ons, they are designed from the ground up and are permanently attached, eliminating the most critical issue. Contoured to match the rest of the pistol they are seamless, even unnoticeable in many cases. In the case of a 1911, they match the length of a full-sized pistol using a commander-length barrel (4”). That means they fit in your holsters and are more than capable of comfortable, every-day carry. Available in 9mm and .45 ACP, Nighthawk Custom’s Firehawk is a perfect example.

NIGHTHAWK FIREHAWK .45 ACP

NIGHTHAWK’S FIREHAWK USES A PROPRIETARY compensator designed specifically for this pistol. Using a government frame, it is expertly checkered at 25 LPI on the mainspring housing and front strap. Its single-piece magwell is blended to the frame with a slight taper at the rear for concealed carry. The trigger is curved and solid measuring a crisp 3.7 pounds. Available in black or stainless steel, my test pistol is black using grips developed by Railscails for the Nighthawk Agent 1 1911. Machined from premium G10, they use the honeycomb pattern found on Railscails handguard panels for the AR. The slide stop is beveled and recessed for a clean look. The safety is single sided but can be ordered in an ambidextrous model. The magazine release is slightly extended and serrated. The front strap uses an ultra-high-cut grip safety with the typical bump at the bottom.

The slide includes a French border, a very nice touch that lines up nicely with the compensator. The rear of the slide is serrated, with a smooth top and includes a Heine ledge rear

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER:	.45 ACP
ACTION:	SINGLE-ACTION, SEMI-AUTOMATIC
FINISH:	STEEL SLIDE AND FRAME
GRIPS:	RAILSCAILS AGENT 1
SIGHTS:	HEINE LEDGE BLACK REAR, GOLD BEAD FRONT
BARREL:	3.9 INCHES/5.0 INCHES INCLUDING COMPENSATOR
LENGTH	8.47"
WEIGHT	45 OUNCES (LOADED)
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RANGE TIME

COMPENSATING LOW VELOCITY CARTRIDGES like the .45 ACP has always been controversial. Ports and compensators tend to work better the hotter the ammunition, not something typically thought of with the mighty .45. Well, times have changed, with several stout loads suitable for factory pistols. Having tested a similar pistol in a couple different schools over the last year, these loads have proven excellent. Barnes TAC-XPB uses a 185-grain bullet at 1,000 f.p.s.; Doubletap's 185-grain bonded load makes over 1,100 f.p.s. from this barrel. They also make a 160-grain load using the



sight with no dots or inserts. Rear cocking serrations are wide and easy to access. Its 3.9-inch bull barrel is threaded specifically for the 1.1-inch long compensator to facilitate final alignment. Once assembled it is permanent. A single port has

been shaped to insure proper compensation without disturbing the shooter. The front sight—an 18k gold bead—sits in a dovetail on the compensator. The guide rod is solid, with a return spring custom designed to use a reverse plug. Lots of moving parts here, including the effect of the port. Slide timing is everything when it comes to reliability, so it was all designed specifically for this pistol.



2—A SERRATED, SINGLE-SIDED THUMB SAFETY, SMOOTH SLIDE-STOP AND CHECKERED MAG-AZINE RELEASE ROUND OUT THE EXTENDED CONTROLS. SERRATIONS ON THE REAR OF THE HEINIE LEDGE REAR SIGHT CONTINUE DOWN THE BACK OF THE SLIDE TO COMPLETELY KILL GLARE. THE ENTIRE PISTOL HAS BEEN DE-HORNED FOR CARRY AND WIDE AND DEEP-CUT REAR COCKING SERRATIONS PROVIDE PLENTY OF TRACTION FOR RACKING THE SLIDE.

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Barnes TAC-XP bullet that measured 1,150 f.p.s. Ballistics testing on these loads has been impressive, but they are a handful out of a standard pistol, making the compensator very helpful.

Even the slowest of the loads tested was noticeably softer through the Firehawk. Accuracy was excellent, with my best group being accomplished using the Barnes 185-grain TAC-XP. My best group measured a bit under 1.5 inches at 25 yards. Nothing was outside 2.0 inches at 25 yards, including the hottest loads. Doubletap's 160-grain TAC-XP was pretty much POA/POI at 25 yards with a slightly higher hold at 50 yards. This load shot flat (and so does this pistol) and is my go-to .45 ACP carry load. Overall, muzzle rise is noticeably tamed—especially during rapid fire at close range—and offered similar recoil characteristics to a standard 4-inch 9mm 1911. Cutting a single hole at 10 yards is pretty easy with this pistol, as are fist-sized groups on the move. A gold bead front sight sits atop all my carry 1911s. It's my favorite, but probably is not for everyone. In the right light they are easy to see (shaded not so much), but they will not break or typically fall out. Not to worry, however. If you prefer you can order the Firehawk with either a fiber optic or tritium front sight.

Pistols are all about slide timing when it comes to proper operation. Adding weight to the muzzle end and compensation can really mess with reliability. Loads from 230-grain hardball to the hottest lightweight loads all ran perfectly with several different magazines. Slower ammunition resulted in a slight but noticeably slower slide speed and less enthusiastic ejection, but it ran it all lock-

ing open on the last round. Adding aftermarket compensators seldom yields these kinds of results, a testament to building a pistol ground up, and Nighthawk's attention to detail with the Firehawk.

CONSIDERATIONS

THIS PISTOL IS LOUD. PHYSICS APPLY AND SENDING a blast straight up makes it louder. At arm's length it's not bad, but move closer to a position of retention and you notice and feel it. Oppressive? Not really, but noticeable for sure. Would it interfere in a fight? Depends on who you are and the fight, but it is something to be aware of. Whether you will see any debris is more about the ammunition. Cheap reloads using dirty powder will probably spray you a bit, none of the carry ammunition tested pelted me with anything. Same thing is true when it comes to flash. Hornady's 220-grain Critical Duty had no flash to speak of, same with the Federal HST, Doubletap and Barnes. Quality duty or carry ammunition uses low-flash powders by design. Practice ammunition not so much—a noticeable ball of flame was common. Just the facts of life with any pistol. Compensated models just send it in a different direction.

All my testing was completed using my Simply Rugged dress holster and magazine pouch, which seemed appropriate using a pistol costing \$4,000, and it looked really nice. Fit was perfect along, as were my Milt Sparks, Mitch Rosen and four or five other full-size 1911 holsters. If you carry a full-size 1911, this will feel exactly the same, including the weight. Loaded carry weight is in the 45- to 47-ounce range depending on ammunition and whether you carry 8+1 or only 8 rounds. Use a solid, well-built holster and thick, purpose-built belt for the greatest security and comfort. Having carried full size 1911s for 30 years, the right carry rig is well worth the investment.

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ACCURACY	VELOCITY (FPS)	BEST GROUP
DOUBLETAP 160-GRAIN +P BARNES	1,180	1.65"
BARNES TAC-XP 185-GRAIN +P	987	1.50"
BLACK HILLS 135-GRAIN +P HP	1,275	1.85"
UNDERWOOD 120-GRAIN +P XD	1,385	2.00"
DOUBLETAP 180-GRAIN BONDED	1,150	1.70"

BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FEET PER SECOND (F.P.S.) BY PRO CHRONY DIGITAL CHRONOGRAPH. ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR 5-SHOT GROUPS AT 25 YARDS FIRED FROM A REST.

FINAL THOUGHTS

NIGHTHAWK MAKES SOME OF THE NICEST AND WELL-BUILT 1911 pistols on the planet. Fit and finish are excellent, slide-to-frame fit is ball-bearing smooth, the trigger is crisp and predictable. Using a similarly equipped .45 caliber pistol for a couple close-quarter schools, I would not hesitate a second to carry this one. Blast is an issue, just not a big enough issue to deter me when a full-size fighting pistol is required. There is just something about a 160-grain Barnes solid copper bullet making close to 1,200 f.p.s. at your side that is comforting. If you carry a full-size 1911 now and want the added benefit of a compensator that will fit in your current holsters this is an outstanding option. Retail price is \$4,199, and it ships with three magazines in a very nice nylon case. No matter what, it's hard to go wrong with a Nighthawk Custom 1911, and this Firehawk is no exception. See the new Firehawk at your nearest dealer, or for more information contact **NIGHTHAWK CUSTOM**. Tel.: (870) 423-4867; E-mail: info@nighthawkcustom.com; Web: WWW.NIGHTHAWKCUSTOM.COM

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MOST PEOPLE WALKING PAST THE MOSSBERG BOOTH AT THE 2019 SHOT show have said “Hey, they got into pistols this year”. However, those that know their history would be more correct in saying “Hey, they got *back* into pistols this year”. The latter statement is absolutely true, as the company jumped into the firearm industry with its very first gun being a pistol. Back in 1919 Mossberg introduced the Brownie, which was a simple, 4-shot pocket pistol chambered in .22 LR. With a price tag of 6 bucks it certainly was attractive and established Mossberg’s business model as what we know today—more bang for your buck. Mossberg has been delivering that for 100 years on the nose at the time of this writing. So why not celebrate

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by getting back to your roots and introduce a new pistol?!

The introduction of the MC1sc (\$425 to \$686) brings Mossberg's entire line of pistols up to just two. The new CCW pistol made quite a splash, both at industry day on the range and in the Mossberg booth, so we couldn't wait to get our hands on a sample to run it through its paces.

At first glance Mossberg's new pistol might look like just about any other polymer-framed, striker-fired gun on the market. That was my initial impression until I was able to wrap my fingers around it. The first thing you will notice is that the grip angle is different from anything else you may have picked up. This angle is a little more obtuse than a 1911, but not quite "Glock obtuse". I thought this was a great idea, as there is a need for something to bridge that gap for those who don't find either extreme comfortable. Evaluating the grip I noticed that they did something very interesting—they limited the locations coverage of the grip texturing. Right where your fingers land you will find a mildly aggressive textured surface, however it is smooth where there isn't any friction generated. This is done, no doubt, to make it more comfortable when carrying, particularly if you are using a minimalist holster that allows the gun to rub against your skin. To keep costs down the design does not have inter-

2—UP FRONT YOU'LL FIND FORWARD COCKING SERRATIONS AND A ROUNDED, SNAG-FREE PROFILE ON THE FRONT OF THE SLIDE. THE STAINLESS-STEEL 3.40-INCH BARREL IS DLC COATED AND BUTTON-RIFLED AT 6-GROOVES. SLIDE IS ALSO STAINLESS-STEEL/DLC COATED.

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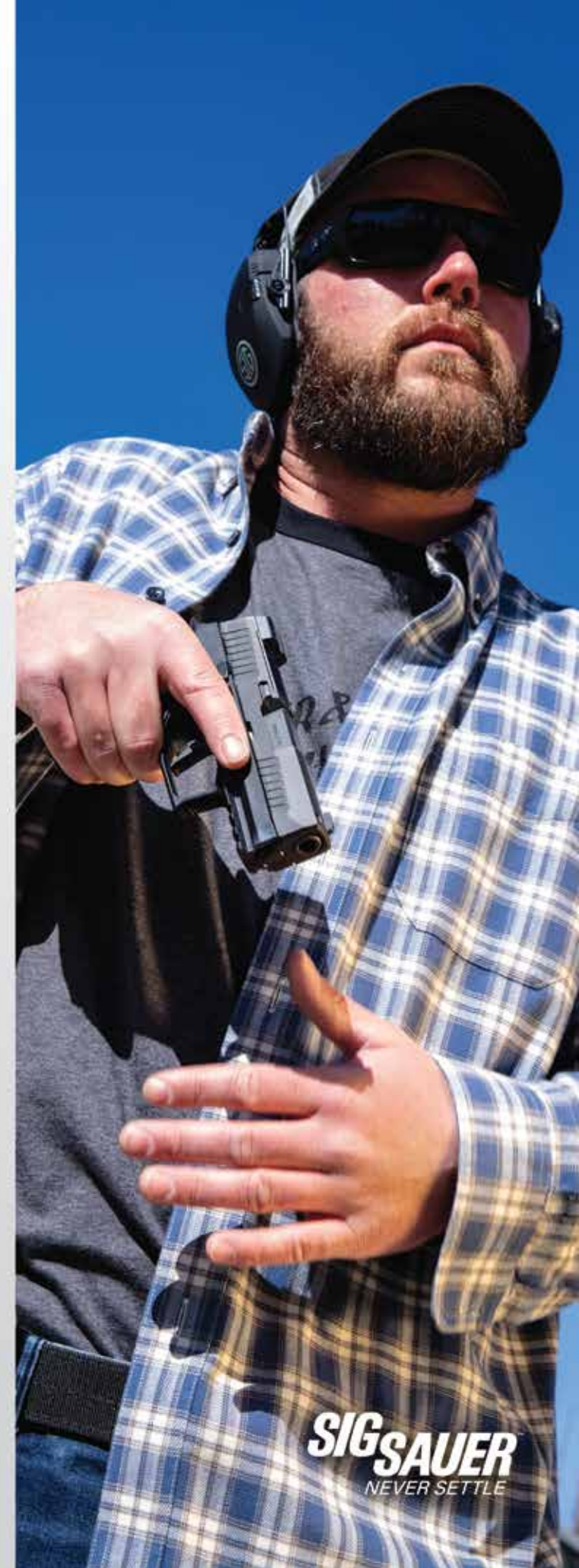
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changeable backstraps, however they settled on some great dimensions for the ergonomics and palm swell to fit nearly everybody.

With the gun in hand I ejected the magazine and was surprised to see it was of the new translucent design, allowing you to see how many of your seven rounds are remaining in the extended magazine, or how many are left in the flush-fit 6-round magazine. The magazines did indeed drop free; in fact they were aggressively ejected out of the magazine well, and this will always earn points in my book. Reaching up to rack the slide and check the chamber I noticed some of the most aggressive slide serrations my hand has ever felt. I work for a living, but those with softer hands may find it a bit too much. Once cracked open I did a quick chamber check, indexed a point of aim in a safe direction and pressed out. The grip angle actually worked very well for me, and I am a hardcore 1911 grip kind of guy. While certainly not a mid-size gun, the MC1sc is one of the largest in this class, making it very pointable, and soon



1—THE MC1SC SHIPS WITH TWO CLEAR-COUNT MAGAZINES. THE EXTENDED MAGAZINE ALLOWS FOR A LARGER HAND AND OFFERS A 7TH ROUND. THE FLUSH FIT 6-ROUND MAGAZINE HELPS TO KEEP THE GUN FROM PRINTING THROUGH FORM-FITTING CLOTHING.

2—THE 124-GR. SPEER GOLD DOTS WERE EXCEPTIONALLY-GOOD PERFORMERS OUT OF THE MC1SC, ALBEIT WITH A LOWER-THAN-IDEAL POINT OF IMPACT.

3—THE AUTHOR FOUND THE NEW MC1 LARGE ENOUGH TO SHOOT WELL AND TO COMFORTABLY PUT IN THE NECESSARY AMOUNT PRACTICE IN WITH, YET STILL SMALL ENOUGH TO BE EASILY CONCEALABLE FOR EVERYDAY CARRY.



we would find out, shootable.

For range day we took it out for a bit of group testing to see what rounds ran well through it, and then some defensive-style shooting where we utilized a champion 66% IPSC target (\$109.99) as well as a Newbold Hang TUFF synthetic gong (\$26.99). I like my steel for practicing past 10 yards with a standard caliber pistol, and I like the synthetic gongs for when I want to practice within realistic defensive distances, as they are safe to shoot up close. Raising my sights up on paper really allowed me to get a feel for the 3-dot TRUGLO Tritium PRO sights that my sample was equipped with. From a rested position I fired five 5-shot groups with a variety of ammunition from Federal, Aguila, Speer and Black Hills. All rounds cycled fine, including hollow points, and the unorthodox honey badger rounds from Black Hills. POI was about 3 to 4 inches low depending on ammo, but in a defensive pistol this isn't terribly important. We saw respectable accuracy with all, but noticed exceptional grouping with the 124-gr. Speer Gold Dots.

The straight profile trigger on the MC1sc is very different from most other firearms. Once the integral blade safety was depressed, it broke with just a touch of creep at 5 lb. 14 oz. as measured on our Lyman Digital Trigger Pull Gauge (\$61.95). I noticed a little bit of over-travel, but it isn't a match pistol so most people would not complain about that for its intended purpose. Moving on to some practical shooting, I hung the Newbold Target at just 5 yards and practiced drawing from both a 3i OWB holster (\$70.00) and a 3i IWB holster (\$50.00). Both carry methods still lent me more than 80% accuracy with draw times of around 1.25 seconds. The rounded corners of Mossberg's new pistol didn't bug me too much against the skin, and I didn't experience any snags when stripping my carry garment. The size was a little large for inside the waistband carry for my taste, but it was a terrific outside the waistband option.

Disassembly was simple and safe, as it did not require squeezing the trigger. This is a very desirable aspect, espe-

ACCURACY	BEST	WORST	AVERAGE
AGUILA 117-GR. JHP	1.88	2.69	2.56
AGUILA 124-GR. FMJ	2.64	3.37	2.87
BLACK HILLS 100-GR. HONEY BADGER	1.94	2.93	2.31
BLACK HILLS 115-GR. FMJ	3.37	3.62	3.43
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cially when teaching a new shooter. It is refreshing to see more and more guns on the market adopting this system. Once you have ensured the firearm is unloaded by removing the magazine and checking the chamber you just lock the slide to the rear and then press the button on the back plate. This allows you to remove it and then in turn remove the striker assembly. With the striker assembly removed the slide slips off of the front of the frame and the guide rod/spring and barrel come right off without any tools. After our 300-round test we had to clean just a little bit of carbon out of the barrel and from around the muzzle. We scrubbed the guide rails even though they were relatively free of any debris or fouling. After a fast lubrication we slipped it back together in the reverse order without any trouble and were on our way.

While constantly innovating rifles and shotguns it was refreshing to see Mossberg take a crack at a pistol again. The end result was very pleasurable, large enough to shoot but still small enough for everyday carry. Overall I found the ergonomics and the aesthetics very pleasing and the accuracy was certainly on par with other pistols in its class. See it at your gun shop, or contact **O.F. MOSSBERG & SONS**; Tel.: (203) 230-5300; Web: www.mossberg.com

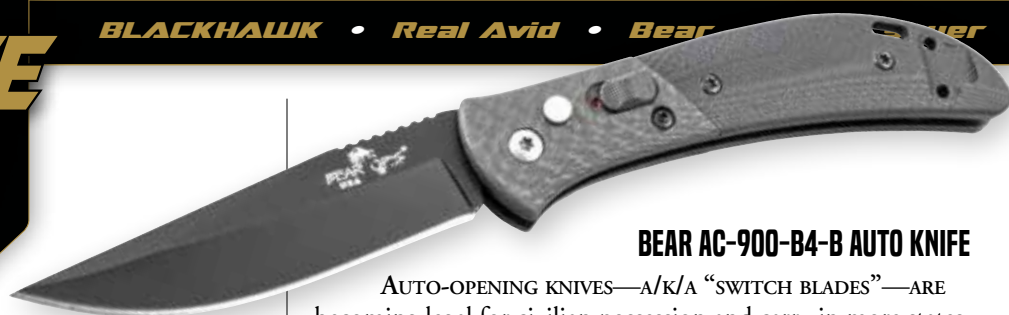
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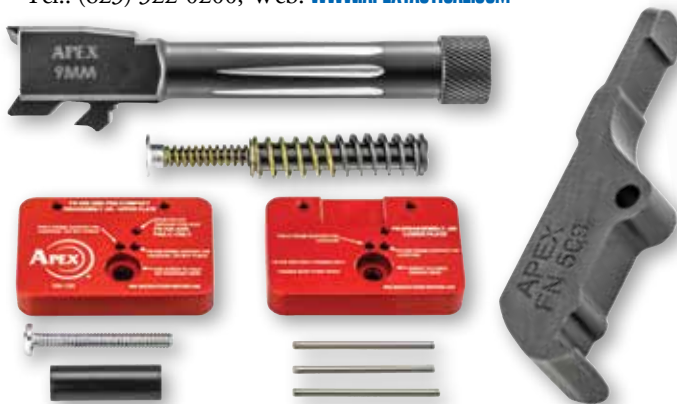
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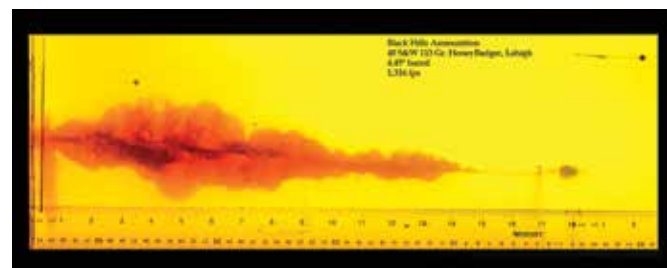


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WHEN BILL WILSON INTRODUCED THE WILSON Combat EDC X9 in 2018, it resonated through the market so authoritatively it became the company's best-selling pistol. Combining accuracy, reliability, and just pure *quality* with easy recoil and a 15+1 capacity of 9mm, it's easy to see why so many handgun connoisseurs were happy to pay its \$2,895 retail price. It's also easy to see why *On Target* magazine gave the EDC X9 an Editor's Choice Award.

There wasn't much to add, but Bill's fertile mind came up with something. This year's NRA annual meeting saw the introduction of a new version, the EDC X9L with

five-inch barrel and 18+1 capacity. I drove to the Wilson Combat plant at Berryville, Arkansas to join a few other gun writers for a pre-NRA show introduction.

FIRST LOOK

THIS IS BASICALLY THE ALREADY-HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EDC X9, extended. The first thing you notice is that extra inch of barrel and slide. The original four-inch barrel is fluted at the chamber area, as is this one, but where the original has a coned barrel, the five-inch has the conventional John Moses Browning 1911 bushing system, without full length guide rod. This is a combination that makes takedown and reassembly easy. The second immediately obvious difference is the longer



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2— THIS NEW, LARGER ITERATION OF THE X9 HOLDS 18+1 9MM ROUNDS IN ITS MECGAR MAGAZINES, PRODUCED EXCLUSIVELY FOR WILSON COMBAT. THE ENLARGED MAGWELL, FLAWLESSLY FITTED TO THE PISTOL'S ALUMINUM FRAME, NOT ONLY EXPEDITES RELOADS, BUT HELPS TO LOCATE AND PLANT YOUR FIRING HAND. G10 STAR-BURST GRIP PANELS LOOK/FEEL OUTSTANDING.

butt, accommodating the 18-round mag with slight floorplate extension.

An aluminum frame gives this full-size pistol a reasonable carry weight: 32.4 ounces with empty magazine in place, on my calibrated scale. Diamond pattern grasping cuts at front and back of slide offer good traction. The full grip has an excellent feel in the hand. Wilson's trademarked Battle Sights, with a big green fiber optic front and a generous U-notch rear, give a great sight picture. The rugged rear adjustable sight has a front ledge, allowing the shooter to catch it on the edge of belt or holster to work the slide one-hand-only in an emergency.

Where the original X9 has a fifteen-round magazine adapted from the Walther PPQ, the new one is built around an adaptation of the 18-round Beretta 92 magazine produced exclusively for Wilson by MecGar (Walther and



Beretta mags won't run in the X9, however, because of differently placed cuts for the magazine catch.) A robust mag well to speed up reloads is attached to the five-inch gun's grip frame.

Trigger pull weight, measured on a Lyman digital scale, averaged 4.255 pounds, well within "liability standards" for a single action autoloader used for duty or defense purposes.

It's also well within "shootability" parameters, with a light take-up, crisp release, and absence of backlash.

ACCURACY

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measuring each five-shot group once overall and again for the best three, having long since learned that the second measurement factors out unnoticed human error and generally approximates what the same load will do for all five from a machine rest.

The 115-grain was Federal's 9BPLE jacketed hollow point, rated for 1,300 foot-seconds velocity from a five-inch barrel. From the Illinois State Police to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office back in the day, this "old school" JHP earned an enviable reputation for "stopping power" in its caliber. The test X9L put five of these bullets into 1.65", with the best three under an inch – 0.95", to be exact.

The 124-grain selection was SIG's V-Crown jacketed hollow point. Its five-shot group ran 2.55", due largely I suspect to unnoticed shooter error, because four of them went into barely more than half that, 1.30". The best three? One inch on the nose.

Winchester's 147-grain subsonic 9mm ammo line began in the 1980s with their OSM, or Olin Super Match JHP, and has been famous for accuracy ever since. Our test load was a practice round, Winchester's 147-grain brass enclosed base, and it lived up to its family reputation with the best group of the test: five shots in an inch and a quarter, the best three in exactly one half of one inch.

Clearly, this latest X9 is an accurate pistol. Point of aim/point of impact coordinates showed it had left the factory sighted for a six-o'clock hold, with the 147-grain subsonic (as usual) grouping a little higher than the lighter, faster rounds.

SHOOTING THE X9L

ALL OF US AT THE WRITERS' SEMINAR WERE TURNED LOOSE with an array of these pistols and a few thousand rounds of ammo on Bill Wilson's private

(and expansive) steel range in Arkansas. We were hitting steel rifle plates regularly with them at a hundred yards, which sort of predicted the excellent results I would later get from *On Target's* test sample on the bench rest. Everyone seemed very happy with the trigger pull. Dimensions were good: from the five-foot female who participated to the six-foot-plus guys with bear paws, the dimensions of the EDC X9L were "right."

With a 1911-ish pistol of this size and weight, recoil with 9mm ammo was predictably a non-issue, and recovery in rapid fire was extremely fast. With increasingly arthritic hands, this writer found the magazine release easier than on the standard slim-grip 1911 frame, and the magazine well on the new model practically sucked the reload mag into the pistol. Those who closed the slide with the slide lock lever found it shaped to be very fast and absolutely positive, while I saw no fumbles among those who preferred to perform this final element of the reload with a slide tug. Bill Wilson, you must remember, was a many time national champion in action shooting when he had time to compete, and was once the captain of the United States Team in the World Championships of the International Practical Shooting Confederation. Bill made his reputation with the 1911 pistol; he made the company by crafting better 1911s, first as a custom pistolsmith and later as a premium manufacturer; and he knows *exactly* how to make them run better.

RELIABILITY

I'VE HAD TWO EDC X9s IN THE PAST FOR EXTENSIVE testing, and both worked 100% for a total round count well into four figures. Every pistol that leaves the Wilson Combat factory has a total of



1—AUTHOR, ATTENDING AN X9L UNVEILING EVENT AT WILSON COMBAT'S ARKANSAS FACILITY, HAS KNOWN AND SHOT WITH BILL WILSON, LEFT, FOR 40+ YEARS AND HAS LEARNED TO TRUST HIS PRODUCTS.



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71 rounds put through it in function and accuracy testing, which has to be an industry high water mark. That said, at the writer's seminar, there were a few feedway stoppages with the 18-round magazines. Bill Wilson was there when it happened, and as you might imagine he and his engineers got on top of it the next morning. He explained to me shortly thereafter, "We traced the problem to dry, dirty and worn out mag springs. We had been doing long term reliability testing with these guns, then an extensive video shoot with them and apparently no one thought it would be a good idea to clean and lube them or change the recoil springs which had close to 5,000 rounds on them!!"

CARRYING THE EDC X9L

NOTE THAT THE EDC (EVERY DAY CARRY) APPELLATION REMAINS ON this larger X9. I wore it for a full day of coaching and shooting in a Ky-Tac Kydex holster crafted for a standard five-inch 1911. Fast draw, decent concealability, and no discomfort. I would not be putting the "grippy" stippled grip-frame against bare skin under an untucked shirt, however; that's what undershirts are for.

BOTTOM LINE

THE MALFS SEEN IN EARLY TESTING APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP, allowing buyers of production five-inch EDC X9s to enjoy the same reliability that has made the original four-inch model so hugely popular among the serious shooters. Overall, this Wilson Combat pistol exhibits excellent accuracy, shootability, and build quality that make it worth its \$2,995 MSRP. See the EDC X9 line at your nearest dealer, or for more information, contact **WILSON COMBAT**; Tel.: (800) 955-4856; Web: WWW.WILSONCOMBAT.COM



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TESTING

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RANGE TIME

SINCE INTRODUCING THE 2.0 LINE THE M&P has exhibited excellent accuracy in 9mm. Groups at 25 yards were in the 2 inch range with Federal's 147-grain HST producing the best group at 1.75 inches. Taller sights made aiming very easy, and most ammunition was pretty soft to shoot. Pistol suppressors can add recoil with hot ammunition and the Black Hills 124-grain and 115-grain +P were stout and reliable, but with considerable blow back. The trigger lends itself to accuracy, the 2.0 version being the best yet placed in an M&P, with a predictable, audible and tactile reset. Take-up and over-travel are minimal with a weight in the 5.5-pound range.

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This combination did not like the 115-grain ammunition unless loaded to +P pressures. Each pistol and suppressor is different—there's more going on than most think. All the 124-grain ammunition ran fine, but the sweet spot for this setup was the 147-grain HST from Federal Premium. Considered one of the best self-defense loads available today, and widely used by law enforcement, it was accurate, reliable and soft shooting. It cycled the Ammo Inc 147-grain FMJ load, something many other combinations would not, but you will need to stick to 124-grain bullets or heavier.

BOTTOM LINE

GEMTECH'S GM-9 IS ONE OF THE lightest and thinnest suppressors tested. This made for a very handy setup, about perfect for home defense, or any applicable duty application. Working around cars and within interior spaces it was fast and

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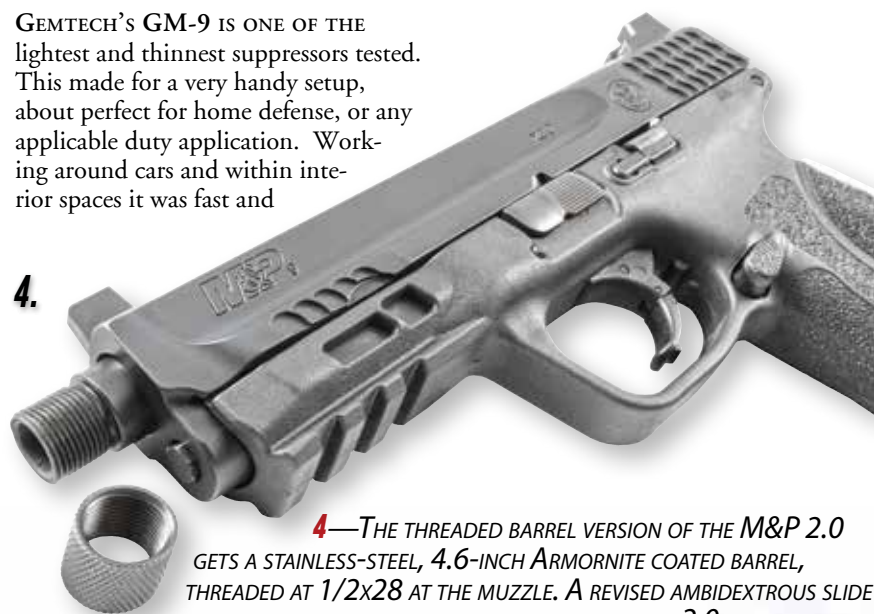
Another advantage was cost, one of the lowest combined with the pistol, retailing at \$599.99 and the GM-9 at \$699.00. Street price is a couple hundred dollars less making it quite affordable. Both are proven designs from long standing companies with superb customer service and top-notch warranties making it an excellent choice. Contact **SMITH & WESSON**; Tel.: (800) 331-0852; Web: SMITH-WESSON.COM



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2—TALL, SUPPRESSOR-HEIGHT WHITE-DOT SIGHTS ARE STANDARD ON THE THREADED-BARREL MODEL.

3—AT 1.70-INCHES FOR FIVE SHOTS AT 25-YARDS, FEDERAL'S 147-GR. HST LOAD TOOK HOME TOP HONORS FROM THE BENCH.



4—THE THREADED BARREL VERSION OF THE M&P 2.0 GETS A STAINLESS-STEEL, 4.6-INCH ARMORNITE COATED BARREL, THREADED AT 1/2X28 AT THE MUZZLE. A REVISED AMBIDEXTROUS SLIDE STOP AND MAGAZINE RELEASE CAN BE FOUND ON THE 2.0 MODELS.



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SPECIFICATIONS	GEMTECH GM-9
CONSTRUCTION	7075 ALUMINUM
CALIBER	9MM
LENGTH	7.5 INCHES
DIAMETER	1.25 INCHES
WEIGHT	8.7 OUNCES (WITH MODERATOR)

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SPECIFICATIONS	CZ P-10C SUPPRESSOR READY
ACTION:	STRIKER FIRED
CALIBER:	9MM
BARREL LENGTH:	4.61 INCHES
OAL:	8 INCHES
WEIGHT:	26 OUNCES
MSRP:	\$559

SILENCERCO OMEGA 9K

SILENCERCO'S OMEGA 9K is one of the shortest and lightest pistol suppressors on the market today. It has proven reliable on several pistols

and a few 300BLK rifles. Pistons can be swapped out for various thread patterns, with direct-thread adapters used on carbines and 300 BLK rifles. At 7.2 ounces and under 5 inches it keeps your pistol light and handy to operate. Built from Stellite and stainless steel, it is made to last and handle the highest powered 9mm ammunition. Full-auto rated, the Omega 9K is incredibly strong and durable for a suppressor its size and weight. Its tubeless design nets a rugged suppressor that's only 1.47 inches in diameter that will hold up to most anything. Not as quiet as some, it is surprisingly so for its size.

RANGE TIME

CZ PISTOLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ACCURATE, and this P-10 C was no exception. Groups were under 2.0 inches at 25 yards with everything tested. My best group came with the Federal 147-grain HST with the suppressor attached. Recoil is minimal and the HST is one of the most widely used bullets in law enforcement today. Right behind it was the Hornady 135-grain +P Critical Duty, another proven round that was recently chosen by the FBI as their +P service ammunition. The trigger makes accuracy much easier with its

designed for concealed carry, as well as on and off duty use. The trigger is crisp with less stacking than most striker-fired pistols and measured a consistent 5 pounds. The trigger guard is generous, allowing lots of room for gloved hands. Built for hard use, it can withstand most anything you can throw at it. The suppressor-capable models add a threaded, 4.61-inch, cold-hammer-forged barrel threaded 1/2 x 28. Taller sights contain tritium—the front uses a white outline, the rear is subdued. Flush-fit magazines hold 15 rounds, with extended magazines holding 17 rounds available. My test pistol is Urban Grey, a limited production color that shipped with two 15-round magazines. Standard models are black and ship with two 17-round magazines.

CZ USA P-10 C SILENCERCO OMEGA 9K SUPPRESSOR

CZ USA's P10 has become one of the most popular compact polymer 9mm pistols on the market today. Known for their ergonomics, quality trigger, and rich feature set for the price, they are liked by many. The P-10 C is their compact model



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1—THE P-10 C SHIPS WITH TWO 15-ROUND MAGAZINES AND THREE DIFFERENT SIZED REPLACEABLE PALM SWELLS TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS HAND SIZES.

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lighter pull and lack of significant take up and predictable reset.

Everything used functioned perfectly with the exception of the Ammo Inc USA 147-grain subsonic. This is a light recoiling round at only 1,000 f.p.s. that is very quiet when suppressed. It just wasn't powerful enough to reliably cycle. Having tested dozens of pistol suppressors over the years, this is common with slow and/or lightweight ammunition. It's all about weight and the piston design. Unsuppressed it ran perfectly and is incredibly pleasant to shoot, an excellent round for high round count classes or training. All the other test ammunition ran perfectly both suppressed and unsuppressed.

The pistol's sights are easy to see and tall enough for this 1.5-inch suppressor. The top of the front sight sits just above the Omega 9K. The rear sight is designed to lessen snagging on clothing or holsters and it will accom-

modate non-conventional reloads and stoppage drills.

BOTTOM LINE

WEIGHING IN AT ONLY 26 OUNCES the P-10 C, combined with the Silencerco Omega 9K, remains very handy. Unsuppressed it conceals well; suppressed it handles nicely with very limited recoil. Grip texturing is nicely done, allowing for a firm grip without tearing your hands up under hard use. At \$559 ready to suppress, it is one of the best buys in a suppressor-ready pistol you will find. See it at your gun shop, or contact **CZ USA**; Tel.: (800) 955-4486; Web: www.cz-usa.com



2.

2—TRITIUM-EQUIPPED, SUPPRESSOR-HEIGHT NIGHT SIGHTS ARE ALSO PART OF THE SUPPRESSOR-READY PACKAGE. SLIDE STOP IS AMBIDEXTROUS.

3—THE CZ SHOT A VERY RESPECTABLE 1.55-INCH BEST GROUP WITH HORNADY'S 135-GR. +P CRITICAL DUTY AMMUNITION.



4.

4—THE SUPPRESSOR-CAPABLE P-10 C ADDS A THREADED, 4.61-INCH, COLD-HAMMER-FORGED BARREL THREADED 1/2 X 28. STEEL, OVERSIZED CONTROLS ARE WELL PLACED/SIZED AND PROVIDE GOOD TRACTION.

5—WITH SILENCERCO'S COMPACT OMEGA 9K ATTACHED, THE P-10 C REMAINED A SMALL, LIGHTWEIGHT AND HANDY PACKAGE.



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SPECIFICATIONS	SILENCERCO OMEGA 9K
CONSTRUCTION:	STELLITE AND STAINLESS STEEL
CALIBER:	9MM (300 BLK) FULL-AUTO RATED
LENGTH:	4.7 INCHES
DIAMETER:	1.48 INCHES
WEIGHT:	7.42 OUNCES



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SPECIFICATIONS	SIG SAUER P320 TACOPS CARRY
ACTION:	STRIKER FIRED
CALIBER:	9MM
BARREL LENGTH	4.6 INCHES
OAL:	7.9 INCHES
WIDTH:	1.3 INCHES
WEIGHT:	26.5 OUNCES EMPTY
MSRP:	\$830

SIG SAUER P320 TAC OPS CARRY SIG SAUER SDR9 SUPPRESSOR

SIG SAUER'S P320 IS INCREDIBLY VERSATILE. Designed with modularity at its core, it can be configured or re-configured to accomplish just about any task. Using

interchangeable slides and grip frames, the sky is the limit. One of the more sought-after configurations is the TAC OPS Carry. With its full-sized grip frame and compact slide, the TAC OPS Carry is perfect on or off duty. Four 21-round extended magazines are supplied, and it will accept standard-capacity 17-round magazines. Suppressor-height night sights complement the threaded barrel for suppressor use. Retaining all the features the P320 is known for, like a solid and crisp trigger, soft recoil, and excellent accuracy, the TAC OPS Carry is ready for anything.

SRD9 TITANIUM PISTOL SUPPRESSOR

SIG SAUER'S SRD9 Titanium pistol suppressor is the perfect match for the P320 TAC OPS Carry. Stainless steel baffles keep it running for a lifetime, and the Grade 8 Titanium outer tube keeps it strong and

light. User serviceable, it can be easily maintained when using rimfire ammunition or during round-intensive training. Numerous boosters are available to accommodate most pistols, pistols threaded in 1/2 x 28 and 13.5 x 1 LH are provided. A spacer is provided for attachment to submachine guns or other fixed-barrel weapons. At 7.2 inches, it remains quiet while its 1.38-inch diameter co-witnesses the sights well. At 9 ounces, it remains light without sacrificing reliability over several different platforms.

RANGE TIME

I HAVE BEEN USING AND TESTING THE P320 since its introduction in almost every concealable configuration. Accuracy has always been excellent, and the TAC OPS Carry was no exception. Groups were mostly in the sub 2"-inch range at 25 yards, with the best group at right around 1.75 inches using Sig Sauer's 124-Grain V-Crown. Sights were tall enough, and it was pretty easy to aim properly at range, while the white dots were very bright in the sun. During close quarters drills without the suppressor, the TAC OPS Carry was very fast to target. The P320 trigger remains one of my favorites with its solid construction (no break or bend) and no trigger mounted drop safety.

Reliability was excellent across a broad

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range of ammunition when unsuppressed, but a bit less so using the SRD9. It would not cycle the slower 115-grain ammunition, and even some of the faster loads would not consistently lock the slide open on the last round. Move up to 124-grain ammunition and it ran fine—the hotter the better. With the 147-grain Federal it was accurate and reliable, and the subsonic load from Ammo Inc also functioned well.

BOTTOM LINE

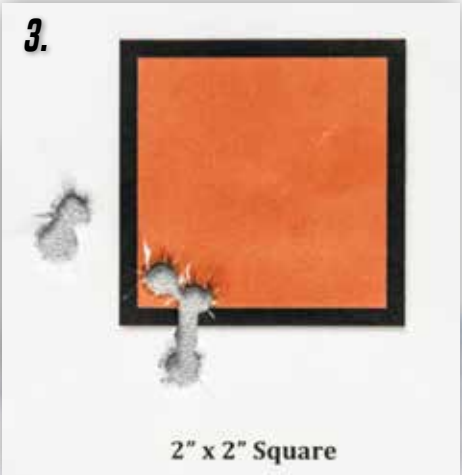
THERE ARE CERTAINLY LIGHTER SUPPRESSORS around, but most of those tend to sacrifice reliability. Sig Sauer's SRD9 is a nice compromise, used on several pistols, it works when others will not. Balance is still excellent when mounted, especially to my SIG P229 or similar metal pistols. It worked great on the TACOPS and given its construc-

tion it will do so for many years. I have been using a similar version of the TAC OPS for quite some time now, and it's one of my favorite configurations. Utilizing a full-size frame, it fits my hand very well. This is sort of a best of both worlds setup. Short enough to carry concealed, yet with plenty of features for tactical ops, including 21-round magazines. If you want to take your P320 to the next level, or mount a suppressor of your choice, this Sig Sauer P320 TACOPS Carry is just the ticket! Contact **SIG SAUER**; Tel.: (603) 610-3000; Web: WWW.SIGSAUER.COM



2.

2—TRITIUM-EQUIPPED, SUPPRESSOR-HEIGHT SIGLIGHT NIGHT SIGHTS ARE PART OF THE TACOPS PACKAGE.
3—THE TACOPS SHOT A BEST GROUP OF 1.75-INCHES USING SIG'S OWN 124-GRAIN V-CROWN LOAD.



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4.

4—THE P320 TAC OPS CARRY SHIPS WITH A 4.6-INCH STAINLESS-STEEL BARREL THREADED AT THE METRIC 13.5 X 1 LEFT-HAND PITCH. AMBI SLIDE-STOP AND REVERSIBLE MAG RELEASE BUTTON ARE BOTH EXCEEDINGLY EASY TO MANIPULATE.



5—THE STAINLESS-STEEL/TITANIUM SIG SRD9 SUPPRESSOR IS AS RUGGED AS THEY COME, AND SHIPS WITH BOTH 1/2X28 AND 13.5X1 LH PISTONS FOR MOUNTING ON MOST 9MM PISTOLS/SUB-GUNS.

5.

SPECIFICATIONS	SIG SAUER SRD9
CONSTRUCTION	TITANIUM AND STAINLESS STEEL
CALIBER	9MM
LENGTH	7.2 INCHES
DIAMETER	1.38 INCHES
WEIGHT	9 OUNCES



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SPECIFICATIONS	FN509 TACTICAL 9MM
ACTION:	STRIKER FIRED/DAO
CALIBER:	9MM
BARREL LENGTH:	4.5 INCHES
OAL:	7.9 INCHES
WIDTH:	1.35 INCHES
WEIGHT:	27.9 OUNCES (EMPTY MAGAZINE)
MSRP	\$1,049

SUREFIRE'S RYDER 9TI SUPPRESSOR

SUREFIRE'S RYDER 9Ti (Titanium) suppressor was used for much of the testing. At a mere 9.5 ounces, it works well on a variety of pistols. Patented baffles allow you to disassemble the Ryder for cleaning. Numbered and indexed with built-in spacers, the Ryder 9Ti is easy to reassemble. Its 1.25" diameter means it can be used on many pistols without adding taller sights. Trijicon's RMR RM06 Type 2 with a 3.25 MOA dot was installed for RDS testing. It co-witnesses the sights perfectly and has proven itself over thousands of rounds. Dot size is about perfect for a pistol, allowing for fast acquisition up close without hindering accuracy at longer range. Surefire's XH35 was used for weapon-mounted light testing. It's beam pattern is about perfect for clearing homes or other close quarters environments in the dark.

RANGE TIME

ACCURACY WITH THIS PISTOL MATCHED that of the first FN 509 tested, with my ability to be accurate only enhanced with the RMR. Zeroed at 50 yards, my groups remained mostly inside the diameter of my fist with the Hornady 135-grain +P Critical Duty ammo, which proved to be the most accurate. At 25 yards the group

FN 509 TACTICAL SUREFIRE RYDER 9TI SUPPRESSOR

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1—TWO 24-ROUND EXTENDED MAGAZINES, ONE 17-ROUND FLUSH FIT MAG, TWO DIFFERENT-SIZED PALM SWELL'S AND A REDUCED-FORCE RECOIL SPRING FOR LOW-POWERED/SUBSONIC LOADS (SHOULD THE FACTORY-INSTALLED SPRING NOT OFFER THE IDEAL TUNE) CAN ALL BE FOUND TUCKED IN THE PISTOL'S VERY-NICE SOFT CASE.

measured 1.5 inches. Everything was as accurate with the Federal 147-grain HST coming in right behind the Hornady. Reliability both with and without the suppressor was excellent. The only ammunition it would not run consistently suppressed was the 147-grain subsonic from Ammo Inc USA. This is common, depending on the suppressor, and the design of the piston used. Changing suppressors is often the fix with low-powered or very light ammunition. Removing the suppressor eliminated any issues with the sub-sonics, or anything else with or without the Surefire X400 light/laser combination. Swapping out the RDS was simple and easily completed in the field. One of the best aspects of the design is the lack of the need for locking compound. Pick the right plates and screws and it locks in place. Over the course of several hundred rounds it never shot loose. Iron sights are easy to see in daylight with a visible dot in the front and subdued rear. Protective wings do not interfere with non-conventional reloads or stoppage drills.

BOTTOM LINE

I FOUND THIS PISTOL HARD TO PUT down. It reminded me of my initial testing of the 509 a couple years ago. The trigger really suits me, and averaged 6.0 pounds pull weight with a consistent break and reset. While it uses a trigger-mounted drop safety it does not feel like it, unlike those with levers in the middle. Having 24-round magazines makes it perfectly suited for a team environment, and it will accommodate lights, lasers, suppressors and a red-dot sight. It just doesn't get any more versatile than that! See it at your dealer or for more information contact **FN AMERICA**; Tel.: (703) 288-3500; Web: WWW.FNAMERICA.COM

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3—HORNADY'S 135-GRAIN +P CRITICAL DUTY AMMO TOOK HOME TOP ACCURACY HONORS, PRINTING THIS 1.50-INCH 25-YARD GROUP.



4—FN'S 509 TACTICAL COMES EQUIPPED WITH A 4.5-INCH, COLD HAMMER FORGED BARREL THREADED AT 1/2 X 28. THE AMBIDEXTROUS SLIDE STOP AND MAGAZINE RELEASE PROVED EASY TO MANIPULATE AND NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO UNINTENTIONALLY ENGAGE.



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5—SUREFIRE'S LIGHTWEIGHT AND SLIM (NO NEED TO RUN SUPPRESSOR-HEIGHT SIGHTS) RYDER 9Ti SUPPRESSOR WEIGHS IN AT A MERE 9.5-OUNCES AND CAN BE DISASSEMBLED FOR ROUTINE CLEANING. THE RYDER 9Ti WORKED VERY WELL ON THE 509 TACTICAL.

SPECIFICATIONS	RYDER 9Ti
CONSTRUCTION:	TITANIUM AND STAINLESS STEEL
CALIBER:	9MM
LENGTH:	7.6 INCHES
DIAMETER:	1.25 INCHES
WEIGHT:	9.5 OUNCES



SPECIFICATIONS	XD(M) OSP WITH THREADED BARREL
ACTION:	STRIKER FIRED
CALIBER	9MM
BARREL LENGTH:	4.5 INCHES (UNTHREADED), 5.3 INCHES (THREADED)
OAL:	8.6 INCHES (THREADED), 8.0 INCHES (UNTHREADED)
WEIGHT:	30.1 OZ. EMPTY (INCLUDING RDS)
MSRP:	\$958 (INCLUDES VORTEX VENOM)

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD(M) OSP THREADED BARREL LIBERTY CENTURION SUPPRESSOR

for suppressor-capable pistols with a red dot sight. This 9mm comes equipped with both 5.3-inch threaded and 4.5-inch unthreaded barrels. Mounting plates are included to fit seven different red dot sights and can be ordered with a Vortex Venom installed. Black (no dots) suppressor sights are included, along with two 19-round magazines. Interchangeable back straps get you the perfect fit and the one-piece guide rod keeps recoil to a minimum.

ACCESSORIES

MY TEST PISTOL SHIPPED WITH THE VORTEX Venom RDS with a 3-MOA dot. Made from aluminum, it holds up to recoil and the multicoated lens provides a clean and clear field of view. The single CR 1632 battery is replaced from the top, with

no need to remove the sight. Windage and elevation can be adjusted in 1-MOA increments using a small screwdriver. Intensity is changed using buttons on the left side of the sight. At just 1.9 ounces it adds very little weight to the pistol.

Liberty Suppressors' Centurion is one of the most consistently reliable pistol suppressors I've tested. Titanium keeps it light, while the stainless core keeps it strong and easy to clean. Designed to be disassembled for cleaning when using rimfire or most 9mm it is easy to reassemble. At 12.5 ounces (including the booster) its heavier than some, but that's what makes it work so well. Different piston modules allow use on several thread patterns. Overall length is 6.5 inches and its 1.375-inch diameter makes it perfect for pistols without suppressor sights. With a retail at only \$525, including the booster, it is an excellent buy.

RANGE TIME

ALL AMMO TESTED GROUPED UNDER TWO inches at 25 yards, the most accurate being the Ammo Inc USA 147-grain subsonic at 1.55 inches. It shoots so

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softly it was just much easier to stay on target and it ran suppressed making it even easier. In the self-defense loads, the pistol really liked the Federal 124-grain +P HST, producing roughly the same group at 25 yards and about 3 inches or so at 50 yards. Longer-range accuracy is one of the clear benefits of an RDS, and the Vortex Venom made it pretty easy to stay dialed in at 50 yards.

This was the first of several pistol/suppressor tests where everything ran, suppressed or not, including the 147-grain subsonics and some practice 115-grain. There were no malfunctions or stoppages with anything. Low-power ammunition only ejected about a foot, but it always ejected no matter how fast I pulled the trigger. Changing red dots is pretty easy, and the pistol comes with a cover plate for use without one, meaning you can configure this pistol a number of different ways.

4.—The XD(M) OSP comes fitted with a 5.30-inch, Melonite-coated hammer-forged-steel barrel threaded to 1/2x28 at the muzzle. Large, serrated magazine release, slide stop and takedown lever are XD(M) strong suits.



BOTTOM LINE

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY'S XD(M) PISTOLS enjoy an incredibly loyal following. Those using them truly love them and this OSP will be no different. Out of the box you can use an RDS and a threaded barrel, or go small with the supplied 4.5-inch barrel and iron sights. The 19-round capacity is perfect for tactical or duty use, and it will accept weapons-mounted lights and lasers as needed. At \$958, including the Vortex Venom, you get a ton of pistol for a price that will accomplish just about anything you ask of it. Contact **SPRINGFIELD ARMORY**, Telephone: (800) 680-6866; Website: WWW.SPRINGFIELD-ARMORY.COM



2—At just 1.9 ounces, the included Vortex Venom red-dot sight (also available without) adds very little weight to the pistol. Also included are a set of all-black-serrated suppressor-height night sights.

3—The 147-gr. subsonic FMJ load from Ammo Inc. took home the accuracy win with this 1.55-inch 25-yard group.



5—Liberty Suppressors' Centurion has proven one of the most consistently reliable pistol suppressors the author has tested, and its 1.375-inch diameter makes it perfect for pistols without suppressor sights.

SPECIFICATIONS	LIBERTY SUPPRESSORS' CENTURION
CONSTRUCTION:	TITANIUM AND STAINLESS STEEL
CALIBER:	9MM (300 BLK 7.5" BARREL OR LONGER)
LENGTH:	5.3 INCHES, OR 6.5 INCHES INCLUDING BOOSTER
DIAMETER:	1.375 INCHES
WEIGHT:	7.9 OZ. (SUPPRESSOR ONLY); 12.5 OZ. WITH BOOSTER

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The first time I laid hands on the Taurus TX22 it was so new I needed to sign a non-disclosure agreement. In fact, at that point it wasn't even named yet, as it was in the most infant of prototype stages. About a dozen other gun writers got to put their first rounds through it at Taurus's first-ever Media Day held in Okeechobee, Florida at the famous Quail Creek Plantation Gun

Club. The gun club didn't even have a pistol range at that point; it was put in for this event where the new rimfire was set to debut.

Anyone who got to get hands on



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1—THE TX22 CAN BE FIELD STRIPPED IN SECONDS, MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS SOME FULLSIZE, CENTERFIRE POLYMER-FRAMED PISTOLS. THE THREADED MUZZLE COMES WITH A CAP THAT CAN BE SWAPPED OUT WITH THE INCLUDED 1/2X28 THREAD ADAPTER FOR SOUND-SUPPRESSOR USE. WITH THE ABILITY TO CYCLE SUBSONIC AMMO THIS MAKES IT PERFECT FOR PEST CONTROL.



SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER	.22LR
FIRING SYSTEM	STRIKER
ACTION	SINGLE ACTION
GRIPS	POLYMER
SIGHTS	FIXED FRONT/ADJ. REAR
SAFETY	AMBIDEXTROUS
SLIDE MATERIAL	ANODIZED ALUMINUM
SLIDE FINISH	MATTE BLACK
BARREL LENGTH	4.1"
WEIGHT	17.3 OZ

that gun that day will agree that this was money well spent because everybody enjoyed shooting it, and I was no different. After the event (with sealed lips) I inquired as to when one might be available for an evaluation, and although it took just about another year to finalize the product, when released it was ready to ship immediately.

The idea behind the TX22 is sound, and with my background as an instructor it grabbed my interest more than the next guy. Taurus set out to build a .22 caliber handgun to help train shooters for larger calibers, as well as to provide something match ready out of the box for the Rimfire Division of Steel Challenge. The end result is a polymer, striker-fired pistol with amazing ergonomics that points instinctively and groups very consistently. Oh, and did I mention that the TX22 holds 16 rounds in its magazine instead of the typical 10?

Once you unbox the TX22 the first thing that jumps out is the textured and contoured grip. The aggressive skateboard-tape-style surface keeps the gun right where you want it, and some might even argue that it's a bit of overkill for a .22. That argument would be incorrect, however, because it is, after all, designed to feel like a centerfire pistol. Also aiding the grip is a cutout on both the left and right sides of the pistol to lock your thumb into, which further increases control.

Range day brought us sunny conditions with temperatures in the mid 70s, an utterly perfect day. At 15 yards we conducted a standard accuracy test from a rest which consisted of five groups of five shots each. At our disposal we had a variety of ammunition from CCI and Federal, including high-velocity, subsonic and hollow-point options. I chose these three because they represent the wide spectrum of .22 LR ammo that is once again available. Subsonic ammunition generally does not cycle a semi-automatic,




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or at least it doesn't do so reliably, but the addition of a suppressor usually creates the needed back pressure to sometimes get them to work properly. Hollow-point ammunition frequently causes feeding issues in not only rimfires, but some centerfire pistols as well because of the shape of the bullet tip. High-velocity ammunition generally runs the gun well, but sometimes it can rupture from overpressure.

Delighted and surprised, all three types of ammunition ran through the TX22 without a hitch. None was more surprising than the subsonic ammunition, as I generally don't run that in anything other than a bolt action rifle. I deviate from this practice only with low expectations. The subsonic ammo even put the TX22 into slide lock on the last round EVERY time! Federal's high-velocity Clean .22 ammunition gave us the best overall results, however groups were under two inches for most other ammunition.

Aiding in the loading of magazines was the cutest little speedloader I've ever seen (included). It actually mirrors the common, one-piece style speedloaders that come stock with most pistols. In addition to the

1—CONTROLS—including the magazine release, slide stop and ambidextrous thumb safety—are all where you'd find them on a full-size centerfire pistol. Between the light .22LR recoil spring and aggressive slide serrations at the rear, young shooters will have no issue racking the TX22's slide.



2—THE GENEROUS PALM SWELL AND AGGRESSIVE TEXTURING MAKE THE TX22 A PLEASURE TO SHOOT. A HIGH-CUT TRIGGER GUARD UP FRONT AND BEAVERTAIL IN THE REAR ALLOW FOR A HIGH HOLD ON THE PISTOL'S GRIP. THE AUTHOR FOUND IT FIT HIS MEDIUM SIZED HAND PERFECTLY.

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1—THE TX22 PROVED A FUN, ACCURATE AND—MAYBE MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR A RIMFIRE HAND-GUN—RELIABLE PISTOL TO SHOOT, NO MATTER WHAT AMMUNITION YOU WERE FEEDING IT. ERGONOMICS ARE OUTSTANDING AND MIMIC A FULL-SIZE PISTOL—A HANDY ATTRIBUTE FOR TRAINING NEWCOMERS OR RANGE PRACTICE FOR SEASONED SHOOTERS.

2—OUR BEST GROUP OF THE DAY WAS SHOT WITH FEDERAL'S NEW POLYMER COATED CLEAN 22 RIM-FIRE AMMO. THESE COME IN SUBSONIC AND HIGH VELOCITY AND UTILIZE A HANDY COLOR CODING TO QUICKLY DISTINGUISH THE TWO. THESE WERE THE RED-COLORED HIGH-VELOCITY VERSION.

3— TWO 16 ROUND MAGAZINES COME STANDARD, ALONG WITH A HANDY SPEEDLOADER. THE MAGAZINES FOR THE TX22 ARE CONSTRUCTED FROM A LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC BODY WITH AN OPEN DESIGN THAT MAKES FOR EASY CLEANING.



ACCURACY	BEST	WORST	AVG.
CCI CLEAN-22 HIGH VELOCITY 40GN RN	.94	1.62	1.18
CCI CLEAN-22 SUB-SONIC 40GN RN	1.68	1.88	1.80
FEDERAL BYOB 36GN HP	1.82	2.25	1.94
AVERAGE OF FIVE 5-SHOT GROUPS FIRED FROM 15 YARDS — RESULTS IN INCHES			

speedloaders, magazine filling was expedited by the assist button built into each one. These magazines hold 16 rounds and are of an open design allowing them to be dropped into the sand and easily cleaned, a common issue in competition shooting.

difficult, but it left me wondering if that was done to prepare somebody for a centerfire action. The heavier slide also slammed into battery with authority, helping to ensure rounds got seated completely into the chamber, especially if it was a little dirty,

Overall handling was very nice with the TX22. The slide was easy to rack, but took a little more effort than most .22s.

Certainly not

which .22s nearly always are. The trigger broke very crisply, with just a hint of creep and a very short reset rivaling some of my best centerfire pistols. Getting on target was simple. The TX22 comes standard with a rear sight adjustable for both windage and elevation. Taurus's new rimfire also includes an ambi-safety, but magazine release and slide stop are left-side only.

Getting the gun back to the bench, we gave it a quick clean. Although the TX22 comes with a threaded muzzle, you do not need to remove the muzzle cap to take it apart. Many .22 pistols require this and sometimes the thread protector

can be stuck on there pretty good.

Disassembly was pretty typical, especially for a rimfire. With the chamber empty and the magazine removed, simply pull down on the takedown lever, squeeze the trigger, slip the slide forward off of the rails, remove the guide rod/spring assembly and lift the barrel out. The process is literally like almost every centerfire pistol on the market. I thought this was very interesting because I've always wondered why more rimfires aren't built like this. Cleaning was relatively easy, thanks in large part to the polymer-coated Clean 22 CCI ammunition that we ran. A quick wipe with some Break-

Free and a little bit of light brushing with Hoppe's Number 9 and we were able to lubricate and reassemble. The process was extremely simple and intuitive. After figuring out that the trigger needed to be squeezed for disassembly, I was able to do the rest without having to look at the manual. This is also a terrific training aide in itself as it teaches shooters how to disassemble and reassemble most handguns without bringing a heavy recoil spring into the process.

The takeaway on this evaluation was that this is a simply amazing pistol. As the law currently exists, I cannot own one of these in New

York, but I sure hope something changes because I would love to have one of these in our classes to use for training students in self defense as well as IDPA and USPSA (Editor's note: Frank, it's time to move to New Hampshire!). With the ever-growing popularity of Steel Challenge, this pistol can be much more than a trainer; it can be the go-to pistol right off the bat. If you live in a free state, be sure to check it out. You won't be disappointed, especially at the price point Taurus puts on it off the shelf (\$349). See the new TX22 at your nearest dealer, or for more information contact **TAURUS USA**; Tel. (800) 327-3776; Web: WWW.TAURUSUSA.COM

THE X BABY

**SIG SAUER'S
NEW P320
X-COMPACT**



CHRIS MUDGETT



BEN BATTLES

With all the cyclic trends in the handgun market, none weather these changes better than the compact carry pistol. By compact, I mean mid-size; a pistol capable of filling both duty and concealed carry roles in one, ideally sized package. In most cases the mid-sized pistol checks the boxes describing the biggest pistol you can comfortably conceal that holds the greatest number of bullets. One that is a 90% solution of its big brother, the full-size duty pistol, yet can disappear beneath a t-shirt.

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF ALL INVENTION

THE NEW X-COMPACT WASN'T BORN from a roundtable think tank, nor was it dreamed up by a forward-thinking engineer. Instead, it was created by a couple of hard-shooting SIG Sauer Academy instructors; one securely clutching a field-stripped X-Five grip module, while the other eyeballed his cuts with a hacksaw. When the plastic shards settled, the grip was roughly cut to accept 15 round P320 compact magazines and the frame chopped to flush fit a subcompact slide assembly. It might not have been pretty, but a formidable carry pistol was conceived on that sunny New England day that quickly gained the envy of instructors and students alike.

Pistol project manager, Phil Strader, and his team of ninjas quickly caught wind of these ultimate compact P320s floating around the Academy grounds and got to work perfecting dimensions and feature sets. Essentially X-ifying the concoction, a baby X-Carry was born. An M17 optic cut was added, as were X-ray3 Legion day/night sights, enhanced forward slide serrations and re-profiled ambidextrous slide releases. Most importantly, however, was a sweet, all-new X-frame designed

2—THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW X-COMPACT (LEFT) AND LEGACY X-CARRY ARE SUBTLE TO THE EYE, BUT APPARENT ONCE EACH IS HANDLED. A DEEPER UNDERCUT BENEATH THE TRIGGERGUARD, BOBBED BACKSTRAP, SCALED DOWN BEAVERTAIL AND REDUCED CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE X-COMPACT GRIP ALL ENHANCE ITS OVERALL FEEL IN-HAND, RECOIL REDUCTION AND POINTABILITY.

1—THE SLIDE OF THE X-COMPACT (LEFT) RECEIVED SEVERAL UPDATES; THE FIRST YOU'LL NOTICE IS THE LACK OF A LIGHTENING CUT FORWARD OF THE EJECTION PORT. NEXT IS THE ADDITION OF AN LCI, OR LOADED CHAMBER INDICATOR. LASTLY, THE OPTIC CUT IS SIZED FOR THE LEUPOLD DELTAPoint PRO FOOTPRINT, JUST LIKE THE MILITARY'S NEW M17 SERVICE PISTOL.



to house a 15-round P320 compact magazine with slight modifications to its floorplate.

THE X GOES COMPACT

THE NEW X-COMPACT GRIP FRAME features an improved module that sees reduction of material in several strategic locations. First, the base of the backstrap has been bobbed, effectively reducing the likelihood of the grip printing through, or catching on, a cover garment. Second, you'll notice the beavertail has been re-contoured, ground down and flattened to improve comfort when concealed carried inside the waistband, specifically in the appendix position. Additional ledge material was removed from either side of grip frame, just forward of the beavertail, reducing the width of the frame as it sits in the web of your firing hand. This modification makes the pistol feel slimmer in-hand and eliminates the thumb discomfort the original X-Series frame could create during prolonged shooting sessions.

At the front of the frame you'll notice a reduction in dustcover length allowing it to fit flush with the new 3.6-inch barrel. Unfortunately, this reduction prevents the pairing of SureFire's XC-1 series, as well as Streamlight's TLR-7 mounted white lights. With that said, if I were a betting man, which I am, SIG likely has a solution on the way. Until then, a handheld light should be your companion if you're out after dark.



COMPETITIVE LINEAGE

THE REST OF THE FRAME IS ALL X-SERIES, AND THAT'S a good thing. The squared off panels ensure zero side-to-side play in hand, facilitating rock-solid grip consistency when drawing the pistol from concealment and during rapid fire strings. The magwell is slightly beveled and has an internal speed chute that swallows sloppier reloads at speed.

The triggerguard is deeply undercut and beveled, allowing you to choke up on the grip

SPECIFICATIONS	
TYPE:	STRIKER FIRED, SEMI-AUTOMATIC
CALIBER:	9MM
CAPACITY:	15+1
BARREL:	3.6 INCHES
OVERALL LENGTH:	7.0 INCHES
WEIGHT:	25 OUNCES
FINISH:	BLACK NITRON
FRAME:	POLYMER
TRIGGER:	5.0 POUNDS (TESTED)
SIGHTS:	X-RAY3 NIGHT SIGHTS, DRIFT ADJ. FRONT
MSRP:	\$804.00

with your firing hand, bringing the tang of your hand tight beneath its redesigned beavertail. This undercutting also allows the top of your hand to be more in line with the slide as it reciprocates, reducing felt recoil and allowing the shooter to more accurately track his sights. This is even more apparent when a red dot sight enters the equation, as this feature significantly reduces the amount of time the dot is lost between shots.

Speaking of red dots, the new X-Compact features a removable slide plate that sits beneath the rear sight. Two screws secure the plate to the slide and are accessed from its underside. Once the plate is removed, a pocket is revealed that's cut to the same dimensions as the U.S. Army's M17, whose footprint is sized to accept SIG's own Romeo2, Romeo1PRO and Leupold's DeltaPoint Pro miniature red dot sights. These sights are effortlessly anchored to the slide by the same screw pattern that secures the plate.

MORE THAN JUST LOOKS

LIKE ALL X-SERIES PISTOLS, THE X-COMPACT receives a flat trigger shoe with minimal pre-travel, breaking right at 90 degrees. Virtually no over travel exists, effectively reducing the likelihood of your trigger press disturbing your point of aim as you pull through the trigger stroke. While the pull weight doesn't necessarily feel any lighter than a standard P320, it does feel faster due



to the reduced trigger travel, 90-degree break, negligible over-travel and short reset. My Lyman digital trigger pull gauge measured an average (of five) pull weight of 5.2 pounds, which is in line with the other P320s I've handled. Based on previous experience, I'm confident that as the trigger breaks in, the pull weight will shed about a half-pound.

SIG's P320 series has accuracy dialed in and the X-Compact with its 3.6-inch barrel is no exception. Producing a best five-shot group spanning 1.3 inches at 25 yards with SIG Sauer's 124-grain V-Crown ammunition, you'd be hard-pressed to ask for more in a compact carry package. 115-grain range ammunition produced respectable 2-inch groups as well and is demonstrative of what

you can expect from economy Walmart-grade ammunition.

One of the features I love about the X-Compact is the ability to carry the pistol with a flush-fitting 15-round magazine with the option of bumping up to a 17- or 21-round factory magazine as a reload. It's a force multiplier and comforting to know I have that much extra ammunition available on tap in a single reload.

The X-Compact is no doubt proving to be one of my favorite handguns, as it effectively defines that ideally sized carry package and boasts feature sets that

ACCURACY	BEST GROUP	AVG. GROUP
SIG SAUER 115-GRAIN FMJ	1.6"	1.86"
SIG SAUER 124-GRAIN V-CROWN	1.3"	1.78"
HORNADY 147-GRAIN XTP	1.5"	1.76"

ACCURACY IS THE AVERAGE OF FIVE, FIVE-SHOT GROUPS FIRED FROM 25 YARDS USING A BAG REST.

will keep it relevant for years to come. It's extremely shootable for its size, has bomber ergonomics and all the features of a Glock 19 with \$1,000 worth of aftermarket frame, slide and trigger modifications, but in a factory configuration from a company that gets it. See the new X-Compact at your nearest dealer, or for more information contact **SIG SAUER**; Tel.: (603) 610-3000; Web: SIGSAUER.COM



1—THE X-COMPACT PROVED EXTREMELY SHOOTABLE, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING ITS CONCEALED-CARRY-FRIENDLY SIZE. MUCH OF ITS INHERANT CONTROLLABILITY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A HIGH-CUT TRIGGERGUARD AND BEAVERTAIL, RESULTING IN YOUR FIRING HAND FALLING MORE IN LINE WITH THE SLIDE AS IT RECIPROCATES.



2—THE REDUCTION OF MATERIAL FORWARD OF THE BEAVERTAIL IS A WELCOMED ADDITION TO THE X-COMPACT AND ALLOWS THE PISTOL TO FIT MORE NATURALLY INTO THE WEB OF THE FIRING HAND. A SHORTENED, RADIUS BEAVERTAIL AIDS IN COMFORTABLY CARRYING THIS PISTOL APPENDIX INSIDE-THE-WAISTBAND.

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4—THE SOLE MISS ON THE X-COMPACT IS THE LENGTH OF THE PICATINNY-RAILED DUST COVER. AS OF THIS WRITING, NONE OF THE AVAILABLE MOUNTED WHITE LIGHTS FIT. AS SUCH, A HANDHELD LIGHT SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO YOUR EDC KIT. SUREFIRE'S NEW RECHARGEABLE STILETTO OFFERS 650 LUMENS OF BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT.

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TRIJICON'S NEW SRO

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TRIJICON SRO

The SRO (SPECIALIZED REFLEX OPTIC) WAS specifically designed for pistol use. Widen-



ing the field of view makes it easier to pick up the dot with less interference from the body of the sight. The round lens is crystal clear and parallax free providing a very crisp dot. Using the same footprint as the RMR makes mounting easy. Moving the battery to the top eliminates the need for a sealing plate. Battery life is three years on setting 4 using the widely available CR2032 battery. Built from 7076-T6 Aluminum, the internals are designed to survive 30,000-plus rounds. Now waterproof and submersible to 10 feet, it's also impervious to the elements. Available dot sizes include 1, 2.5 and 5-MOA to suit your application.

TESTING

MY TEST SRO HAS THE 2.5 MOA dot—big enough to pick up quickly, yet allowing for precision at 50 yards and beyond. Mounted to a

CZ P10F, Walther Q4, STI 2011 Staccato-P, Glock 19 MOS, FN509 Tactical and Springfield Armory TRP 1911 in 10mm, it saw tons of use. Several test days included snow and inclement weather, and one complete day in the pouring rain. Numerous stoppage drills and reloads were conducted using the SRO on barricades, walls, boots and holsters without a scratch or crack on the lens. Dropped in the dirt, mud, and snow, it continued to work and never even came loose. It was carried IWB, OWB and AIWB.

MOUNTING AND HOLSTERS

NO MOUNTING ISSUES WERE EXPERIENCED with any of the RMR-plate-equipped pistols. Outer dimensions are similar to an RMR, but it sits farther forward and is taller. All of my carry Kydex holsters required a bit of a notch in the front to allow for the SRO. Nothing drastic and it never affected

SPECIFICATIONS

MAGNIFICATION:	1x
SIGHT WINDOW:	0.98 x 0.89 INCHES
LENS:	TEMPERED GLASS
ADJUSTMENTS:	1 CLICK = 1 MOA
ADJUSTMENT RANGE:	150 MOA (WIND AND ELEVATION)
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TRIJICON'S NEW SRO



carry comfort, presentation or use. Duty rigs are going to be a different story. It would not fit in my Safariland ALS. Those enclosing the RDS will likely experience issues, if its open there may not be any problem at all but make certain you check.

OPERATION

MOST DOTS ARE "SPARKLY" TO ME, BUT THE SRO WAS BETTER. THE GLASS IS visibly clearer, and the dot crisper compared to the HRS and the DPP. You feel like you are looking through a pistol mounted MRO with a wider field of view and less of the frame blocking your view. Using a round shape makes it natural for the eye to pick up. The auto brightness setting worked fine for me moving from inside to outside and back. Just like the RMR, you can use manual control as needed. It still co-witnesses suppressor sights but barely. Each sight set is a bit different and mounts on 1911s seemed to work best.

BOTTOM LINE

LESS OR NO TUBE EFFECT, LESS OCCLUSION, WIDER FIELD OF VIEW AND EASIER to see dot were the takeaways compared to the RMR. Changing the battery from the top is huge, as is losing those annoying sealing plates. If you already have a Type 2 RMR or an HRS you may not want to make the swap, but if you are still looking, you really need to look at the SRO first—it really is better. Maybe not a game changer for some, but better. The SRO should be at the top of anyone's list, especially for concealed carry and duty applications. Contact **TRIJICON**; (800) 338-0563; Web: TRIJICON.COM

3—THE NEW SRO FEATURES A WIDER, CIRCULAR FIELD OF VIEW, WHICH MADE IT QUICKER FOR THE EYES TO ACQUIRE A SIGHT PICTURE, AS OPPOSED TO THE PREVIOUS KING OF THE HILL—THE SMALLER AND SQUARE-ISH TRIJICON RMR.

4—AS COMPARED TO THE RMR'S BOTTOM-MOUNT BATTERY, THE SRO'S BATTERY IS ACCESSED FROM THE TOP AND DOES NOT REQUIRE SIGHT REMOVAL TO ACCESS, NOR DOES IT NEED A BATTERY SEALING PLATE. LIFE OF THE CR2032 BATTERY IS THREE YEARS WHEN LEFT ON SETTING FOUR.

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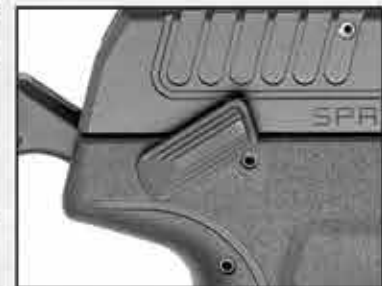
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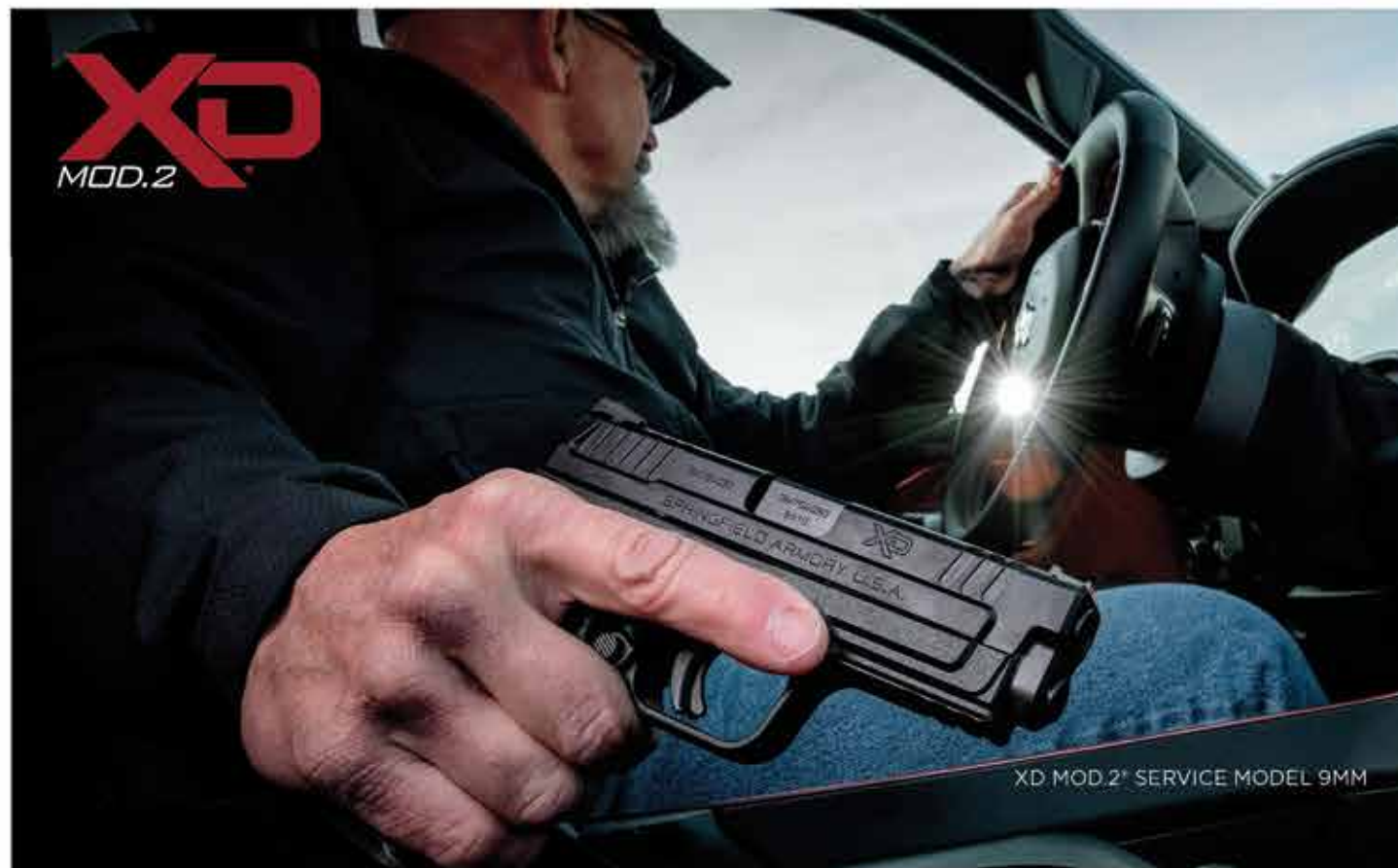


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