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HK's new VP9 OR Longslide wearing a Triiicon SRO optic and SureFire X400 Ultra weaponlight/ laser.

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with deep penetration. Glock's G20 is popular for its capacity but many still prefer an all-steel 1911. Full sized 1911's are the most common, a bit less comfortable for concealed carry but easier to handle full-power loads with. Many consider the Commander size the perfect compromise, but they're rare in 10mm,

popping in and out of the market every few years. Having tested most (if not all), they are great to carry, but not so much fun to shoot. Too often, reliability is an issue with the heavier loads, but that may have just changed with Night-hawk Custom's Bob Marvel Custom commander chambered in 10mm.

BOB MARVEL CUSTOM 1911

NIGHTHAWK CUSTOM HAS OFFERED THE Bob Marvel commander in .45 ACP and 9mm for years. A true custom, built by Nighthawk's 'smiths under the

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CALIBER:	10мм Аито	
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tutelage of Bob Marvel, there are a few unique characteristics to this 4.25inch barreled 1911. Bob Marvel is well known in the custom 1911 world, especially for the combined accuracy and reliability of his pistols. His proprietary

I—Hand stippling across the entire top and back of the slide not only looks amazing but also works to kill sight-picture glare. Available finishes run the gamut from Cerakote in solid or camouflage patterns, hard chrome, stainless, polished or in complete blackout Hiding in the background, you can read about the outstanding new Crossbreed "The Chest Rig" chest holster elsewhere in this issue.

2—Extended, hand-worked fire controls are found throughout the Bob Marvel model. Standard grip panels are made from G10 but our test sample was wearing a beautiful pair of Cocobolo grips — one of many options. Check out the ornate grip screws! From start to finish, each Nighthawk model is painstakingly built by a single gunsmith. ORS NES Darrel system is the most prominent feature; a sleeve is screwed to the barrel and fit precisely to the slide resulting in some impressive

accuracy. The Everlast return spring assembly adds longevity and softer recoil. The rear sight is moved slightly forward, and the rounded slide-top and back are stippled. A French border—rarely seen provides a very nice look. Checkering at

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strap and mainspring hous-

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ing are 25 LPI and a one piece beveled magwell is fitted for smoother magazine changes. Every part of the pistol is nicely rounded, smooth and custom looking. Front and rear cocking serrations are unique, aggressive and provide excellent purchase. The muzzle end of the slide gets a bull taper, with the bottom tapering back slightly. The front sight

Nighthawk Bob Marvel Custom

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Nighthawk Bob Marvel Custom The Gentelmen's Backcountry Pistol 10mm

1—The flat mainspring housing is checkered to **25 L.P.I.** and heavily beveled on its bottom edge to help reduce printing. The pistol is completely dehorned for comfortable concealed carry.

2—The ultra-high cut front strap is checkered to perfection at 25 L.P.I. A seamlessly-blended yet aggressive mag funnel provide a chute to send the 8-round 10mm mags home quick and clean.

is tritium, the rear is fully adjustable. Everything about this pistol screams handmade, and in fact it is—by one gunsmith start to finish.

RANGE TIME

THE REAL QUESTION IS WILL IT WORK in 10mm? Previous tests of comparable "custom" 10mm commanders have ranged from the unimpressive to the abject failure. Not so with this Bob Marvel. It was one of the most reliable commanders I've ever tested, using ammunition ranging from 155-grain defense rounds to 200-grain hard cast loads. Using one of my Tripp Research magazines, it reliably fed 9 different loads from three different manufacturers without failure.



From a practical perspective, this is invaluable. Being able to switch from deep penetrating ammunition for the trail to proven defense ammunition for the street is a huge advantage. Supplied with two 8-round magazines, it worked with both Tripp Research and Wilson Combat 9 round magazines without issue.

Maybe the most surprising thing was how soft it was to shoot. A frequently stated drawback of 10mm commanders is excessive recoil, coupled with excessive spring pressure when racking the slide. Having carried 10mm 1911s for decades, they can be snappy with a 5-inch barrel with hot loads, let alone a shorter barrel. Shooting this was similar to a 5-inch 1911 in 10mm, or even a commander in 45 ACP. Slide reciprocation time is quicker but without the harshness or loss of controllability. Rapid fire was no problem, even using Doubletap's 200-gr. controlled expansion and solids at around 1200 f.p.s.—either of which would likely get the job done on most predators, without regard to size or leg count.

out regard to size or leg count. Accuracy was as expected, with the most accurate load being the 180-gr. Colt National Match load from Doubletap, producing consistent 1.5-inch

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Nighthawk Bob Marvel Custom The Gentelmen's Backcountry Pistol 10mm

groups at 25 yards. Muzzle velocity on this load is around 1,100 f.p.s. making it a powder puff 10mm load, but it's about as close to match grade as it gets. Next up was the 155-gr. Doubletap load, my favorite carry round. Firing a copper bullet, even at 1,400 f.p.s. it's soft (and flat) shooting, and group sizes were only only slightly larger than the leader.

CONSIDERATIONS

THIS IS A FULL CUSTOM PISTOL, WITH both the perks and price tag that come with that. Many ask what you get for your money with a custom 1911, and my answer is attention to detail, no sharp surfaces, precision-fit everything, performance—all the product of painstaking work by hand. Nighthawk's Bob Marvel model is about as good as it gets.

Opinions vary when it comes to stippling the slide. It probably does make a difference in sight-picture glare, but that's probably also not the point—it looks absolutely amazing. But, for the most part, users tend to either really like it or not.

The trigger measured at a tad over 4 pounds and was very repeatable.

Although a bit over used in the gun writing industry, this trigger was very crisp with an incredibly clean break, no overtravel and minimal take-up. Not sure it gets any better for a 1911 trigger, or any trigger on a pistol for that matter.

BOTTOM LINE

THE BOB MARVEL MODELS IN 9MM AND .45 ACP retail for \$4,499. The 10mm adds \$100 to the cost. As custom 1911s go, this is reasonably priced, as custom 1911s in 10mm can be as much as a grand more than their lesser chamber-

ings. Not for everyone, but well priced for the market it caters to. You may pay more for a custom from other places, but I'm not sure you will get anything more for that money. The Bob Marvel can be ordered with other finishes, ranging from Cerakote

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Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in feet per second (fps) by Pro Chrony Digital chronograph. Accuracy in inches for (3) 5-shot groups at 25 yards using a bag as a rest over the hood of a truck

in solid or camouflage patterns, hard chrome, stainless, polished or in complete blackout. While probing the Internet a few were available as is, but these are custom builds, to include checkering, front sights (gold bead or fiber optic), grips and engraving. Custom 1911s should be personal and that is certainly something you can do with the Bob Marvel.



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1—Thanks in part to its everlast recoil system, the Bob Marvel was very soft shooting for a 4.25-inch 10mm, with recoil characteristics similar to the same size pistol in 45 ACP. This was also one of the most reliable commander-length 1911 pistols the author has ever used, using ammunition ranging from 155-grain defense rounds to 200-grain hard cast loads.

> Nighthawks Bob Marvel Commander is the most reliable and softest shooting 10mm 1911 I've ever used. Were it in the budget, it would stick around. If you are in the market for a custom 1911 in 10mm, be absolutely certain this is at the very top of your list! Contact NIGHTHAWK CUSTOM; Tel.: (877) 268-4867; Web: NIGHTHAWKCUSTOM.COM



2—As expected, downrange precision was what we've come to expect from Nighthawk — outstanding. The best 5-shot/25yard group of testing measured 1.50-inches, printed with Doubletap's 180-gr. Match load. Other loads were damn close.







machined to fit an RMR, a requirement at the time. It's a different story today, and in 2020 HK made it a whole lot easier to slap an optic on the VP9 with the optics-ready models, which come standard with an optics cut that works with several available plates to mount your

years, and it did take a while, but the final product is here and was worth the wait.

OPTICS READY PISTOLS

As expected, optics ready pistols are fast becoming the norm. Once

1—We used an EGW mounting plate to mount a Trijicon SRO optic for TESTING, WHICH HAS THE SAME FOOTPRINT AS THE COMPANY'S RMR OPTIC. BOTH FACTORY AND AFTERMARKET OPTIC PLATES ARE READILY AVAILABLE.

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SPECIFICATIONS:

Weight:	25.56-OUNCES
Overall Length:	7.34-INCHES
BARREL LENGTH:	4.09-INCHES
Frame:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	GREEN DOT FRONT, FIXED REAF
CAPACITY:	17+1
RETAIL PRICE:	\$749.95

a custom touch, or what many considered a passing fad, they are in fact the future. With many sub-compacts now RDS (Red Dot Sight) capable from the factory, it's getting harder to find a new pistol without that capability. While the RDS is still not for everyone, offering the ability to add one if needed is a big selling point. Having a slide that's machined for an optic from the factory is huge for those using them for duty, since alterations from factory are often prohibited; being able to get one out of the box under factory warranty is a must.

HK VP9 OPTICS READY

As of 2020, the VP9 is available with a custom machined slide to accept an RDS, as well as contour-matched cover plate for those who prefer iron sights. Standard sights are now a high visibility green dot front and blacked out rear, easily the most common and preferred sight arrangement these days. Everything else is pure VP9 with its ergonomic grip using interchangeable grip backstraps and side panels, ambidextrous slide stop and one of the best striker fired triggers produced today. The cold-hammer-forged polygonal barrel remains accurate over tens of thousands of rounds. Seventeen round magazines replace the 15 rounders as standard equipment and continue to use the P30 design. Sold separately, five different optics plates are available

1—HK also offers complete optics-ready VP9L (longslide) or entire VP9L slide ASSEMBLIES — READY TO SLAP ON ANY STANDARD VP9 frame — FOR A VERY REASONABLE \$499. The VP9L is equipped with co-witnessing, suppressor-height night sights and LONGER 5.41" O-RING ENHANCED BARREL.

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to accommodate most common RDS. The trigger guard is oversized for gloved hands and houses the trademark HK ambidextrous pushdown magazine release.

RANGE TIME

TRIIICON'S SRO was mounted using an EGW mounting plate. Swapping them out was simple, mounting screws for the cover plate are used on the RMR/SRO plate, and it comes with screws for the sight. It mounted easily and never came loose during testing. Factory

optic plates are \$30 each and there are already a few aftermarket plates that mount the RDS even lower for around \$100. The EGW plate used in this test is \$50. Perfectly capable as a carry RDS,

or even duty, the SRO is one of the fastest dots to pick up and tends to be crisper than most, even with my astigmatism. Much like the RMR Type 2, it uses automatic brightness adjustment or manual if needed.



The SRO sits a tad higher than the RMR. Standard sights would not co-witness but the front sight remained usable in a pinch. If the RDS is a permanent fixture, you can still get suppressor height sights if a co-witness sight picture is preferred. This test SRO has seen thousands of rounds on dozens

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1— Replacing the previous 15-round magazines are new 17-rounder's. With replaceable backstraps and side PANELS, THE VP9 IS VERY ADAPTABLE TO SHOOTER HAND SIZE AND GRIP DIMENSION PREFERENCES.

■ With practice, the HK-style magazine release — which sits at the rear of the trigger guard — is as fast or faster than pushing a button, while also providing true ambidextrous operation. Slide release is also ambi, and the VP9 is EQUIPPED WITH WHAT MANY CONSIDER THE BEST STRIKER-FIRED TRIGGER IN THE BUSINESS.

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of tests to include pistols, shotguns, rifles and subguns without failure.

With many hours of time behind the standard VP9, testing this new version was like a coming home party. Fit and feel are the same, just two more rounds on tap and a better sight picture. Smooth, reliable and soft shooting, the trigger remains one of

the best striker fired triggers out there. Reliable as usual, our test gun and new 17-round magazines fed and spit out everything thrown at it. Given the times, high round count tests are really not possible, but the same platform in previous tests chewed up thousands of rounds of 9mm, from handloads to metal case. It remains as reliable as the striker-fired system gets.

Accuracy was excellent with or without the SRO. On Target's test gun was capable of 2-inch or less groups at 25 yards, and 3-inches or so at 50 yards for five shots. Zeroed at 50 yards it consistently made fist size 10-shot groups shooting from the back of my truck bed. Best groups were accomplished using Wilson Combat 95-grain Barnes TAC-XP, which, coincidentally, is my newly preferred carry round. Designed for 4-inch barrels, this round is making 1,250 FPS and produces very little muzzle rise or recoil. It has proven to perform within FBI standards in gel testing with consistent expansion and 12 to 13 inches of penetration from a 4-inch barrel. A center hold from 5 to 50 yards gets you in the ball park making it perfect for defense. Groups with most ammunition were at or under the 2-inch mark at 25 yards and 4 inches at 50 yards.

Performance:	Velocity	Accuracy
Wilson Combat 95 Grain Barnes	1250	1.50 INCHES
Sig Sauer 124 grain V Crown	1180	1.65 INCHES
BLACK HILLS 115 GRAIN +P	1340	1.85 INCHES
Speer 124 Grain Gold Dot	1150	1.75 Inches
DOUBLETAP 115 GRAIN TAC-XPD	1300	1.55 Inches

ullet weight measured in grains, velocity in feet per second (fps) by Pro Chrony Digital chronograph. Accuracy in inches for 5-shot groups at 25 yards fired using a bag from the hood of a truck.

CONSIDERATIONS

TRIJICON'S SRO SHINES FOR ME when it comes to practical pistol shooting and is a nice match to the VP9. With its slightly larger and round lens, centering the dot on target is much easier. Room clearing and CQB work seem more intuitive, possibly due to the fact that I spent years running an HK MP5 with the "circle in a circle" diopter based sights. Knocking down round steel is also faster since you line up the circle in the center and press the trigger. Not quite as "tank proof" as the RMR, it has proven plenty rugged for me. I would not hesitate

a second to carry this on duty, and it gets carried for personal defense now.

With many hours on a USP, the HK-style magazine release does not take long to get used to. For those new to the system, it may take some practice. With practice, it is as fast or faster than pushing a button while also providing a true ambidextrous release.

BOTTOM LINE

THE ADDITION OF THE OPTICS-READY cut does not add much to the price, and is far less than getting your existing slide machined, let

1—*FLAT SHOOTING*, PRECISE AND EMINENTLY RELIABLE, THE ABILITY TO NOW ADD AN OPTIC TO THE VP9 COULD VERY WELL HAVE PUSHED HK'S OFFERING TO THE TOP OF THE STRIKER-FIRED HEAP.



2—As the author HAS COME TO EXPECT FROM HK's VP9 PLATFORM, 25-YARD PRECISION WAS OUTSTANDING. THE BEST **5**-SHOT GROUP OF TESTING MEASURED 1.50-INCHES, PRINTED WITH THE AUTHOR'S PREFERRED **9**MM CARRY ROUND - WILSONCOMBAT'S 95 GRAIN BARNES LOAD.

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alone the time it takes. The VP9 has always been around \$700.00 and that appears to be holding true. Still, it's hard to tell these days since everything is difficult to acquire and "deals" appear to be non-existent. But, unlike some manufacturers bumping retail to near a grand or more for the ability to add an RDS, the HK VP9 is pretty reasonable.

Proven over years of use both in the U.S. and abroad, in the opinion of many, the VP9 platform is one of the best polymer pistols on the market today, and it now being optic-ready doesn't hurt things.

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I was impressed by their take on the Glock platform, the SAR9, and happily accepted the assignment to test the SAR 2000, which is their clone of the often copied CZ75 selective

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double-action 9mm pistol. First, of course, you get the good and bad of the CZ75 design itself. Good: It feels great in most hands. At 36 ounces unloaded, this all-steel 9mm has extremely mild recoil. You have the versatility of selective double action. Bad (for some): the



Petter-type slide rides within the frame rails, which gives you less to grab hold of when you activate the weapon; a trigger reach some find too long in double-action mode; and a thumb safety higher than 1911-acclimated shooters might like. Moreover, the hammer

has to be lowered by hand: the 2000 has no de-cocking mechanism per se.

VERSATILITY

The SAR 2000 has a one-side thumb safety which operates whether or not the hammer is cocked, and allows slide manipulation even in on-safe mode. More Good Things. This gives us fully five carry options with a round in the chamber. Mike Mullens, manager of the

trigger reach was a bit long in average size adult male hand. The SAR 2000's slide CAN BE OPERATED WHILE PISTOL IS ON SAFE: A USEFUL SAFETY FEATURE FOR LOADING/UNLOADING.





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—The Petter-type slide of the SAR 2000 rides within the frame rails like the CZ75 blueprint it was based on. Up front are a full-length stainless-steel guide rod and 4.5-inch hammer-forged barrel.

Technical, Warranty, and Customer Service told On Target that the SAR 2000 is drop-safe.

Those loaded chamber modes are as follows. 1. Hammer down, off safe. Ready to fire with just a pull of the long double action trigger, self-cocking for followup shots. 2. Hammer down, on safe. Another safety net if a bad guy gets the gun away from you, or if you appendix carry with the muzzle pointed you-knowwhere. 3. Half-cock, off safe. Same as "1," with a shorter albeit not necessarily lighter trigger pull on our specimen. 4. Half-cock, on safe. Analogous to "2," above. 5. Cocked and on safe, a/k/a cocked and locked. Shorter trigger reach and shorter pull for first shot.

Options are good. The rubber grip panels were comfortable, with well-placed palm swells. The fixed sights were good, with big, high-visibility white dots front and rear.

TRIGGER PULL

The SAR2000'S multiple trigger pull options were tested on a Lyman digital gauge from Brownell's. I normally test from both center and toe (bottom tip) of the trigger with a pivoting trigger design such as this one; the latter gives the lighter pull, but the former is probably more relevant because that's where the shooter's trigger finger normally rests. The sharply curved shape and pointy toe of the SAR 2000 mandated center placement for me. With the hammer fully down in double action mode, pull weight averaged 11.21 pounds.

At half cock, the trigger starts only slightly back from the totally at rest position, so we stayed with center placement. Pull averaged 11.54 pounds, slightly more than from full hammer down since the shorter pull slightly compromised mechanical advantage, despite *length* of pull being slightly shorter. Fully cocked to single-action mode, pull averaged 5.75 pounds.

From both hammer-down and half-cock positions, the trigger pull is reasonably smooth and without stacking, that is, resistance does not increase through the length of the pull. In single-action, there's a short,





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easily-controlled "roll" before the sear releases, and a bit of backlash (continued trigger movement) after the release. Reset is long but not too long; the very short trigger reset that target shooters like can be conducive to an unwanted additional shot under stress.

ACCURACY

ACCURACY TESTING WAS DONE FROM A TWO-HAND HOLD WITH A Matrix rest on a concrete bench at 25 yards. As usual, we tested with the three most popular bullet weights for the caliber. A common rule of thumb holds that five shots in four inches at 25 yards constitutes "acceptable service pistol accuracy." One round we tested, SIG V-Crown 147-grain JHP, did exactly that: 4.00". The other two were just out by one round each. Now, the decades have taught me to measure each group once for all five shots and again for the best three; testing showed that the "best three" measurement of a hand-held group would generally predict machine rest five-shot groups with the same gun and ammo, by factoring out unnoticed human error from the bench.

That was true with SAR 2000 serial number T1102-20B50605. Of those five SIG V-Crowns that measured 4.0", four were in 3.15" and the best three, in 1.75", less than half the total group size. The 124-grain load was Federal's full metal jacket American Eagle, which delivered 4.15" for all five, 2.70" for four of those, and an amazing 0.55" including a tight "double" for the best three. 115-grain





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	Specifications: Weight:	35.20-OUNCES
1— Fire in the hole: camera captures muzzle flash from SAR 2000. Mas	Overall Length: Barrel Length: Frame: Sights:	8.0-INCHES 4.50-INCHES STEEL WHITE DOT FRONT, FIXED WHITE DOT REAR
FOUND THE SAR 2000 extremely controllable in rapid fire, and the test gun produced acceptable service-pistol accuracy from the bench at 25-yards.	Magazine Capacity: Retail Price:	17+1 \$549.99

Winchester "white box" ball hit high left for me, with a 4.75" measurement for all five, but four in less than half of that (2.30°) and the best three in 1.85° .

SHOOTABILITY

I've found over the years that a CZ75 works best for me cocked and locked, and that was true of this clone as well. The gun's weight and configuration made recoil seem almost non-existent, with the sights tracking almost completely straight and coming immediately back on target.

I was pleased to find that each SAR 2000 came with two 17-round magazines. They were easy to fill to full capacity, even without a loading tool, and my arthritic hands appreciated that.

RELIABILITY

OUR FIRST TEST SAMPLE EXPERIENCED some misfires: the firing pin wasn't hitting the primer. It was promptly

sent back. When I phoned SAR USA they *instantly* issued a no cost call tag, and just as quickly sent a replacement. The second one worked flawlessly in every respect with ball and hollow point alike. Mike Mullens got back to me on the first one and reported, "Teardown revealed excess assembly lube in firing pin channel. They use a copper infused lubricant and (it) has a little wax in it. Cleaned it up and runs like a champ now!"

So, the gun gets a ding for that, but not a big one. At the same time, SAR USA customer service gets a big thumbs-up for the rapid, no-quibbling response in correcting things. Lesson: Don't trust *any* new (or "new-to-us") gun for anything serious until we've vetted it with live ammo.

CONCEALED CARRY

THE SAR 2000 IS A FULL-SIZE SERVICE pistol, all steel, about 35 ounces

unloaded. Having carried something similar for most of my life, I had no problem with that. At the end of a day with the replacement gun on and loaded with the 147-grain SIG V-Crown, I found no discomfort, and no sharp edges or chafe points on the gun itself in a Galco Yaqui Slide holster. What I did find was that the sharp rear edges of the magazine floorplate were not comfortable. A mag pouch with a sweat shield would solve that easily.

Bottom line? At under \$550 for the test gun, and right at \$570 in stainless, the SAR 2000 looks like a good value in today's market. For the new shooter who is experimenting with different modes of carry, the five loaded-chamber options the SAR 2000 provides might seal the deal by itself.

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SPRINGFIELD ARMORY Hex Optics (From \$250)

U sing a red dot sight is like hitting the easy button when it comes to shooting. We've come to enjoy just how simple they are to use and how easy it is to make huge accuracy gains when compared to iron sights. Springfield Armory continues to be a spearhead within the industry, and a company which has fully embraced the benefits of red dot

sights, has released two optics of its own to compliment its line of duty and compact carry platforms called HEX. The first HEX optic is an auto-adjust micro red dot sight called the WASP (\$300) and is designed to be a direct-mount to a pistol's slide. It shares the same footprint as the popular Shield RMS-c optic, making it an ideal

candidate for compact and micro compact pistols such as the company's HellCat. The WASP's bigger brother is the manually adjustable, 3.5 MOA HEX DragonFly (\$250) and is more at home on platforms such as larger pistols, shotguns or compact rifles. Both sights feature hardcoat anodized aluminum housings, anti-glare and scratch resistant coatings, and are built to last. Contact SPRINGFIELD ARMORY; Tel.: (800) 680-6866; Web: SPRINGFIELD-ARMORY.COM

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day carry bag for those looking to better organize and carry a more comprehensive personal defense loadout. The new 30-liter Ghost pack is just large enough to give you a bump in capability, but small enough to take with you each day. Constructed using lightweight CORDURA textiles, the pack is built to last and remains comfortable after a long day thanks to a well-padded and contoured back panel that

efficiently distributes heavier loads. Multiple pockets are smartly implemented into the design of the pack and include a pair of padded laptop compartments that are easily accessed. Strategically placed hook swatches accept a variety of holsters and pouches to better customize placement and conceal firearms and accessories. For more information contact ALPS BRANDS; Tel.: (800) 344-2577; Web: ALPSBRANDS.COM

N8 TACTICAL Pro-Lock OWB Holsten (\$49.95)

TROM A COMPANY THAT HAS SPECIALIZED EXCLUsively in inside-the-waistband holsters since their inception in 2009 comes their first outside-the-waistband holster-the Pro-Lock. The Pro-Lock is comprised of a combination of a molded, firearm specific clear-polycarbonate shell mated to a dual-layered premium cowhide backer-the latter making for comfortable all-day carry (noticeably more comfortable than straight kydex designs) and a body hugging profile. The flexible yet sturdy polymer 1-3/4" belt loops add to the comfort/profile equation. Possibly the most unique feature of the Pro-Lock is its "Secure Twist Release Retention System", which requires you

to twist the butt of the gun inwards towards

the body for the trigger guard to drop below the retention bump and allow drawing of the weapon. It's secure and it's also quick.

Each holster not only comes with a lifetime warranty, but should you not like it as much as you hoped (you'll like it, F.Y.I.), you also get a two-week "try if free guarantee" to remove all risk associated with the purchase. If comfort and security are of high priorities in a holster, you'll want to check out N8 Tactical's new Pro-Lock. See it at your dealer, or for more information contact NB TACTICAL; Tel.: (888) 732-5011; E-mail: customerservice@n8tactical.com; Web: N8TACTICAL.COM

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CROSSBRE The Chest Rig (\$149.95)

HEST HOLSTERS—ESPECIALLY FOR PORTLY Vhandguns—make a ton of sense for hunting or backcountry use, as they take the weight off of your hips, can help to counteract the weight of a backpack and it doesn't get in the way of anything (like thick-padded waist straps on your pack, etc.) There are currently some really good options out there, but one of our favorites, and one of the (if not "the") most comfortable, is Crossbreed's new "The Chest Rig" holster, available for today's most popular handgun models.

In typical Crossbreed fashion, the holster portion is made from a durable, tension-adjustable Kydex fixed to a premium-leather backer. The difference this time is that the backer receives a layer of soft and breathable perforated suede sewn on where the holster contacts the body—a very nice touch. Extra wide straps are not only comfortable but help spread the weight, and they intersect on the backside via



another leather/perforated suede panel. A durable metal buckle makes the main connection and release point and the rig is fully adjustable on all three axis. Available in black cowhide or Founder's brown (shown) and in both right and left draw, if you're thinking about chest carry, you'll most certainly want to check out Crossbreed's Rig. For more information contact **CROSSBREED HOLSTER**; Tel.: (888) 732-5011; Web: CROSSBREEDHOLSTERS.COM

WALKERS GAME EAR Firemax Muff (\$149.99)

Walkers Game Ear continues to up the status of their brand, and the all-new FireMax is another great example. The FireMax earpro features new developments in electronic hearing protection, such as a rechargeable, 2000 mAH lithium battery that provides up to 200 hours of operation. Recharging the ear pro is simple with the USB-C charging cable, quickly charging at home or in most vehicles. The FireMax also features a new digital sound processing system, including Active Dynamic Sound Suppression and sophisticated digital circuitry that allows the user to select specific audio modes for boosting desirable sound clarity. Soft-touch buttons cover the control panel and a new Rubber Tacti-Grip Headband and cooling gel earpads ensure all day comfort, even during those sweltering summer days. Another distinguishing feature for this ear pro is the optional (\$59.99) FireMax Walkie Talkie, designed to snap securely onto the FireMax's ear cup. This low-pro design ensures a comfortable wear that won't interfere with shooting performance. For more information Contact WALKERS GAME EAR: Tel.: (877) 269-8490; web: **GSMOUTDOORS.COM**



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W E'D HAZARD A GUESS THAT AS MANY AS 50-percent of people reading this right now have at least one Glock in their arsenal; it's the original polymer-framed/striker-fired pistol and, by far, still the most common. So, for Otis Technology to come up with a comprehensive cleaning/maintenance kit for this very large contingent of handgun owners was really a no-brainer. The Professional Pistol Cleaning Kit for Glocks has all 9mm, .357 Sig, .40 S&W, 10mm auto, .45 ACP and 45 GAP Glock pistols covered in one convenient and durable nylon pouch packed full of cleaning accessories and tools. It's literally a one-stop shop. The basic cleaning contents include three bronze and three nylon bore brushes, a slotted tip, patch holder, cotton patches, a Memory-Flex cable, a steel pistol loop rod and bottle of Shooter's Choice FP-10 all-in-one CLP (cleans, lubricates and protects). Also included are 9mm, .40 and .45 caliber Otis Ripcords for quick, one-pass bore cleaning, as well as a double-ended nylon brush for scrubbing everything else. An 8-in-1 pistol T-Tool lets you push takedown pins, reset pins, make sight adjustments and more, and a magazine-plate removal tool lets you change base-



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added durability. This dual illumination technology amplifies collected light, ensuring an ultra-bright aiming point in any light — daylight, low light, and even com-

plete darkness. The fiber optic and tritium vial are held in place by a sturdy housing machined from solid steel for durability, while a threaded black steel retainer located on the front sight allow the user to efficiently and quickly replace lost or damaged fiber pieces. DI night sights come from the factory with a .078" green fiber preinstalled in the front sight and two extra green fiber replacements, but can be further customized with up to 16 different fiber and retainer combinations. Contact TRIJICON; Tel.; (800) 338-0563; Web: TRIJICON.COM





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ESANTIS HAS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, A STAPLE IN V the holster market; a manufacturer that is historically known for designing and producing some of the very best production leather holsters currently available. Three of its latest offerings are for the extremely popular SIG Sauer P365 pistol with SureFire's new XSC, a duty-grade, concealed carry-specific weapon light for micro compact pistols. Adding a mounted light to your compact pistol is a no-brainer. The three initial holsters available to fit the P365/EXC option are DeSantis' Thumb Break Mini Slide (\$77) for an additional level of retention; the low-profile Mini Scabard (\$64) and finally the Mini Slide (\$76) which is very similar to the aforementioned Thumb Break Mini Slide, minus the thumb break. Pair any of these three holsters with a P365/Sure XSC and you've got a high-quality concealed carry package that oozes versatility. Contact DESANTIS; Tel.: (631) 841-6300; Web: DESANTISHOLSTER.COM



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What the red dot sight (RDS) provides the shooter is increased accuracy at virtually all ranges, especially when those distances extend beyond 10 yards. A substantial increase in first and follow-on shots at speed under 10 yards, as the shooter only needs to catch a flash of the red dot on target prior to pressing the trigger rearward, unlike iron sights. When distances are extremely close, the frame of the red dot can be instinctually placed on the target, *framing-in*, the desired target zone. These methods are extremely fast and effective, leading us to where we are today, the midst of a red dot revolution.

Specifications:	
ACTION:	STRIKER-FIRED, RECOIL OPERATED
CARTRIDGE:	9мм
BARREL LENGTH:	3.3 IN., HAMMER FORGED
OVERALL LENGTH:	6.3 IN.
WIDTH:	0.9 IN.
Неіднт:	4.4 IN.
Weight:	21.5 oz
FINISH:	BLACK MELONITE
SIGHTS:	CTS-1550 RED DOT SIGHT
CAPACITY:	7+1 RDS., 9+1 RDS. EXTENDED
MSRP:	\$425 (\$550 w/ a red dot)

In addition to the above-mentioned attributes, a red dot sight just makes general pistol shooting a whole heck of a lot easier for everyone. Recognizing this, Springfield Armory has fully embraced the future and has not only released new models designed specifically for use with an RDS, but has also began equipping legacy models with red dot sights as well. An example of this the OSP version of Springfield's

popular XDS Mod. 2 pistol. The XDS Mod. 2 was an instant success for Springfield Armory; it was released at the right time. At a time when the industry was clamoring for a slim-framed,



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single-stack 9mm pistol, the XDS Mod. 2 answered the call.

The XDS Mod. 2 is popular for all the right reasons; the frame is molded to enhance the interface between the pistol and the shooter with great ergonomics to boot. Measuring only 0.9-inch wide, it virtually disappears in the right holster, offering the ultimate in on-body concealment. Trigger take up is minimal and has a relatively smooth break. The barrel is 3.3-inches in length and is cold-hammer forged, meaning it'll withstand far more rounds than you're likely to ever shoot through it. Short, slim and compact, good ergonomics and sharp looks, it's obvious why the Mod. 2 quickly dominated the single-stack 9mm market.

Strategic portions of the frame are textured with a stippled texture to ensure the small pistol stays put, even during rapid-fire strings. The triggerguard is undercut and beveled, allowing you to choke up on the grip with your firing hand, bringing

1—The optics-ready XDs Mod. 2 OSP is available either with (\$549) or without (\$425) a Crimson Trace CTS-1500 red-dot sight. In either case, a seamless cover plate is included should you choose to simply run irons. The slide is a direct mount for today's micro red-dots, doing away with the need for separate optic mounting plates.

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the tang of your hand tight and high as possible beneath the pistol's beavertail, a paramount feature on such a short-framed pistol. This undercutting allows your hand to be placed more in line with the slide as it reciprocates during recoil, thereby reducing felt recoil and allowing you to more accurately track your sights. this feature is even more apparent when a red dot sight is mounted to the slide, significantly reducing the amount of time the dot is lost from shot to shot.

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1—Slim dimensions, texturing in all the right spots and excellent er-GONOMICS ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOLDED XDS MOD. 2 FRAME. TWO MAG-AZINES ARE INCLUDED: A 7-ROUND WITH BOTH FLUSH-FIT AND FINGER-GROOVE BASEPLATES, AND AN EXTENDED 9-ROUND WITH A GRIP SLEEVE, WHICH EFFECTIVELY INCREASES BOTH ROUND COUNT AND GRIP LENGTH.

The slide of the OSP is milled for the popular Shield RMSc footprint with co-witnessed iron sights. Our test pistol came equipped with a Crimson Trace CTS-1550 micro red dot, nestled extremely deep within the slide, just the way it should be. So deep, in fact, that the bottom of the lens is almost level with the top of the slide. The low-profile, snag-free iron sights are visible within the window of the sight and are positioned just above what would be considered lower 1/3 co-witness height, useable when they're needed, out of the way when they're not.

Magazine capacity of the single-stack is 7+1 with a flush fitting magazine, 9+1 with an extended grip sleeve; acceptable as a run-about gun, but a little on the light side, given today's micro compact segment that offers a nearly 35% increase in magazine capacity, all while maintaining the same dimensions as this single-stack.

Ŏn the range, the XDS Mod. 2 lived up to its reputation as one of the top single-stack 9mm pistols on the market today. It achieved a 1.6-inch 5-shot group with Aguila 124-gr. FMJs, no small feat for a 3.3-inch barreled

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compact pistol. Unlike many others on the market, the length of pull and trigger placement closely match its bigger brothers, making it much easier to shoot than its competitors. When the Mod. 2 was released, I shot it and all ten of its competitor's side by side, firing in excess of 10,000 rounds of ammunition through them in a two-day period. After the smoke cleared and my hands stopped throbbing, the XDS was without question my favorite among the bunch. See it at your dealer, or contact SPRINGFIELD ARMORY; Telephone: (800) 680-6866; Web: SPRINGFIELD-ARMORY.COM

1—For a compact single-stack pistol, the XDs Mod. **2** OSP behaves MORE LIKE A FULL-SIZE UNDER RECOIL, THANKS IN PART TO LENGTH OF PULL AND TRIGGER PLACEMENT THAT CLOSELY MATCH ITS BIGGER BROTHERS. RELIABILITY WAS 100-PERCENT THROUGHOUT TESTING.

2—The XDS Mod. 2 printed a best-of-test 5-shot/25-yard group of 1.6-INCHES WITH AGUILA 124-GR. FMJS, WHICH IS AN IMPRESSIVE FEAT FOR A 3.3-INCH BARRELED COMPACT PISTOL.



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NE OF THE GREAT THINGS about the firearm market, like the car market, is that there is something available for just about everyone's tastes and budgets. Taurus continues to build pistols aimed at the working civilian, and the G3 series is hitting its mark. The G3c is what I would consider an upsized compact pistol, one that feels like a midsized pistol, but most closely resembles the dimensions of a compact. A flush-fitting 12-round magazine offers sufficient capacity when hiding the pistol is key, while 15and 17-round magazines are available from Taurus, making the G3c just as at home

concealed beneath your barn coat as it is sitting on your nightstand.

The G3c features a nicely contoured palm swell that fills the hand and aggressively textured panels that I simply love. I like an aggressively textured frame and the G3c

ACTION:	SINGLE ACTION WITH RESTRIKE CAPABILITY
CARTRIDGE:	9mm
	3.2 IN.
OVERALL LENGTH:	6.3 IN.
WIDTH:	1.2 IN.
Ныднт:	5.1 in.
Weight:	22 OZ. UNLOADED W/MAGAZINE
Finish:	Tennifer matte black
SIGHTS:	FIXED FRONT; SERRATED DRIFT ADJ. REAR
CAPACITY:	12+1 RDS.
MSRP:	\$305

doesn't disappoint. These panels are strategically placed to ensure the different pressure points your hand contacts as it encases the grip frame are firmly pressed against the aggressively textured panels. While the recoil of this compact is somewhat stout,

the pistol doesn't move around in your hand, allowing for secure firing and support-hand placement that permits consistency, shot after shot.

The G₃c is equipped with Taurus' 3rd generation trigger system with a redesigned flat face trigger flush with a modern appearance. It's strik-





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er-fired and offers a second-strike capability should a faulty primer not ignite the first time, and you're trying to make the most of your practice rounds. Trigger reset is short with a tactile and audible click, but the trigger take-up is horrendously long and it breaks at the far end of the trigger's travel, making it awkward and somewhat unnatural to shoot; and even harder to shoot well. This has long been a complaint of Taurus triggers. Consistently shooting

the G3c accurately at distance requires copious amounts of patience and a decent supply of ammunition.

You'll notice a panel cut into the slide forward of the rear sight and just behind the ejection port on the T.O.R.O. (Taurus Optic Ready Option) model. Yes, this G3c is optics ready, bringing this pistol into the 21st century. The G3c T.O.R.O. comes with four different adapter plates and the proper screw lengths that allow you to mount a red dot sight on the slide. All of the popular sights available today are compatible with the pistol including Leupold's DeltaPoint Pro, Trijicon's RMR and SRO, as well as various

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—The G3c T.O.R.O. comes with four adapter plates and the proper screw lengths THAT ALLOW YOU TO MOUNT ALL OF THE POPULAR SIGHTS AVAILABLE TODAY, INCLUDING LEUPOLD'S DELTAPOINT PRO, TRIJICON'S RMR (SHOWN) AND SRO, AS WELL AS VARIOUS MODELS FROM HOLOSUN, VORTEX, DOCTOR AND MORE. THE STRATEGICALLY PLACED AND AGGRESSIVE GRIP TEXTURING IS A HIGH POINT OF THE G2/G3 SERIES.



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The alloy steel slide features front and rear serrations, and offers a nicely contoured bull nose that blends symmetrically with the dust cover. Just before the rail, in front of the takedown lever, is an oval indent. This is a great index point to safely rest your trigger finger when not firing and an even better place to rest your support thumb when you are. This feature coupled with the wedge shape of the **1**—Taurus isn't stingy with magazines, shipping each G3c T.O.R.O. with a total of three steel 12-rounders with bright-yellow followers. This pistol also has the ability to accept the 15- and 17-round magazines of its full-size brethren.

frame, increasing in width from beneath the slide, greatly assists in recoil management, helping the shooter maintain a consistent grip and making the pistol more shootable than without.

A slightly ramped and checkered ambidextrous magazine-release button smoothly ejects the steel-constructed magazine body with a polymer baseplate. A colored follower (orange or yellow, depending on caliber) gives the shooter an immediate visual indication of whether the magazine is loaded. A visual loaded chamber indicator is also present, again, as an additional layer of safety. Field stripping is straightforward and is as easy as pinching the dual takedown levers downward. The slide is then removable from the frame without having to press the trigger.

Our test G3c was acceptably accurate for a compact pistol with the best group coming from Aguila's 124-gr. FMJ, printing a 2.3-inch group at 25 yards. It should be noted that printing this group was no easy feat and certainly wasn't accomplished at the onset of our range session. Given the pistol's compact size and contorted trigger break, much





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was left to be desired. At the end of the day, the G3c T.O.R.O. is worth a hard look and arrives with standard features not found on other pistols in its class, such as efficient grip texturing, useable controls and its optic readiness. With a suggested retail price of a hair over \$300 (street prices can be found for around \$100 less than that during normal times), this pistol is a true value. See it at your local gun shop, or for more information contact TAURUS USA; Tel.: (800) 327-3776; TAURUSUSA.COM

1—THANKS IN NO SMALL PART TO GREAT ERGONOMICS AND THE AGGRESSIVENESS AND PLACEMENT OF GRIP TEXTURING, THE G3C T.O.R.O. STAYS VERY PLANTED UNDER RECOIL, HELPING TO CREATE A GOOD RECIPE FOR FAST FOLLOW-UP SHOTS. RELIABILITY WAS 100-PERCENT THROUGHOUT TESTING.

2—Even though the trigger took quite a few rounds expended downrange to GET THE FEEL FOR, THE G3C T.O.R.O. STILL PRODUCED RESPECTABLE RESULTS AT 25-YARDS, PRINTING A BEST-OF-TEST 2.3-INCH 5-SHOT GROUP USING AGUILA'S 124-GR. JHP LOAD.





The Galil ACE GEN II 7.62x39 caliber is a continuation of the fan-favorite Galil ACE, created using real feedback from real customers using our gun in the field. Modeled after the legendary AK-47 and Valmet RK 62, the Galil family never stops improving. The new Galil ACE GEN II is 7lbs 5oz, with a shorter safety profile and throw, Free Float MLOK rail forearm, 30 round capacity, and an updated trigger profile. The GEN II also has a barrel length of 8.3" and an overall length of 27 5/8 with the brace collapsed.

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Dettapoint Micro Function Over Form

Eupold has recently introduced a new red-dot sight that is a direct rank sight that is a direct replacement for your pistol's rear sight and it's called the DeltaPoint Micro (\$399.99). Our first impressions were that it's unique, clever and well-thought out, but has an appearance only a mother, uh, project manager could love. But don't let aesthetics get in the way of function, and remember, beauty is on the inside too-which is certainly the case for the DeltaPoint Micro.

All joking aside, the DP Micro features an enclosed emitter positioned within what can only be described as a short, oversized straw. Aside from its non-standard appearance, the enclosed emitter means no fogging, dot deformation due to moisture, dirt or debris-making it ideal for use on exposed carry pistols. You'll also always have a crisp, visible dot each time you present your handgun, very unlike more traditional open emitter optics whose dot can quickly turn into a starburst when a water droplet rests up against the glass encasement of the LED emitter.

Due to its long tubular shape, it's very easy for your eye to naturally align and pick up the dot upon presentation, very unlike traditional reflex sights which can leave users (especially new ones) fishing for the dot.

While there are a lot of unique features that the DP Micro brings to the table, one of the most useful is how low it sits in relation to the top of the slide. It sits so low that it replicates the same sight plane as traditional iron sights. This means the dot is more intuitive to pick up and transition to for those with years of practice with iron-sights. An additional benefit to this positioning is that suppressor height iron sights are unneeded your factory front sight will do-effectively co-witnessing with the DP Micro. Yet another benefit to this placement is, should you experience battery failure, the sight acts very much like a ghost ring rear aperture;



1—With its enclosed emitter and ideally-sized **3** M.O.A. dot, you'll also always have a crisp and very visible dot each TIME YOU PRESENT YOUR HANDGUN, UNLIKE MORE TRADITIONAL OPEN EMITTER OPTICS THAT ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO FOREIGN DEBRIS SUCH as dust, pocket link and water. Also unlike most, the DeltaPoint Micro will co-witness a standard-height front sight.





simply align your front sight in the bottom 1/3 of the window and use the two milled holes on the back of the sight to align with the front sight and you're back making solid hits.

The DP Micro weighs just 1.1 ounces and slides into the rear sight dovetail of any Glock or S&W M&P pistol (the two model-specific DP Micro sights that currently exist). Simply drift your rear iron sight out of the dovetail and slide the supplied attach-

1—Installation of the DP Micro couldn't be easier. SIMPLY DRIFT OUT YOUR PISTOL'S EXISTING REAR SIGHT, SLIDE IN THE SUPPLIED THREADED DOVETAIL INSERT, POSITION THE OPTIC ON THE SLIDE AND SECURE IT WITH THE SUPPLIED THREAD-LOCKER EQUIPPED SCREWS. NO CUSTOM MILLING OR SPECIAL MOUNTING PLATES REQUIRED.

2-IF you've done a good JOB CENTERING THE OPTIC ON THE SLIDE, ZEROING WILL BE QUICK AND PAINLESS USING THE LEFT-SIDE BECAUSE THE WINDAGE AND ELEVATION ADJUSTMENTS AND SUPPLIED ALLEN KEY.

ment piece in its place. Place the DP Micro on top of that dovetail and align the two screw holes and ensure the DP Micro is as close to the center of the pistol's slide as possible. Using the supplied M4x7x5 7mm Torx screws, affix the sight to the slide and secure the screws by applying 25 inchpounds of torque. This creates a press

fit and mounts the DP Micro securely in place. Installation is simple and straightforward, and doesn't require aftermarket alterations to your pistol, milling, specialized mounting plates or other accessories.

Once the sight is mounted, you'll notice the battery compartment/dot intensity adjustment are easily acces-



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1—The DP Micro is powered by a single CR1632 battery, easily accessed by unscrewing the rubber encapsulated on/off switch.

sible on the bottom side of the rear of the housing. Install the included CR1632 lithium battery and you're off to the races. In our experience, if you've centered the sight on your pistol's slide during installation, very minimal adjustment will be needed to attain point of aim/point of impact grouping at 25 yards. When done correctly, zeroing is painless.

The 3 MOA dot size is the sweet spot for a pistol allowing the right mix of speed and precision. Having the ability to choose from 8 different dot intensity settings on the fly allowed us to dial the proper brightness to achieve the tightest groups possible at distance, while still having the ability to burn down targets up close. Due to the overhanging battery compartment, when it's time to replace the battery, it won't be necessary to re-zero the sight after the swap, a feature we were grateful for.

Battery life is dependent on a number of factors. We have yet to replace ours, but expect to see between 500 and 10,000 hours on a single battery depending on the level of dot intensity selected, and how long its left on. The DP Micro does have a power saving mode, meaning that if the optic remains dormant for several minutes, it will power down. Once it senses movement it lights right back up, and to the brightness setting it was previously set at.

The sleek, low-profile design has minimal effects on the original look of the pistol and we found it to have no impact on the concealability of our Wilson Combat Glock 45, on which it was mounted and

2—The DP Micro weighs just 1.1 ounces, and installed is actually more-narrow than a 9mm Glock slide. In other words, it goes all but unnoticed.

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functioned flawlessly on. The sight window is indeed tiny, but the glass is very clear and we found the dot was just as quick (and easier) to locate in the window as its bigger brother, the DeltaPoint PRO.

As we make the transition into a new decade, handgunners are realizing a new normal; miniature red-dot sights are quickly becoming the primary sighting system on virtually all pistols—hunting,

1— Due to its long tubular SHAPE AND HEIGHT THAT REPLICATES A STANDARD OPEN-SIGHT PLANE, IT'S VERY EASY FOR YOUR EYE TO NATURAL-LY ALIGN AND PICK UP THE DOT UPON PRESENTATION, VERY UNLIKE TRADI-TIONAL REFLEX SIGHTS WHICH CAN LEAVE USERS (ESPECIALLY NEW ONES) FISHING FOR THE DOT.

2—Another benefit of the DP MICRO'S COMPACT FOOTPRINT IS THAT WE FOUND IT TO HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE CONCEALABILITY OF OUR WILSON COMBAT GLOCK 45, NOR DID IT HINDER HOLSTER FITMENT WITH ANY OF OUR PREFERRED IWB OR OWB HOLSTERS.

sport shooting, concealed carry and service. Those looking to transition to a red-dot sight on a pistol they already own would be hard pressed to choose a better sight than Leupold's DP Micro. It requires no modifications to the host pistol, is super easy to install, sits low in relation-

ship to the bore and it co-witnesses with your factory front sight-those accustomed to iron sights will enjoy a seamless transition to the red-dot life. Welcome to the future! See it at your local dealer, or for more information contact LEUPOLD; Tel.: (800) LEUPOLD; Web: WWW.LEUPOLD.COM

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- Custom formulated and precision loaded powders deliver consistent velocities regardless of atmospheric conditions
- 7. Nickel-plated cases aid in extraction while providing significant anti-corrosion qualities
- 8. Industry leading primers are matched to proprietary powder blends to ensure dependable ignition

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FEATURES

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- 3. Lead-free monolithic copper bullet
- 4. Proprietary powder blends to ensure dependable ignition
- Premium nickel-plated shell casings that deliver consistently reliable accuracy for taking down game
- 6. Industry leading primers are matched to proprietary powder blends to ensure dependable ignition



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FEATURES

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