

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

ArmaLite AR-10T 308 Win./7.62 NATO, \$2124 GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

There was a lot to like about the AR-10T, but we had some issues with it. Now, it seems ArmaLite may have employed mind readers to access our testing. When we contacted ArmaLite prior to our publication date, we found some changes had recently been made to the AR-10T for 2009. The most notable is a significant price drop, down to \$1,892 from its original \$2124. ArmaLite has also apparently agreed with us on the gun's weak points: Gone is the 24-inch barrel, instead supplanted by a 20-inch version. The fiberglass fore end has replaced by a vented aluminum unit. The updates have us Jones-ing to take a second look at the AR-10T. However, it does seem to be suffering a malady that many other AR's have right now. It's on backorder.

Fulton Armory Titan FAR-308 308 Win./7.62 NATO, \$2058 GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

Positives: Reduced recoil, faster follow-up shots, the best accuracy. But things were not perfect. We did experience two failures to eject spent rounds. In both cases we were able to clear the jams, but noticed one casing had been torn when wedged between the bolt and chamber. We're also big fans of lifetime warranties, but Fulton Armory's official warranty is 12 months or 12,000 rounds.

Remington R-25 No. 60032 308 Win./7.62 NATO, \$1532 GUN TESTS GRADE: D

Our testers noted that the R-25 exhibited the most recoil impulse, was our last-place finisher for accuracy, and, most troublesome, had a number of misfires with all three test ammunitions. The malfunctions should be a warranty fix.

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