

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: 30-CALIBER CARBINES

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Carbine 30 Carbine, \$1000</b>	Jan 2003	<b>Grade A+:</b> No other M1 Carbine we've seen had the authentic look and feel of this one by the folks at Fulton Armory.
<b>CMP-2 Inland Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$495</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A+:</b> There were no surprises, nor failures of any sort. The more we shot the Inland the more we liked it.
<b>Remington 750 Woodsmaster 30-06 No. 27061, \$831</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade A:</b> The gas-action gun came with an R3 recoil pad. Accurate, comfortable, versatile.
<b>CMP-1 Underwood Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$565</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> Luck plays a part, but you could hardly go wrong if you get a carbine like this one.
<b>Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Carbine 30 Carbine, \$1300</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> We could not fault the Fulton rifle in any way, despite its high price.
<b>Auto-Ordnance AOM130 M1 Carbine 30 Carbine, \$899</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> We gave the Auto-Ordnance AOM130 a B- grade for its slightly misfitting and unsmooth bolt.
<b>Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Garand 30-06, \$1400</b>	Sept 2005	<b>Grade A:</b> High degree of authenticity because of original G.I. action.
<b>Springfield Armory SOCOM 16 308 Win., \$1727</b>	May 2005	<b>Grade A:</b> The high price gave pause to most shooters. Everyone who saw the SOCOM 16 wanted one.
<b>Early Winchester M1 Carbine 30 Carbine, about \$550</b>	Jan 2003	<b>Grade A:</b> If you can find a good original Winchester-made M1 carbine, expect to pay a premium for the name.
<b>CMP Service Grade M1 Garand (Int'l Harvester) 30-06, \$550</b>	June 2002	<b>Grade A:</b> This rifle had authenticity, excellent barrel, and acceptable wood.
<b>Springfield Armory M1A AA9627 SOCOM II 308, \$2090</b>	Nov 2008	<b>Grade A-:</b> The SOCOM II is expensive, but you will be the boss of the block.
<b>Springfield Armory Loaded M1A MA9226 308 Win., \$2363</b>	May 2009	<b>Grade B+:</b> We think this rifle did the best job of handling the powerful 308 round.
<b>Browning BAR Lightweight Stalker 30-06 Springfield, \$809</b>	Nov 2002	<b>Grade B+:</b> The BAR was perfected long ago and it shows, delivering ease of operation and near MOA accuracy.
<b>Browning BAR Safari No. 031001226 30-06, \$934</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade B:</b> The BAR shot nearly on par with the Remington 750, turning in one sub-MOA group average.
<b>Springfield Armory M1 Garand 30-06 Spfld., \$1348</b>	Sept 2005	<b>Grade B:</b> We could not fault this gun in any way. Workmanship was excellent, and everything worked.
<b>Heckler &amp; Koch SLB 2000 30-06 Springfield, \$1399</b>	Nov 2002	<b>Grade B:</b> The trigger and overall feel of this rifle are superior. Hindered by the lack of a suitable scope mount.
<b>Benelli R1 30-06 Springfield No. 11736, \$1265</b>	Nov 2002	<b>Grade C:</b> High price and mediocre accuracy put this gun in the 'average' range, despite its positives.

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