

Accuracy Table

Jennings Model 48 .380 Auto	Best Group (10 yards)	Worst Group (10 yards)	Average Group Size (10 yards)	Mean Velocity
Federal Hydra-Shok 90-grain HP	0.9 in.	1.7 in.	1.3 in.	1,024 fps
Federal Eagle 95-grain FMJ	1.2 in.	2.1 in.	1.7 in.	994 fps
Winchester 95-grain FMJ	1.2 in.	2.0 in.	1.6 in.	882 fps
F&L Model 102 .38 Special	Best Group (7 yards)	Worst Group (7 yards)	Average Group Size (7 yards)	Mean Velocity
Master 158-grain Lead SWC	2.5 in.	2.9 in.	2.7 in.	723 fps
3D 148-grain Lead HBW	1.4 in.	2.2 in.	1.7 in.	714 fps
Winchester 130-grain FMJ	1.3 in.	1.6 in.	1.4 in.	750 fps
Hi-Point Model C 9mm	Best Group (10 yards)	Worst Group (10 yards)	Average Group Size (10 yards)	Mean Velocity
Master 115-grain JHP	1.9 in.	2.9 in.	2.4 in.	723 fps
UMC 115-grain FMJ	1.5 in.	3.4 in.	2.5 in.	1,066 fps
American 115-grain Copper	2.9 in.	3.3 in.	3.1 in.	1,128 fps

All groups are five shots fired from a sandbag rest.

mer might have been more comfortable to shoot.

Jennings Model 48 9mm Kurz (.380 Auto)

Gun Tests Recommends: *If you already have the shotgun by the bed, the magnum in the glove box, and just need something to carry when you go to the mailbox downtown or to drop off those large cash deposits from your jewelry business, don't overlook the Jennings Model 48 in .380 auto. It is truly concealable, fun to shoot, and at \$99.95, inexpensive to own.*

By the time we got around to the .380 Auto Model 48 from Jennings, we were ready to throw in the towel and vow never to shoot a "throw-down" gun again. (The term throw-down is used to describe a gun maliciously placed or thrown down to the side of someone who was shot despite being unarmed. The object is to place guilt on the deceased party and create the evidence necessary for a justifiable homicide.) While the aforementioned revolver, in our opinion, would likely show up in the tabloids as one such gun, the Hi-Point 9mm wasn't so terrible as it was

obnoxious to shoot. The Jennings .380, on the other hand, was both the surprise and star of our test. While the .380 auto is not a knock-down round, it is far better than the .22 Magnum, .25 ACP, and .32 Auto for self-defense. Likewise, it is controllable, accurate, and fun to shoot.

The Model 48 from Jennings (a Bryco Manufacturing company) came with a number of features found in far more expensive custom pistols. It was an all-steel pistol with satin hard-chrome finish. The gun was virtually without a sharp edge, and its slippery shape allowed us to conceal it easily. Some custom gun shops charge hundreds of dollars to dehorn or "melt down" a pistol for easy concealment. The sights were tall, yet snag-free and were molded into the slide so they'll never be knocked loose or out of adjustment. Snag-free but effective serrations on the rear of the slide made charging the narrow little auto a cinch. The grip frame was undercut at the trigger guard to allow more space for the hand, and the bottom of the front strap was contoured to meet the lipped basepad on the magazine. The mag was held by a serrated clip on the bottom of the grip, making

the gun difficult to load speedily. But this clip adds reliability for the 1.04-inch wide magazine. The trigger was predictable and had consistent take-up and let-off. The grips were polymer panels that could easily be textured for a better grip and thinned even further if so desired.

At the range, we found the Model 48 was a ball to shoot with full metal-jacketed 95-grain rounds from Winchester and Federal American Eagle. Likewise, the 90-grain FMJ from PMC functioned flawlessly. Our staffers were having so much fun we opted to buy some hollow-point defense ammo to compare. First we tried 102-grain Remington Golden Saber, but its rounded profile would not load into the mag easily nor would it feed reliably. Next we tried the conical 90-grain Federal Hydra-Shok load and learned that it ran fine and produced less felt recoil than the American Eagles, which usually run at the top end of power factor.

Our accuracy test consisted of shooting from sandbags at paper targets featuring a 3-inch square. Virtually all ammunitions tested produced groups that fit into the square. The Jennings' best group,