

## Our Picks

**IN THIS TEST OF FIVE .380s**, three of the guns had problems that made them unsatisfactory training-gun choices, in our opinion:

- Though it was light, the Smith & Wesson Sigma was painful to shoot because of the trigger/grip design.
- The Walther PPK/S and Browning BDA pistols were too big and too heavy. We don't see why these pistols need 23 ounces and 22 ounces of bulk, respectively, to handle the itty-bitty .380 ACP cartridge.

Thus, the two Colt's guns, the Mustang Pocketlite pistol and the Government Pocketlite, would be our picks for pieces in .380 ACP. Of these two items, we preferred the Government Pocketlite, which had a slightly longer grip that provided the pinkie finger a rest.

Assuming that the unsafe safety on the Government Pocketlite is a problem peculiar to our sample, we would choose it as the best gun in this selection: We thought it was comfortable in the hand before and during shooting; the sight picture was easy to restore after each shot; it could be fired very rapidly with excellent control; and it was compact and light weight enough to shoot often.