

Despite accolades we gave the gun, we thought the Kimber Model 82C Classic's straight stock—which made the lines of the gun attractive—impeded shooter performance. To get the gun butt to seat in the shoulder, we had to pull the rifle back, which made the trigger hand sit too far forward on the stock. Also, it felt like the grip should be about half an inch longer to afford more grasping purchase by the trigger hand. It also needs more drop in the stock to allow the shooter to bring the gun up to an erect head position, we thought. When we brought the gun up to natural eyeline, the heel of the rubber buttpad would not touch the shoulders of some shooters. To make shoulder contact, we had to roll the shoulder forward and up. Also, the satin finish was slick when the grip hand became sweaty. The gun, while balanced properly for offhand field shooting, was too light out front for light-gun silhouette shooting, in our view. We did like the gun's soft, tacky rubber buttplate, however.

In front of the trigger guard, we thought the Kimber's  $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch-wide, elliptical trigger guard was comfortable to shoot bridge style or on the palm. Also, the magazine sat flush in the magazine well, and the front edge of the magazine-release button sat nearly flush, making the gun fairly comfortable to shoot on top of the fist.

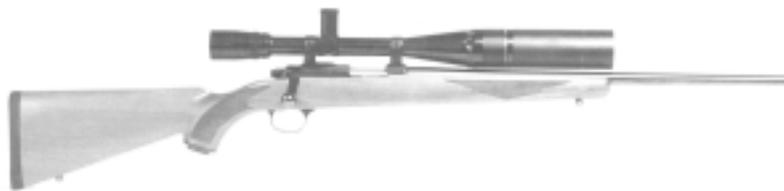
## KFS NS 522

**Gun Tests Recommends:** *The \$299.95 KFS NS 522 lacked an adjustable trigger and was unattractive, in our view. But it did shoot consistently. If you can't afford the Remington for \$100 more, you'll likely be happy with the way this gun shoots.*

For the shooter who must watch his dollars, the KFS NS 522 purports to provide match-quality performance in a no-frills package. This clip-fed bolt-action .22 LR had

## Ruger M77/22-R

Retail Price...\$399

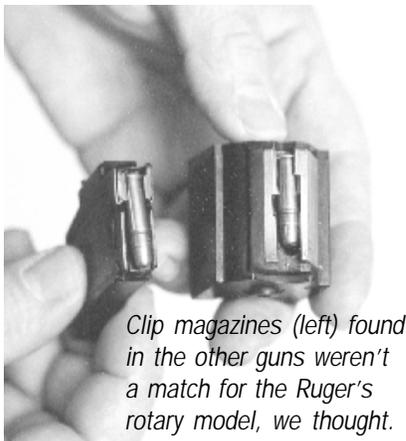


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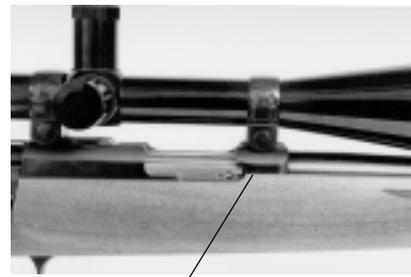
Warranty: No Written

METAL FINISH .....	Blued	MAGAZINE CAPACITY .....	10 rds.
WEIGHT (EMPTY) .....	6 lbs.	TRIGGER PULL WT. ....	4.5 lbs.
OVERALL LENGTH .....	39 in.	RINGS INCLUDED .....	Yes
BARREL LENGTH .....	20 in.	STOCK MATERIAL .....	Walnut
RIFLING TWIST .....	1-in-16	LENGTH OF PULL .....	13.5 in.
SIGHT RADIUS .....	NA	DROP @ COMB .....	1.25 in
MAGAZINE TYPE .....	Rotary	DROP @ HEEL .....	1.5 in

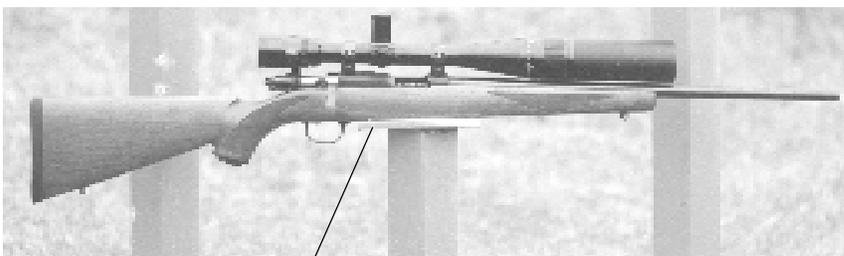
**Our Recommendation:** *Worth a look. The Ruger's detachable rotary 10-round magazine offered a flush fit with more firepower than the others. Lacking: An easily adjustable trigger.*



Clip magazines (left) found in the other guns weren't a match for the Ruger's rotary model, we thought.



The Ruger had a scope base built into the receiver, and scope rings were provided, saving the owner at least \$30 in aftermarket costs.



The Ruger's flat area in front of the trigger guard allowed the gun to be shot with a bridge, palm, or fist. The magazine could be withdrawn by pressing a button.

a blued barrel and came with swivel studs on the forend and buttstock. The gun came with an dark-stained walnut stock. The grip and the rounded forend featured checkering that was functional, but not up to par visually with the other guns. The receiver was drilled and tapped to accept scope-mount bases. The stock lacked a grip cap and had a black-plastic buttplate.

Cosmetically, the gun was utilitarian. Its blue-black metal finish was even but not showy, and the walnut stock had little figure. The satin clearcoat job didn't fill all the wood pores evenly. Unquestionably, the 522 was the ugly duckling in this test. For our testing, we mounted a Bausch & Lomb 6- to 24-power Elite 4000 riflescope on the receiver using Weaver bases and