



Above: XS sights offer a clean installation on most handguns.

Center: XS or Express sights main virtue is speed. The big front ball over the line rear is a great profile for quick shooting at moderate range. Right XS sights offer an excellent sight picture for night firing.

Right: This is the personal handgun of a 23-year peace officer. It led him through three critical incidents. The sights are small and satin nickel to boot. There are better choices. Far right: A shiny GI sight is practically the worse combination for handgun sights, as our raters discovered.



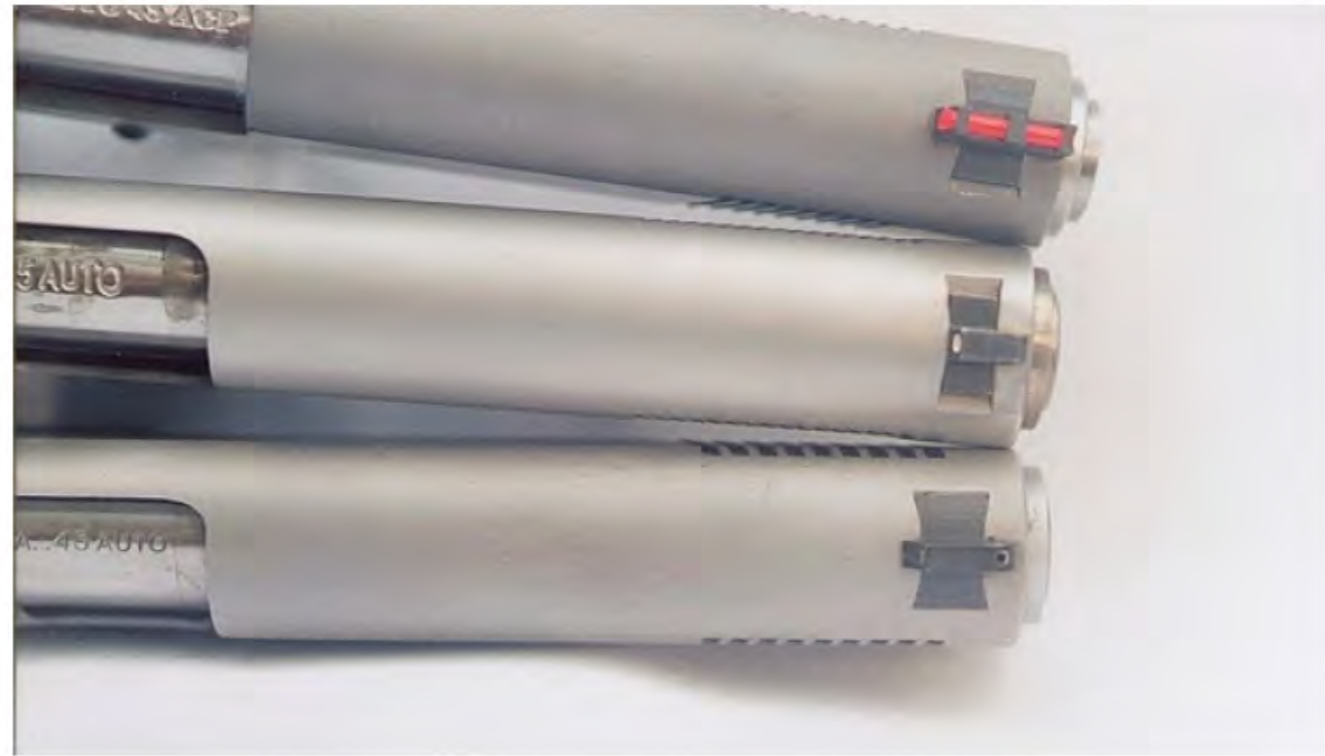
Above: Wilson Combat sights offer a good design and excellent installation of the tritium inserts. Wilson Combat night eyes are a good choice for any handgun. These are mounted on a Glock pistol.

Left: If you go custom, you have the choice of using a Hienie rear sight and Novak front sight! Center: The Heinie is now available on several factory handguns from Taurus International. The Heinie sight system as used on factory Taurus handguns proved effective and accurate. Right: The three-dot night-sight configuration found on this factory Taurus with Heinie type sights is ideal for most uses—it offers good visibility and doesn't snag.





Above: The Novak Gold Bead front sight was a favorite of who fired it. Above center: This is a Novak-style rear sight on a High Standard Crusader, a Philippine import. Above right: The front post of the High Standard pistol is true to the Novak style, but obviously is not as well finished as the gold bead Novak custom sight. Bottom center: Novak sights offers a number of good options. As this illustration shows there are numerous dovetail styles in use. Bottom right: This Novak fiber-optic front sight has held up well, but in the past, fiber optics have not been durable, according to the test team members.



Far right: The Mil Spec rear sight of a Series 80 Colt is larger than the sight on a G1 pistol, but the difference is not as great as some would think. Right: The front post of a Mil Spec sight, shown here on a Series 80 pistol, is larger than a G1 sight and has a pronounced flat top—but it scarcely a better choice overall.



The front post of the Kimber with Meprolight insert is bold and easily picked up in most situations. The Kimber/Meprolight night sight combination is bright and easy to pick up in dim light action.



Right: The Para Ordnance gun's sight is OK and is clearly low snag. Far right: The Para Ordnance 7.45 gave this group at 15 yards. Accuracy was good.

