

SSK INDUSTRIES AR-15 300 WHISPER, \$1300

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

The SSK, essentially two good guns in one, delivered a variety of 30-caliber bullets with accuracy and low recoil.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length, Min/Max..... 34.9 in.
 Barrel Length/Twist..... 16.5 in./1:7.5 in.
 Sight Radius..... NA
 Overall Height w/o mag 7.0 in.
 Length of Pull 13.8 in.

Weight Unloaded 7.5 lbs.
 Capacity..... 20+1
 Action Finish..... Black Anodized and Teflon Coat
 Action Type..... Semi-Automatic
 Barrel Finish Stainless Steel
 Magazine Type..... Removable box

Stock..... Synthetic
 Trigger Pull Weight 6.0 lbs.
 Warranty None Written
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Right: Rotating the gas-port valve so that the “H” for high-velocity ammunition was facing the shooter helped the gas-impingement system deal with higher pressures. Adjusting for lower-velocity rounds that produced less pressure assured that the bolt would cycle reliably.



High-velocity rounds produced recoil on about the same level as a 5.56mm/223 Rem AR-15. Even without a compensator, recoil from low-velocity rounds made our SSK carbine feel like an air rifle.

Right: Our test gun was the basic model. SSK Industries is owned by J.D. Jones, inventor of the 300 Whisper cartridge. Note the unusual barrel twist, 1:7.5.



Above: For comparison we bracketed five of our 300 Whisper test rounds between a 223 Remington (left) and a round of 308 Winchester. Our test rounds included a Cor-Bon 150-grain JSP, a handload topped with a 169-grain Hornady HPBT bullet, Cor-Bon’s 220 grain, Cor-Bon 125-grain, and Hornady’s 208-grain A-Max.