

## A MAGAZINE COMES UP SHORT

The biggest problem we found with the ArmaLite gun wasn't part of the gun: It was the seven-round magazine, which was too short and offered no way for the shooter to grasp it cleanly. In contrast, Bushmaster's magazine had been cut and blocked to comply with federal regulations, but it still offered the bottom quarter of the magazine for easy manual removal. Bushmaster's 10-round magazines sell for \$9.95.



*The Colt (shown) and ArmaLite guns had fixed handles, which make them DCM-legal Service rifles. Some local match directors may ignore this rule and allow guns that have detachable handles (like the Bushmaster) to shoot in both events.*

## SHIPPING CONCERN

When we received the Bushmaster in its shipping box, the barrel was sticking 2 to 3 inches out of the box. It's impossible for us to know whether this occurred because Bushmaster didn't pack the gun correctly, or whether UPS simply handled it too vigorously.

There didn't seem to be any damage to the gun, but our experience illustrates again that shooters should always inspect shipping boxes to ensure there's no damage to the contents. Also, manufacturers should ensure their products won't be damaged in transit.