

# GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

Springfield Armory Mil-Spec Full Size Stainless 1911A1  
PB9151LP 45 ACP, \$785  
GUN TESTS GRADE: A-/B

As a retro gun we give it high marks. Reliability with hollow-points is one reason why. As a modern fighting gun, the sights were inadequate and we'd rather not be limited to a low grip. But this is a handsome, quality reproduction.

Walther PPS WAP10001 9mm, \$699  
GUN TESTS GRADE: B

If the extra-capacity magazine hadn't raised our expectations and been linked to malfunctions, we would grade it higher. Alternate backstraps are useful for personal fit, but we'd rather they didn't turn the gun on or off. If the PPS were a simpler gun, we might have given it an 'A' rating.

Ruger Redhawk KRH454 45 Colt, \$836  
GUN TESTS GRADE: D

We were able to get through the test, but difficulty during our rapid-fire drills meant we wouldn't buy it in this condition. With stronger mechanical lockup and a more willing double-action trigger, this could be a friendly monster to call on for self defense.

Smith & Wesson 431PD 32 H&R Magnum, \$450  
GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

We are sorry to see the demise of 32 cartridge in the J-frame. No matter what caliber it is chambered for, the J-frame is the model of fidelity. Due to its size, you can have it with you when you need it and depend on it to go bang. But not all rounds make it a comfortable gun to shoot. Perhaps a 327 Magnum model is on the way.

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