

RUGER REDHAWK KRH454 45 COLT, \$836

Gun Tests grade: D

We had difficulty with cylinder rotation. With a more willing double-action trigger, this could be a surprisingly friendly monster to call on for defense.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH 9.5 IN.
 BARREL LENGTH..... 4.0 IN.
 SIGHT RADIUS..... 5.5 IN.
 OVERALL HEIGHT..... 6.2 IN.
 FRONT STRAP HEIGHT..... 2.3 IN.

BACK STRAP HEIGHT..... 4.2 IN.
 WEIGHT UNLOADED..... 45.3 OZ.
 CAPACITY..... 6
 MAXIMUM WIDTH 1.8 IN.
 GRIP THICKNESS (MAX) 1.35 IN.
 GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX)..... 5.9 IN.
 FRAME BRUSHED STAINLESS STEEL
 BARREL STAINLESS STEEL
 GRIP RUBBER/FINGER GROOVES
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION..... 7.0 LBS.
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION..... 12.0 LBS.
 TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION 2.8 IN.
 TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION..... 3.1 IN.
 WARRANTY LIFETIME
 TELEPHONE (603) 863-3300

Winchester Super X 45 Colt
 225-gr. Silvertip HP X45CSHP2

Average Velocity 852 fps
 Standard Deviation 15 fps
 Muzzle Energy 363 ft.-lbs.
 Smallest Group 2.3 in.
 Largest Group 2.8 in.
 Average Group 2.6 in.

Federal Champion 45 Colt

225-gr. Semi-Wadcutter HP C45LCA
 Average Velocity 886 fps
 Standard Deviation 9 fps
 Muzzle Energy 392 ft.-lbs.
 Smallest Group 2.9 in.
 Largest Group 3.2 in.
 Average Group 3.1 in.

Black Hills 45 Colt

250-gr. Roundnose Flat Point
 Average Velocity 738 fps
 Standard Deviation 9 fps
 Muzzle Energy 303 ft.-lbs.
 Smallest Group 2.6 in.
 Largest Group 3.5 in.
 Average Group 3.1 in.

To collect accuracy data, we fired five-shot groups from a sandbag rest using open sights. Distance: 25 yards. We recorded velocities using an Oehler 35P chronograph, with the sky screens set 10 feet from the muzzle.



Above, left: Our main problem with the Redhawk was getting it to cycle. We think this was caused by the cylinder stop (arrow) failing to stay locked. This put the ratchet out of position. Above, right: We also had difficulty ejecting



The Hogue grip was similar in design to the smaller Bantam model found on the Smith & Wesson 431PD.



With an extra detent located in the crane, there was no lack of strength in the superstructure of the Redhawk.