

more consistent because its shorter trigger movement allowed the finger to stay in the same position on the trigger, making it possible to maintain proper double-action technique. Furthermore, transmission of incidental deflection of the trigger during the stroke was minimized by the smooth and rounded contour fashioned by the craftsmen at Wilson Combat. The stock gun required a longer trigger stroke that ended with more index finger through the trigger guard than is desirable. Trigger deflection was magnified by the square profile of the stock trigger pad.

We found both guns shot well. However, we found both guns were unwilling to chamber the first round unless the pinky of the strong hand was underneath the mag applying upward pressure. This would make reloading quickly in a match situation difficult, we believe. Checking with Kahr Manufacturing in Massachusetts, we were told our original equipment mags were to blame. Kahr offered to send us replacement mags with the redesigned plastic followers at no charge. The Kahr representative was unaware he was speaking to a gun writer in the midst of testing and evaluation so, Kahr customer service gets two thumbs up. The new mags solved the problem.

The Wilson Combat K9 benefited from a good trigger job and such refinements as the 30-lines-per-inch checkering on the front strap and further contouring of the grip to speed acquisition of the magazine release. The sights were not upgraded from stock, but the hard chroming and Wilson Combat inscription turns this subtle carry piece into a classic pistol. However, this transformation comes at a classic price. The upgrade was expensive, \$748 on customer's gun. This includes removing all sharp edges (referred to as de-horning), contouring the trigger, and smoothing the action. Also included in that price are a beveled mag well and a two-tone finish by Metalloy. This finish is comprised of black Armor-Tuff

Accuracy & Chronograph Data				
PMC ELDORADO STARFIRE 124-GRAIN JHP				
	Best Group	Worst Group	Average Group Size	Average Velocity
Glock 26	1.3 in.	3.6 in.	2.6 in.	1,052 fps
S&W CS9	1.9 in.	2.8 in.	2.3 in.	986 fps
Kahr K9	2.3 in.	3.6 in.	2.8 in.	967 fps
Wilson K9	1.9 in.	2.4 in.	2.2 in.	976 fps
WINCHESTER 115-GRAIN SILVERTIP HP				
	Best Group	Worst Group	Average Group Size	Average Velocity
Glock 26	1.3 in.	2.0 in.	1.7 in.	1,134 fps
S&W CS9	1.6 in.	2.9 in.	2.1 in.	1,028 fps
Kahr K9	1.3 in.	2.8 in.	2.1 in.	1,086 fps
Wilson K9	1.9 in.	2.5 in.	2.2 in.	1,103 fps
WINCHESTER 147-GRAIN SILVERTIP HP				
	Best Group	Worst Group	Average Group Size	Average Velocity
Glock 26	1.7 in.	3.3 in.	2.5 in.	896 fps
S&W CS9	0.7 in.	1.3 in.	1.1 in.	844 fps
Kahr K9	1.4 in.	4.5 in.	2.6 in.	988 fps
Wilson K9	1.4 in.	2.6 in.	1.9 in.	889 fps
PMC 115-GRAIN FMJ				
	Best Group	Worst Group	Average Group Size	Average Velocity
Glock 26	2.3 in.	4.1 in.	2.7 in.	1,058 fps
S&W CS9	1.6 in.	2.9 in.	2.1 in.	1,003 fps
Kahr K9	1.3 in.	2.8 in.	2.1 in.	1,053 fps
Wilson K9	1.9 in.	2.5 in.	2.2 in.	1,068 fps

on the slide and hard chrome on the frame. We felt the stock gun was much improved with the Wilson trigger job. Beyond that, the other modifications in the Wilson package wouldn't matter in a match.

Gun Tests Recommends

These are very different personal-defense guns, which also have the utility of competing legitimately at IDPA matches. Here's what we would buy, and why:

✘ The Kahr K9 Wilson Combat conversion available for both the 9mm and .40 S&W Kahr pistols is costly, totaling well over \$1,300 for a complete gun. In our view, most shooters don't need to spend the extra dollars to get an adequate IDPA/carry gun. In our estimation, the Kahr K9 as it comes from the factory needs

far less costly tuning than the Wilson Combat conversion commands. We would recommend this conversion only if you badly need some of these features, such as dehorning.

✓ The Kahr K9 is a solid overall achiever, but it suffers from a long, hard trigger pull. With the addition of a Wilson trigger job, this is a good dual-purpose choice.

✓ The Glock 26, though slightly bulky and short on grip, holds the most rounds (10+1) and draws the most available aftermarket modifications. Those mods should include a mag-release makeover, but otherwise, you can't go wrong with this gun in the street or at a match. Indeed, with a little help it is our choice among these others for a practical match.

✓ The Smith & Wesson CS9 is