

trigger, featured good handling characteristics, and didn't break the bank at \$399. This is a great rimfire pick.

Our Remington 541-T test gun had a suggested retail price of \$455. However, our sample actually retailed for \$399. It contained a number of cosmetic touches reminiscent of centerfire products in the 700 BDL line: an American walnut stock with satin-polyurethane-finished stock, a black forend piece, machine-cut checkering on the forend and pistol grip, and a plastic buttplate and grip cap. Sling swivel studs were not included. The receiver was drilled and tapped, but we had to purchase Weaver bases and rings for \$30 to mount a Bausch & Lomb test scope.

Foremost among our requirements for a .22 LR bolt gun is how well it shoots. Since gun experts often hone their skills year-round with soft-shooting .22s (to keep ammunition costs down and flinching to a minimum), there's no point in trying to stay sharp with an inaccurate gun. We're careful to note that we shoot a limited amount of brands in our tests, and our results don't necessarily reflect the best—or worst—groups a gun can shoot. However, we do shoot enough lots to assess a gun's overall performance compared to its competitors using the same ammos, and we draw our conclusions about accuracy and function from those head-to-head data. All range accuracy data was collected at 50 yards from a solid bench using the Hughes Products Ballistic Bench Shooting Bag. Average accuracy data was a compilation of five-round groups, and we shot 10-shot strings through an Oehler 35P at 10 feet to collect chronograph figures. The guns were cleaned with Pro-Shot Lead & Powder Solvent and then fouled between each load tested, in accordance with established competition rimfire practice.

In these tests, the Remington 541-T shot its best groups with Fed-

Remington 541-T

Retail Price...\$399



**Our Recommendation: Buy.** The 541-T's fully adjustable trigger aided its topnotch accuracy. **Upgrades to consider:** Replace the plastic buttplate with a rubber model, hone and straighten the trigger.

SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: No Written

METAL FINISH .....	Blued	MAGAZINE CAPACITY .....	5 rds.
WEIGHT (EMPTY) .....	5.5 lbs.	TRIGGER PULL WT. ....	5 lbs.
OVERALL LENGTH .....	42.5 in.	RINGS INCLUDED .....	No
BARREL LENGTH .....	24 in.	STOCK MATERIAL .....	Walnut
RIFLING TWIST .....	1-in-16	LENGTH OF PULL .....	13 in.
SIGHT RADIUS .....	NA	DROP @ COMB .....	1.5 in
MAGAZINE TYPE .....	Internal	DROP @ HEEL .....	1.5 in



The Remington's plastic buttplate was slick and should be replaced.



The Remington's clip protruded from the bottom of the gun, creating feeding problems when the left hand pushed the magazine upward.



The Remington's trigger shoe had sharp edges at the bottom of the shoe.

eral UltraMatch, spitting five-shot clusters averaging 0.55 inch in size and a best group size of only 0.36 inch. The 541-T's performance with Lapua Scoremax, Fiocchi Super Match, CCI Green Tag, and Eley Silhouex, Eley Tenex, and RWS R50 didn't come within 0.20 inch of the Federal brand's mark. The barrel was not free-floated and did not have a pressure point. Free-floating the barrel, bedding the action, and installing a pressure point would help improve accuracy of this firearm, in our opinion.

The Remington 541-T had a good trigger, which broke crisply at 4.75 to 5 pounds with very little travel. Moreover, this trigger was completely adjustable, and we

tuned it down to break at 2 pounds. That said, we also had problems with the trigger. Some of our testers noticed a sharp edge at the bottom of the trigger shoe, which caused discomfort when we shot the gun a lot. A trigger with less curvature and a slightly wider blade would take care of this problem, in our view.

The Remington 541-T's bolt opened with a rough, grinding feel caused by the camming surface on the bolt body and the cocking piece on the firing pin. These two surfaces needed to be smoother to eliminate the bolt-function problem. Also, the plastic five-round magazine, when locked in place, had too much up-and-down movement. If the shooter's hand rested