

Flash

Another factor in shooting comfort is muzzle flash. On a cloudy November day, we compared the amount of flash from each pistol and to that produced by a 2-inch barrel revolver.

In our estimation, the short-barreled Mustang produced the most obvious amount of flash, and the Smith & Wesson produced an annoying upward flash at the ejection port. The longer-barreled guns' flash wasn't too objectionable. By the third or so shot, it was difficult to see the front sight with any of them, and in low light, it proved impossible to see the channel sight of the Sigma. The revolver, firing a hot .38 Special load, obviously had a different flash signature because of the cylinder gap, but the flash appeared similar, otherwise.