

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

Kimber Pro Carry HD II 38 Super, \$1010 **GUN TESTS GRADE: B+**

We had to downgrade this underappreciated pistol because we had to tune the recoil spring ourselves. But its performance afterward was A-rated all the way. This was the fastest and most accurate gun to operate, and 10-round total capacity makes it more inviting. Kimber does a lot of advertising, and yet we can't recall seeing this model gracing the cover of any magazines. In our view, the Kimber Pro Carry HD is underrated.

Sig Sauer P229 SCT 40 S&W, \$1100 **GUN TESTS GRADE: B**

Our Super Capacity Tactical pistol was much more accurate with Black Hills 165-grain dedicated defense loads than with other ammunition. Special sights and high-capacity magazines make the SCT more formidable than the standard model, in our opinion. However, willingness to master the transition from double to single action is a must.

Springfield Armory XDM XDM9212HCFP 40 S&W, \$749 **GUN TESTS GRADE: B+**

The XDM addresses many issues, some worthwhile and some peripheral. To begin with, polymer pistols used to be ugly. The XDM is good looking and carries an impressive payload of a serious defense round. If its accuracy was not spectacular, we thought its consistency was remarkable.

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