

What Happens Without RWS?

When we reviewed the range performance of our test STC guns, we noticed that RWS Special Match Lot 541WL582, which had performed very well in past tests, shot very poorly in this test. Since it produced the worst accuracy in all four guns, we decided to look at their performance with the RWS data pulled out.

The accuracy rankings didn't change, but the race tightened up considerably. The Volquartsen still shot the best, ending up with a 1.09 inch overall average when only four brands were considered. Its five-brand average was 1.22 inches. The Clark gun's groups dropped to a virtual tie with the Volquartsen, dropping from a five-round average of 1.32 inches to 1.10 inches. The Briley's groups shrank the least, from 1.34 inches down to 1.32 inches, and the Ruger's overall average dropped nearly half an inch—from 1.89 inches to 1.46 inches.