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# THE KNOX UPDATE

## From The Firearms Coalition

By Jeff Knox

# NOW OPEN CARRY IS A LOOPHOLE

### CAR ATTACK GENERATES CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL.

(August 23, 2017) Opponents of gun rights are now using the horror and stupidity of the Charlottesville protests to declare open carry of firearms a "loophole," which of course must be closed posthaste.

Demonstrators in Charlottesville assaulted each other with rocks, bottles, sticks, clubs, chemical agents, and hands and feet in the area around the "Unite the Right" rally, and one guy even fired a gun—though he appears to have been shooting blanks. After the rally had been broken up, a demonstrator drove a car through a crowd, killing one woman, and injuring many others. These facts are irrelevant to those opposed to individual rights though, as they point to Charlottesville and demand an end to open carry during political rallies—which they say "chills" other people's free speech rights—and a ban on concealed carry during such events, because... "Guns."

We've seen this sort of fear-mongering for political gain play out in the past. California enacted laws against open carry after the Black Panther Party staged an armed march on the state capitol. Again, no one was shot, but the group's decision to legally display their arms served as the justification for passage of carry prohibitions in California and elsewhere, and contributed to passage of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968.

It's worth noting that among the most outspoken proponents of these restrictions on rights are the very people who bear the most responsibility for the events in Charlottesville going so terribly wrong: Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, and Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer.

The First Amendment can be a very uncomfortable thing. The core of the right to free speech—especially political speech—boils down to the statement that used to appear at the top of many newspaper editorial pages: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." The concept is simple at the theoretical level, but gets complicated in the real world. People opposed to certain speech, whether it be burning a U.S. flag, or spouting racist views, like to point out that the First Amendment only applies to government, and does not require individuals to tolerate "hateful" speech. That's true, but the government has an obligation to not only "allow" free speech, but to protect it as well. No one has the right to use force to squelch free speech, particularly in a public space, and the government has a sacred obligation to guard that right, regardless of how repugnant or hurtful that speech may be.

In the case of the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, the government

not only failed in its obligation to protect the free-speech rights of the rally organizers and attendees, it looks like it intentionally conspired to allow those rights to be assaulted and suppressed.

Organizers of the rally applied for and received all of the necessary permits to legally hold their rally, well in advance of the event. Later, government officials tried to cancel those permits, but their efforts were blocked by a federal judge. The local and state government knew that the rally would undoubtedly draw counter-protesters, and that they would almost certainly be violent. The obligation of the mayor and governor was to protect rights and keep the peace. Not only did they fail in their obligation to protect speech in the public square, they set the stage to guarantee failure, and invite violence.

The number-one rule in situations like this is to keep the factions separated, but authorities allowed counter-protesters to congregate right up to the minimal barrier surrounding the park where the rally was to be held. Rally attendees were forced to run a gauntlet of protesters in order to get into the park, and police did little to protect them from protesters, or protesters from them, as they made their way to the rally. As violence began to break out before the rally, police retreated, ostensibly to don riot gear (which they curiously weren't already wearing), leaving the warring factions to do battle. Then, on orders from the governor, the legally permitted rally, which hadn't officially started yet, was declared an "unlawful assembly," and the police in their riot gear marched out, not to push back the protesters who were assaulting the legally permitted rally, but to push the rally attendees out of the park, into the streets full of protesters.

Who could have guessed that this wouldn't end well?

When the alleged white supremacist ran a car into a crowd, the media and politicians blamed everyone to the right of "far-left," and called for sweeping new gun control.

When a Black Lives Matter supporter assassinated five police officers in Dallas, the media and politicians insisted that his actions shouldn't reflect on the group as a whole, regardless of their inflammatory rhetoric, which often calls for the killing of police officers, and they called for new gun control.

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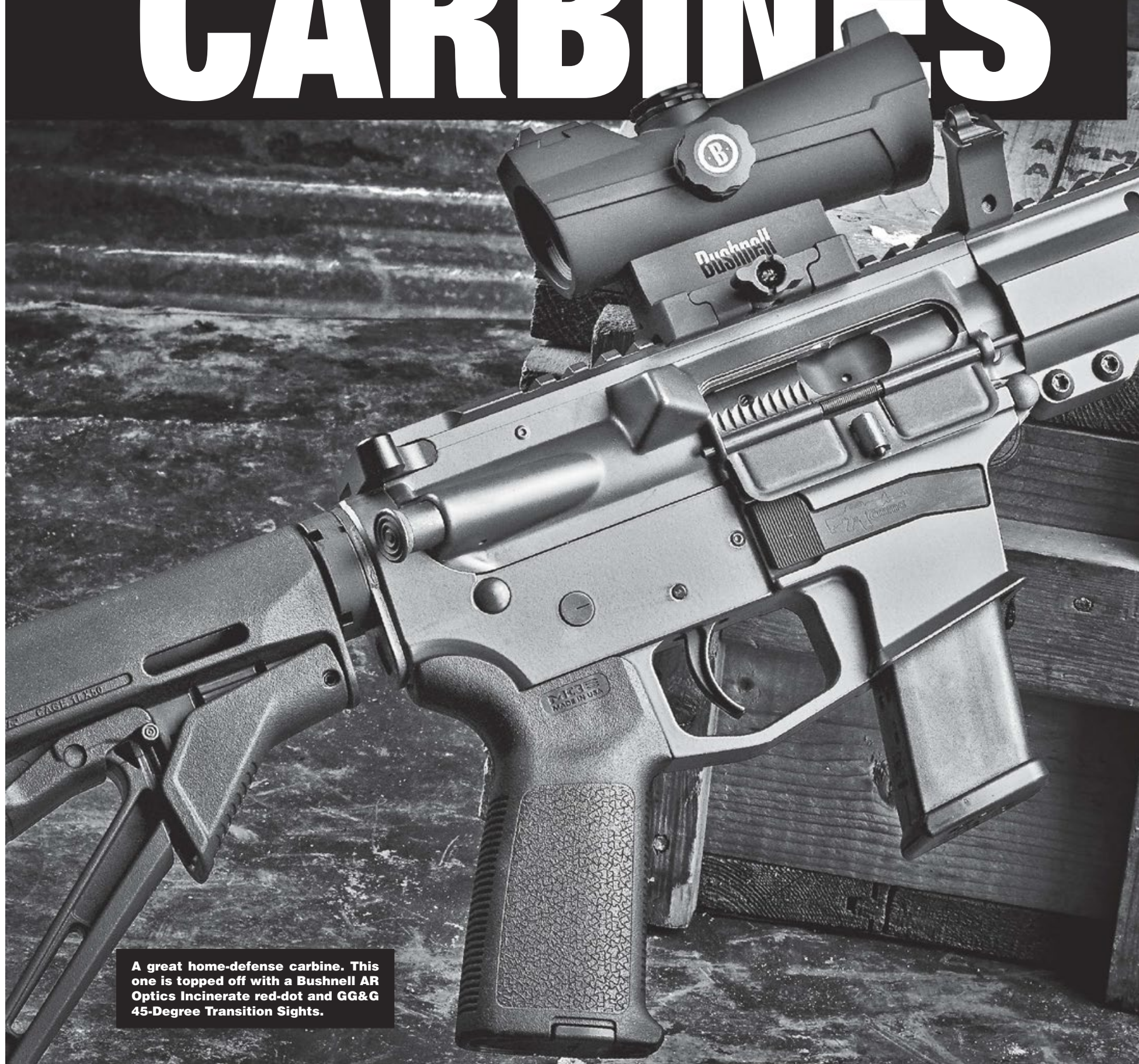
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The CMMG is a great choice for those contemplating a pistol-caliber carbine!

**S**ubmachine guns are incredibly potent firearms in close quarters and in the hands of a skilled operator. They have fallen out of favor with modern militaries for two major reasons: their limited effective range, and the rise of the short-barreled assault rifle.

These fully automatic or select-fire pistol-caliber firearms offer the individual soldier increased fire-power over a sidearm, with better maneuverability than a full-sized rifle in close combat.

Many firearm manufacturers have capitalized on the strengths of these designs, offering civilian-legal, semi-automatic sub-guns in the form of pistol caliber carbines. This idea is not new—Auto Ordnance developed semi-auto versions of its (in)famous Thompson SMGs in the 1970s.

A decade later, H&K engineered an ATF-approved semi-auto version of the MP-5, and RPB Industries developed the M-10 and M-11 open-bolt versions of the MAC-10 and MAC-11 sub-guns. While most of these pistol-caliber carbines were based on famous SMGs like IMI's UZI carbine, semi-auto-only variants of lesser-known SMGs like the S&W M-76 (the MK-760) also surfaced on the civilian market.

Interestingly, some designs followed the exact opposite path, like the Beretta CX4. Instead of evolving from a submachine gun, the CX4 began as a semi-auto pistol-caliber carbine, before being developed as a select-fire weapon for the government of India as the Mx4 SMG—with more than 36,000 examples manufactured for that contract alone.

The reason the idea of a pistol-caliber carbine has survived as long as it has is because the concept of a compact, light-weight, soft-shooting, shoulder-fired firearm are desirable features. In addition, reduced ammunition costs, the ability to shoot in indoor pistol ranges, the reduced muzzle blast, better performance with sound suppressors, increased range over pistols, precision shooting over shotguns loaded with shot ammunition, and the fact that in many cases uses the same magazine as an individual's sidearm, still holds merit for both civilian, and law enforcement users. The perfect pistol-caliber carbine should enhance the aforementioned traits, not hinder them. However, the downside to pistol-caliber carbines is that they lack the stopping power and long range shooting of their rifle counterparts.



**The author firing the Guard at a distant steel target. The soft recoil impulse made plinking incredibly fun!**

**CMMG's new .45-caliber guard equipped with Trijicon MRO and StreamLight ProTac tactical light.**



Despite this, many companies producing new pistol-caliber carbines tend to play it safe and simply build direct-blowback firearms. There are outliers, like the KRISS and SIG MPX, but for the most part, if a new design is chambered in a pistol caliber, it's direct-blowback operated.

While very reliable, the problem with direct blowback is twofold: it needlessly increases both overall weight, and felt recoil. Additionally, the only things keeping the gun in battery during the firing sequence are the bolt's heft, and the recoil spring tension. This leads to dramatically increased felt recoil because of this heavy bolt's rapid, unhindered rearward movement during extraction and ejection.

Thankfully, this logic isn't lost on every designer, which is part of the reason Heckler and Koch found so much success by adapting its 30 caliber, G3 battle rifle's roller-delayed action to the smaller, 9mm MP5 SMG. Although a tremendous improvement over direct blowback, this design isn't perfect. For starters, the barrel is pressed into the receiver, requiring either special tools or a professional to replace. Thus, when the system fatigues, the guns require the installation of larger rollers to compensate for the action stretching.

This wear and tear wouldn't be a significant issue if the components involved could be easily replaced or serviced with hand tools. After all, this ease of maintenance/customization, is one of the driving factors behind the AR15's rise to popularity. Which is one of the reasons I was so excited when CMMG introduced the latest addition to its product lineup: the Guard.

The CMMG Guard, is a radial-delayed blowback, pistol caliber carbine, chambered in .45 ACP. Radial-delayed? Your lying eyes do not deceive, CMMG has pioneered a new method of delayed operation for its 230gr-projectile launcher. The Guard uses a standard AR-15 bolt carrier with a modified carrier key and bolt. The bolt still rotates during the 'unlocking' phase of operation, though it never really locks in the first place. Where the lugs on a standard AR-15 bolt align with the chamber's lugs to lock the action shut (directly resisting rearward force from a detonating round,) the lugs on the Guard's bolt are different. Instead of siphoning gas from the front sight tower and pushing against the carrier's gas key, the expanding gasses act directly on the bolt face through the barrel/chamber. Because the bolt lugs are cut at 45-degree angles, the rearward force of expanding gasses doesn't open the action immediately, as friction between the two

sets of lugs attempting to scissor past each other slows the bolt's rotation. Until the bolt rotates, it can't break free from the chamber, and thus, the carrier can't move rearward to complete the cycle.

When manually charging the action, the two slide apart without much effort. But under the enormous pressure of a round detonating inside the chamber, the friction is too great for the action to open. Once internal pressure drops to a safe level, the two surfaces slide past one another, and the bolt rotates free of the chamber's lugs while traveling a short distance back into the carrier.

The carrier group then travels rearward, extracting the spent casing, cycling the action and chambering a subsequent round from the magazine (assuming it isn't depleted.) Which brings me to another solid design aspect of the Guard: its magazines. Older AR-15 carbines chambered in .45ACP often fed from Thompson or Grease Gun magazines. While these are excellent in terms of durability, they are heavy and, unlike in the past, no longer inexpensive.

Instead, the engineers at CMMG chose to feed their newest creation with the most inexpensive, common, reliable, double-stack .45ACP mag on the market—the Glock 21's polymer magazine. With steel-reinforced feed-

ing lips and a high-impact polymer body, these lightweight mags are available in 10-, 13-, and 23-round varieties. The Guard ships with a single, 13-round Glock OEM magazine, but additional magazines can be found with little effort.

I reached out to CMMG staff to ask why they didn't include higher-capacity magazines with the Guard, and they responded that the rifle wasn't always 100% reliable with all aftermarket extended magazines. Interestingly, my testing suggested the opposite, where new-production, 23-round SGM tactical magazines ran without any issues whatsoever.

Another intriguing magazine-related aspect of the gun is the proprietary mag-release button. Even though the Guard is very clearly an AR-15-derived design, it doesn't utilize a standard magazine release button. Instead, the CMMG carbine uses an oversized, ribbed button that dramatically speeds up reloading times. Shooters with smaller hands will be especially pleased with it, as it is nearly a full inch closer to the pistol grip than the standard AR-15 magazine release.

While the magazine release is proprietary, thankfully the charging handle is not. While it's arguable that the charging handle/latch of the AR-15 isn't suited to close

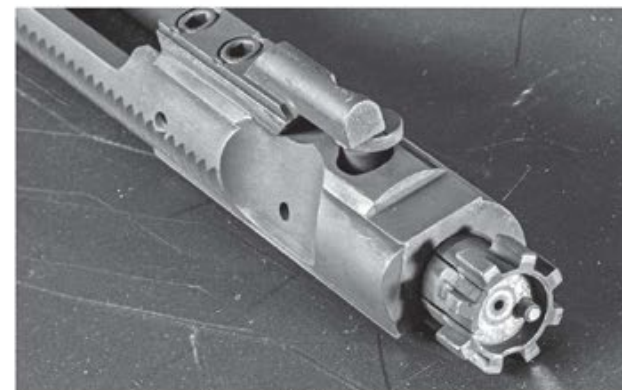
**The Guard is offered in several different finishes, including this gray Cerakote.**





**The Guard's gray Cerakote compliments its full set of black, Magpul MOE furniture.**

**Field-stripping is as easy as with any AR-15-type firearm.**



**The bolt looks like that of a standard AR-15, but a closer look reveals crucial differences, like angled bolt lugs and a solid, truncated carrier key.**



**Like all of CMMG's big-bore rifles, the Guard ships with its combination compensator/muzzle brake atop its .578x28-threaded muzzle.**

quarters use, and thus not appropriate on pistol caliber carbines, it does have one advantage. Since the design is identical to that of a mil-spec M16/M4, shooters have a near inexhaustible supply of aftermarket options with which to replace it.

I confirmed this with two of my favorite replacement chargers, the Next Level Armament NLX 556 Ambi Charging handle, and the Devil Dog Concepts Hard-Charger. The NLX product simply gives southpaws and right-handers more leverage on the charger, allowing for easy, one-handed manipulation, while the DDC Hard Charger transforms the host rifle into a side-charger. Neither replacement required any fitting, and both worked as well or better than the factory, mil-spec charging handle.

On the other side of the Guard, the lower features the same bolt-release button as an AR-15. A factory ambidextrous release would have been nice, but since it uses AR-15 mil-spec parts, shooters can simply replace it with something else if they're not satisfied.

Heading rearward, the Guard utilizes a mil-spec M4 buffer tube, and ships with a Magpul MOE stock in black. A matching Magpul MOE grip resides just forward of the buffer tube and makes for a handsome, yet utilitarian, appearance. Above it, the Guard again borrows from the AR-15, shipping with a standard selector, and mil-spec trigger.

Continuing forward, the Guard ships with a free-floating handguard from CMMG. The 14-inch KeyMod guard features a full-length Picatinny rail on top that blends seamlessly with the fully-railed upper receiver. The two combined result in nearly two full feet of Picatinny rail! This is more than enough rail real-estate for any combination of scope/magnifier/night vision setup.

Lastly, the muzzle of the Guard ships with a modified version of the combination brake/compensator seen on nearly all CMMG's rifles. In testing, it was tremendously effective as taming what little bark the radially-delayed .45 ACP produced.

Under the compensator, the Guard's muzzle is threaded to .578x28 RH—the same as aftermarket Glock 21 barrels. I installed my personal SilencerCo Osprey 45 with the appropriate piston to the Guard, and found it to be incredibly quiet with 230gr ball ammo. This was especially the case with Wolf Performance Ammo's steel-cased 230gr FMJ.



**The Guard ships with a free-floating RKM11 14-inch rail sporting KeyMod slots on three sides and a Picatinny rail on top.**



**The carbine's modified magazine well and proprietary mag-release are a dead give-away that the Guard is not a standard AR-15.**

**The author's wife and dog pose with the CMMG Guard topped off with an inverted SilencerCo Osprey 45 sound suppressor.**



CMMG recommends that shooters who intend to run their Guard carbines suppressed do so with an optional heavier bolt. That said, in my limited testing of 200 rounds fired suppressed, I encountered no malfunctions or difficulties as a result of running a silencer on the firearm. The only noticeable differences, other than the shot's volume, were the noticeable increase in the recoil impulse, and expedited carbon built up inside the Guard's receiver. Though both of these occurrences are common with any rifle equipped with a sound suppressor.

While the rifle is positively dripping with desirable features, these don't necessarily make for a dependable firearm. To determine that, I took the rifle home and put it through extensive live-fire testing.

When the rifle first arrived at my FFL, the only ammo I had on hand was a few boxes of Federal's 185gr lead semi-wadcutter match rounds. Despite the engineers warning me that non-FMJ-shaped projectiles could have feeding issues in brand new guns, the Guard devoured the truncated, light-weight target rounds.

Additionally, the combination of the system's radially-delayed blowback, and aggressive compensator, made for a yawn-inducingly, soft-shooting carbine. This lack of appreciable recoil, lead to some blisteringly-fast times against my Action Target plate rack.

At 15 yards, I was clearing all six targets from a low ready in a hair over three seconds. Plate hits were noticeably more positive than with either 9mm carbines or pistols, and I was able to get back on target faster with this carbine than my go-to home-defense short-barreled rifle (SBR,) the SIG MPX.

The next day, when I got some 230gr rounds to test, the lightweight 45-caliber carbine became even more controllable, shaving a few milliseconds from the previous day's best time. The recoil was so mild, I was compelled to invite smaller-framed shooters to try out the gun.

Everyone from the author's 105-pound wife, to the next-door neighbor's 82-year-old grandmother, was able to easily handle the Guard's gentle recoil impulse. Most of these shooters also commented on how lightweight the gun was.

More experienced shooters marveled at the gun's lack of heft. Most had experience with direct blowback pistol-caliber carbines that were vastly heavier than CMMG's latest offering, with one in particular asking about the pistol version.

While I don't have any experience with the pistol version, it would more than likely make a great basis for building an ultra-handly SBR. Alternatively, with recent rulings by the BATFE allowing users to shoulder pistol braces, the shorter-barreled versions equipped with a brace become even more viable as home or self-defense weapons.

Back to performance.

The Guard was wiped down upon receipt, and given a light coat of Geissele's 'Go-Juice' lubricant. After application, the rifle was fed a total of 500 rounds of varying loads from a pair of factory Glock magazines and two SGM Tactical extended magazines.

During this test, the Guard suffered only two malfunctions—both were failures to feed with Federal Hydra-Shoks. In both cases, the rounds prematurely nose-dived into the feed ramp. Also, both of these malfunctions occurred during the first 50 rounds fired through the rifle. After these malfunctions, the rifle ran without issue for the remaining 400+ rounds fired. This includes a few boxes of mystery (but factory) .45 ACP from a local gun smith's dump box.

Toward the end of the shooting tests, the action became a little stiff. This was likely the result of excessive carbon build-up from running a suppressor. A few drops of gun oil on the carrier group resolved this in seconds.

Accuracy was another story. With most carbines, I try to test them at or beyond 100 yards. Given the .45 ACP round's relatively slow velocity and exaggerated trajectory, I instead moved the target to 75 yards. The rifle was placed on a pair of sandbags atop a shooting bench, and fired in three sets of 10 rounds, with the average being used.

The rifle appears to be built with standard 230gr ball in mind, as it performed the best with that load. The worst performer was Federal's 185gr FMJ semi wadcutters, grouping 2.6 inches at 75 yards. Other loads produced smaller groups, but all hovered around two and a half inches. While this would be an unimpressive group for a .223 rifle, given the limited effective range of the .45ACP round, this is more than adequate for self-defense or competition use.

This is where the Guard really shines; it fulfills the role of a personal defense weapon for civilians who are either looking for a companion carbine to their Glock 21, or just a hard-hitting-yet-light-shooting home defense weapon. When coupled with a good tactical light, quality defensive ammo and reflex sight, the Guard becomes a force to reckon with.

## DEVIL DOG CONCEPTS HARD CHARGER

**W**hen it comes to firearm ergonomics, the AR-15 is king...almost. The one aspect of the design that I have always felt is detrimental to the ergonomics as a whole, is the charging handle. Before you roast me alive, let me explain.

The charging handle has a lot of good things going for it, like the fact it doesn't reciprocate with the bolt's movement. The fact that it locks in place and can only be released by squeezing the latch is also a good design feature.

What I don't like is how the charging handle's design requires the removal of the shooting hand from the rifle and that shooters must use two fingers to grasp the latch. The former is for obvious reasons, while the latter because, under stress, fine muscles/movements become very difficult.



**The DDC Hard Charger mounted on a mil-spec AR-15 upper receiver made by Bravo Machine Company.**



**The Hard Charger breaks down into five components and mounts easily with an included hex key.**

Ideally, the AR-15/M16 would feature a charging handle on the left side of the action, like the IWI Galil ACE or FN FAL battle rifle. Apparently, I'm not alone in this thought, as several companies now make dedicated side-charger uppers for the AR-15/308 AR. While these are really good, they require the shooter to replace their existing barreled upper. This can be a huge turn-off for shooters with an already-built rifle they love. This is why I was so excited when I saw the Devil Dog Concepts Hard Charger unveiled at Big 3 East a few years ago.

The Hard Charger is a drop-in replacement for the standard AR-15 charging handle. It consists of a charging handle with piston, a piston housing, and a Picatinny mounting block that uses the last two spots on a railed upper to secure itself. The Hard Charger takes roughly five minutes to install, and provides the shooter with exceptional leverage to clear stubborn jammed rounds. Though I found the most useful feature of the Hard Charger to be that a shooter can charge the action while prone, without shifting their shooting position.

I've run roughly 3,000 rounds through various AR-15 rifles with the DDC Hard Charger installed, and it has performed perfectly on all guns tested. The only issue I encountered was with some optic mounts that hang over the rails too far, like those from EoTech, which can get a bit in the way.

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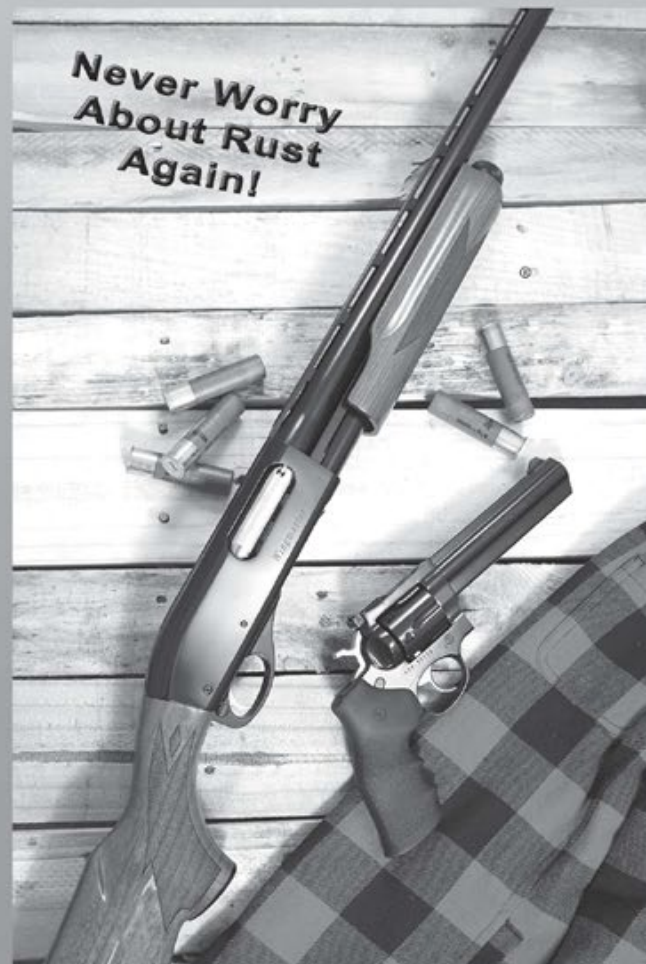
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The newest flavor of Smith & Wesson's M&P is this FDE version with TruGlo TFX sights. They are a definite upgrade from the standard factory sights, and of course, tan is the new black.

# MEET THE NEW BOSS!

By James Tarr

## S&W IMPROVES THE IMPROVED—THE M&P 2.0!

**E**arlier this year, in these pages I documented Smith & Wesson's new M&P 2.0. At the time of introduction, the second generation of the M&P was available in two flavors, a 4.25-inch barreled black model, and a 5-inch FDE with thumb safety. Now that they've caught up on initial orders, Smith & Wesson has started introducing additional models of the M&P 2.0, and for this review, I've secured a sample of the new 4.25-inch FDE model with TruGlo TFX sights.

Let's look at how the M&P has changed the polymer pistol landscape, and what changes have been made to the M&P 2.0 before we get into the specific details of this pistol.

It's been just about 12 years since Smith & Wesson introduced the M&P pistol. Before that, to most gun owners, when it came to reliable polymer-framed, striker-fired pistols, there was the Glock...and that was it. That completely changed with the introduction of the S&W M&P.

In the eyes of many, because of its "proper" 18-degree grip angle and the fact that it is made in the United States, the Smith & Wesson M&P is the first choice in polymer pistols. Before the introduction of the M&P, Glock owned the law-enforcement market in this country with their pistols in reportedly two-thirds of the police

holsters in this country. In the last decade that percentage has dropped precipitously, in large part due to the Smith & Wesson M&P.

Chances are, if you meet a police officer in this country and glance at what he's carrying, the pistol in his holster will be either a Glock, SIG P22(X) series, or a Smith & Wesson M&P. For a pistol design that is barely more than a decade old, that is very impressive.

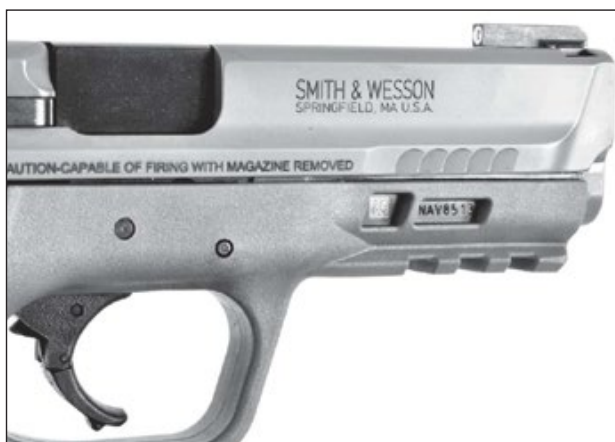
The standard model M&P9 (M&P stands for Military and Police, and M&P9 is this semi-auto pistol chambered in 9mm) features what Smith & Wesson from the start has advertised as a 4.25-inch barrel, but what I've learned



The grip and backstrap texturing on the M&P 2.0 is as aggressive as hand stippling, and your hand will not move on the grip while firing. Note also the scallops at the bottom of the frame to help strip out stuck mags.



One sure way to spot an M&P 2.0 is the lack of the beaver-tail found on the original models. M2.0 is marked on the left side of the slide as well.



Smith & Wesson added some forward-slide serrations, but Tarr wishes there were a lot more of them. Note also the new placement of the serial number right below, which is actually etched into the longer steel chassis.



The TruGlo TFX sights are longer because, behind the fiber-optic rod, is a tritium insert for low- and no-light shooting. The front sight has a white circle around the fiber-optic rod.



The rear sight has two fiber-optic rods/tritium inserts, but no white outline. Note the windows on the top of the sight to help gather light for the FO rods.

recently is that they actually round up for convenience's sake. The barrel is actually 4.19 inches long.

The barrel and slide of the M&P are stainless steel and treated with a corrosion-resistant nitride coating. The original M&Ps were given S&W's Melonite nitride coating. The pistols featured 3-dot steel sights, and the rear sight had a no-snag design.

In 9mm, the M&P has a 17-round magazine capacity and comes with three interchangeable backstraps (small, medium, large) to better fit the gun to your hand. In addition to the standard firing pin safety, the curved, hinged trigger of the M&P also has a safety to prevent the gun from firing if dropped. Trigger pull was usually right at the advertised 6.5 pounds.

Over the course of a decade, several different variations of the M&P were made, offering thumb safeties, magazine-disconnect safeties, 5-inch barrels, and models with different sights. The M&P earned a reputation for reliability and became popular with the U.S. shooting public as well as law enforcement, especially in .40 S&W, replacing the Glock in large numbers. This was due to a number of reasons:

1. Made in America
2. Interchangeable backstraps to better fit the gun to variously sized officers

3. M&Ps chambered in .40 S&W didn't jam when you hung a weapon light off the rail like Glocks did. (This fact isn't well-known outside law enforcement circles, but it is the main reason the Gen 4 Glocks exist.)

For 11 years, Smith & Wesson expanded its line of M&Ps, but you know what it didn't do? It didn't alter the design. Sure, there have been some tiny internal tweaks to sears and extractors, but the M&Ps on the market in 2016, were virtually identical to the ones introduced in 2006. Heck, Glock only waited six years before introducing the Gen 2 models.

The M&P 2.0, introduced in early 2017, was the first major change to the pistol line. Technically, it is the M2.0 but nobody calls it that in conversation, not even the people from S&W. After a decade of user input and in-house engineers eyeballing the design, the M&P 2.0 is a well-thought out upgrade to this pistol line, and the changes to these factory pistols are a direct result of S&W seeing what was being done to its pistols out in the wild.

By far, the two most common types of customization done to M&P pistols have been trigger jobs and increasing the texturing of the grip area, usually through stippling. Let's look at those two areas before we dive into other details.

First generation M&Ps have an advertised 6.5-pound pull, and just about every pistol I picked up with a factory trigger had a pull somewhere around 6.5 pounds. Six and a half pounds seems to be the standard trigger pull not just for first-generation striker-fired pistols, but for pistols designed to be LE or military "service weapons," as the M&P is and was. In my experience as a trigger pull weight goes above five pounds, it gets exponentially more difficult for even skilled shooters to keep the sights steady while pulling the trigger, but that's a rant for another article.

Upgrading the trigger on an M&P is considered (by gunsmiths) to be relatively easy. If you're doing the work by hand, it just takes a little modification to the sear angles and the edges on the firing pin safety plunger to get an M&P trigger pull safely under three pounds, if you want it that low. Those parts are tiny, however, and you'll need the proper tools. It's a lot easier to just buy a replacement trigger kit. For years, Apex Trigger Specialties has been selling highly regarded trigger kits for the M&P pistol, including sears and firing-pin plungers with improved angles, as well as reduced power springs.

Smith & Wesson engineers reduced the trigger pull on the M2.0 via (mostly) improved geometry in the sear and striker. The trigger bow is still the same curved plastic



**A comparison shot. This is an M&P 2.0 with standard factory sights. Steel and a no-snag rear, but with plain white painted dots.**

**The magazine release is reversible. The pistol has a bilateral slide stop, but releasing the slide using the right side lever is nearly impossible.**



**This M&P's loaded chamber indicator is a hole above the breech-face. Tarr finds these very hard to use, except in direct sunlight.**



model with a hinge in the middle. The targeted spec for the M2.0's trigger pull is 5.5 pounds, and every sample 2.0 I've gotten my hands on has had a trigger pull within a quarter pound of that spec. And the breaks seem a little crisper as well, making them feel lighter than their actual weight. That is a definite improvement over the previous generation, although I think it's still too heavy for a trigger pull if you know what the hell you're doing.

I think "duty" triggers should be heavy enough to provide a crisp break but light enough to allow the average shooter to hit a head shot at 25 yards, which means lighter than 5.5 pounds. Personally, I'd like to see 4.5-pound trigger pulls on duty pistols, but pulls "that light" would probably scare police administrators, who view any money spent on proper firearms training as being wasted, and who, when in doubt, want heavier trigger pulls so their officers can't "accidentally" fire their pistols, which usually results in a lot of missed shots and injured bystanders. But didn't I mention that was a rant for another article? Perhaps I wasn't listening to myself. It happens a lot.

More than the trigger-pull weight, what a lot of people didn't like about the trigger pull on the original M&P was the lack of a discernible reset. Okay, now this is the perfect place for this particular rant.

Riding the reset on a defensive firearm is just stupid.

You should use the recoil of your shot to reset the trigger, so you can fire a second shot as soon as necessary. But I see YouTubers riding trigger reset religiously, especially on ARs; *bang*, pause, wait for it, wait for it, have another sip of your coffee, check the inbox to see if you got any new emails, then finally you hear *click* as they reset the trigger.

Reset is definitely important when you're trying to win the Wimbledon Cup or go for the small-bore gold medal at the Olympics, but in any real self-defense scenario (especially involving a pistol,) nobody will be worried about the reset on their trigger, they'll just be pulling it as fast as possible until the problem is solved. And so should you train. Still, S&W engineers addressed the whining—er, issue, —and the triggers on the M&P 2.0s have very positive reset; you can both hear and feel it.

As for grip work, for many people, the factory texturing on the grip of the original M&P was too slick. As a result, hand stippling was a common sight. Some people stippled both the frame and the removable backstraps, whereas others only did the backstraps.

With the 2.0, S&W has increased the aggressiveness of the texturing on the front and sides of the frame, as well as the backstraps. Modern manufacturing is amazing, because the factory texturing on the 2.0 feels as aggressive as hand stippling with a soldering iron. That is no exaggeration. There is no hand work going into these pistols, this is just the result of improved injection-molding technology, but I am not overstating it when I say that the factory texturing on the M&P 2.0 is as rough and grippy as hand stippling. These pistols will not move in your hand when you're shooting.

FYI, I avoided hand-stippled grips on my competition pistols for years, in part because I always carried what I shot in competition and vice versa, and was worried stippled grips might rub holes in my shirts. But I've been carrying hand-stippled polymer-framed pistols for years now, and have never had a problem with them putting holes in my clothes.

What may seem like no big deal, but I think is, is the addition of a new backstrap size. With the original M&P, you had your choice of three backstraps, small, medium, and large. (FYI: the folks at Smith & Wesson told me something like 85% of their users prefer the size Medium backstrap.) What is new with the M&P 2.0 is the addition of a medium-large backstrap, which takes the medium and adds material under the web of the hand to increase reach to the trigger.

I never owned an M&P, simply because, with the original three backstrap choices the gun never fit my hand as well as I wanted it to—the medium backstrap was a tiny bit too small for my taste, and the large was too big. I'm guessing I wasn't the only person that had this complaint, and my evidence for this is the medium-large backstrap. With it in place, the pistol now fits my hand perfectly. The distance to the trigger with the medium-large backstrap installed is still a bit less than you'll find with a Glock.

If you hold up one of the new pistols, it is obviously an M&P, and the external differences between an original and M&P 2.0 might be a bit hard to spot. The first obvious change to the eye might be the lack of a beavertail on the frame. Now the rear of the frame doesn't stick out any further than the rear of the slide.

The scalloped serrations at the rear of the slide haven't changed, but with the 2.0, you'll see S&W has added some serrations at the front of the slide. They've only been added to the bottom, wider part of the slide where it meets the frame, and if you blink, you might miss them. Still, they're better than nothing, but I wish S&W had been willing to move some of the slide markings to fully serrate the front of the slide. What they've done almost falls into the "why bother?" category.

On the left side of the slide, about level with the breech-face, you'll see "M2.0" which is very small. That's the only literal indication that this is the new model M&P.

The internal steel chassis inside the polymer frame is much longer on the 2.0 than on the original M&P. This "embedded, rigid, stainless-steel chassis" also has an Armornite coating. On the original, the chassis didn't extend much past the front of the trigger guard, but on the new model, the steel in the frame goes most of the way out to the end of the frame, doubly ensuring that there won't be any flex if you hang a big weapon light on the frame's tactical rail.

On the original M&P, the serial number in the steel chassis could be seen through a window cut into the poly-



**The M&P 2.0 comes with four backstraps, from left: small, medium, medium-large, and large. It only takes a few seconds to swap them out.**



**Like most modern pistols, the M&P—both generations—is quick-and-easy to fieldstrip for cleaning and maintenance.**



mer at the rear of the frame. In the 2.0, the serial number in the steel chassis is located above the tactical rail, visual proof the chassis extends much further.

There are small cutouts at the bottom of the frame on each side to give you a little better grip on the floorplate of the magazine, in case you have to strip one out by hand. The M&P 2.0 uses the same proven magazines as the original M&P, so if you've got some of those lying around, you can use them to feed the new pistols.

When it comes time to take the pistol apart for cleaning, you'll also find the same lever inside (reached through the ejection port,) which, when pushed down, allows you to disassemble the pistol without pulling the trigger. Or, you can just pull the trigger to get the top end off after verifying the pistol is empty.

That idea horrifies S&W executives who like to advertise one of the "benefits" of their pistol to law enforcement is that you don't need to pull the trigger to disassemble it. Personally, I think if you can't figure out whether or not your gun is loaded before you pull the trigger, you need to go back to the police academy for some remedial training! But, fixing a symptom rather than the problem is reflexive for police bureaucrats and how we got the "don't AD me bro" lever in the M&P and the 12-pound "New York Plus" trigger for Glocks, which really should be called the "Injured Bystander" based on results.

Here endeth my last rant, I promise, least for this article.

Now, let's talk about this TFX-equipped new model M&P, specifically. On this pistol, and on every FDE M&P 2.0 pistol I've seen in-person, the frame and slide weren't quite the same hue, but personally, I think this makes the gun look better, not worse. The FDE Cerakote went on over the nitride Armornite, which went on over a stainless steel slide, so this is about as corrosion-resistant a pistol as you're likely to find anywhere.

This is the standard model M&P9, with a declared 4.25-inch barrel (actually 4.19" as I mentioned above) and a full-size frame, which accepts 17-round magazines. The pistol ships with two magazines, and the floorplates of the FDE pistol match the frame. Measured trigger pull on this sample was right at 5.5 pounds and crisp. Well, crisp for a striker-fired gun.

This pistol has no magazine-disconnect safety, no thumb safety, and the loaded chamber indicator is a hole cut into the top rear of the barrel, as opposed to the flipper lever S&W offers on some models. But the real news is in the sights.

Smith & Wesson has swapped out its traditional steel sights with three white dots on this model for a set of TruGlo TFX sights. These sights are what are commonly known as day/night sights, and what I think are currently the cutting edge in tactical handgun sights. Let me explain.

Fiber-optic rod inserts in handgun sights catch the light and glow like they're battery powered, making your sights amazingly easy to pick up. They work great if there's any kind of light, but at night they provide nothing extra. Tritium inserts are self-luminous and visible in low and no light, but during the day work no better than traditional 3-dot sights. Most modern day/night sights offer some combination of tritium and fiber-optic or sear-your-eyeballs-out-bright paint, and the first generation TruGlo TFO sights are the earliest day/night sights of which I'm aware.

Both the original TFO and the current TFX sights from TruGlo feature self-luminous tritium inserts protected inside a steel sight body. In front of each one of those tritium inserts in the same steel sight housing, is a fiber-optic rod. The top of the steel housing is cut out above the fiber-optic rod so it can gather light. During the day, the fiber-optic inserts shine bright, and at night the glow of the tritium insert can be seen through the fiber-optic rods.

So what's the difference between the original TFO and current TFX? With the current TFX sights, as found on the M&P9 2.0, both the tritium insert and the fiber-optic rods are sealed inside a capsule. Not only does that make the TFX an inherently stronger sight, now the sight components are protected from damage from any strong cleaning solvents. If you've got an ultrasonic cleaner, you can just drop the top end of the pistol into it now, without worrying about damaging the fiber optic rods. The steel sight housings are also given what TruGlo calls its corrosion-resistant FORTRESS FINISH, which appears to be a form of nitriding.

Due to their design, the sights themselves are longer than standard sights, but they don't get in the way, and the pistol, when so equipped, will fit into all the same holsters. The front sight sports a white ring around the outside of the fiber optic to make it a little bigger to the eye when aiming down the sights.

If you bought them separately, the TruGlo TFX sights would cost you \$172.00, plus installation. At \$699, the M&P9 2.0 FDE TFX is priced just \$100 above a standard 4.25-inch pistol—and they installed the sights for you at the factory.

In my opinion, these sights are a definite upgrade over the factory sights, the only question is whether the sight upgrade is worth the extra \$100 to you.

Personally, I don't like dots on my rear sight. The rear sight is a window frame, you should be looking through it, not at it. But these are day/night sights, and covering up the dots so they're not as bright during the day, if done in the wrong way, would mean at night, the glow from the tritium lamps would be dimmer as well, and that would not be a good thing. If this were my gun, I would find

some way to partially cover the windows above the fiber-optic rods on the rear sight so they were noticeably less bright than the front sight during the day. This would not affect at all how bright the tritium would be at night.

When Smith & Wesson first rolled out the 2.0 to a group of gunwriters, we put a hundreds, if not over a thousand rounds without a single malfunction through guns at the S&W Academy. When I got a test-gun shipped to me I blasted even more rounds through it, including 240 rounds in 90 minutes at the live-fire simulator at my local FFL (www.doubleaction.com,) blasting virtual zombies, terrorists, and watermelons. I never had a problem then, and I never had a problem with this TFX model. Point it, pull the trigger, and it goes bang.

I had a lot of fun running plate racks, as well as putting holes in USPSA and IDPA cardboard targets. This is a full-size, "duty-size" pistol with very aggressive grip texture, chambered in 9mm, which means it is very pleasant to shoot, especially with these great sights.

I'll never be a guy to tell anyone they can't customize a gun they own, but with the new M&P 2.0 series, especially this model with its improved sights, as long as you're happy with the trigger-pull weight, there is absolutely nothing that needs to be done to optimize the pistol. **FN**

## SPECIFICATIONS

### SMITH & WESSON M&P M2.0 FDE WITH TRUGLO TFX SIGHTS

<b>Type:</b>	Striker-fired semi-auto
<b>Caliber:</b>	9mm Luger
<b>Capacity:</b>	17+1
<b>Barrel Length:</b>	4.25"
<b>Overall Length:</b>	7.4"
<b>Height:</b>	5.5"
<b>Width:</b>	1.3"
<b>Weight:</b>	24.7 oz.
<b>Slide Material:</b>	Stainless steel with Armornite coating
<b>Frame Material:</b>	Polymer
<b>Safeties:</b>	Sear block drop safety, trigger safety lever
<b>Sight:</b>	TruGlo TFX fiber optic/tritium
<b>Trigger:</b>	5.5 lbs (as tested)
<b>Accessories:</b>	Two 17-round magazines, 4 backstraps
<b>MSRP:</b>	\$699
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Smith & Wesson www.smith-wesson.com 1-800-331-0852

Load	Bullet Weight	Velocity	SD	Group (in.)
Black Hills TAC-XP+P	115	1129	16	2.8
SIG Elite JHP	124	1166	21	2.2
Hornady Critical Duty+P	135	1118	19	3.1
Winchester JHP	147	951	19	2.5

Accuracy results are the averages of four five-shot groups at 25 yards from a sandbag rest. Velocities are averages of ten shots measured with an Oehler Model 35P, 12 feet from the muzzle.



A French officer shows off his Ruby pistol.

# SPANISH RUBY PISTOLS

## DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES!

By Paul Scarlata Photos by: James Walters, Paul Budde & Becky Scarlata

World War I is often referred to as a “Handgun War,” because the typical infantry rifle was ill suited to the unique conditions of the conflict. In the close confines of a trench, or when crawling through barbed wire entanglements, a long, bayoneted rifle was a hindrance. Front-line troops soon realized that a pistol or revolver was a necessity—to say nothing of a comforting companion—when it came to trench fighting. It wasn’t long before most armies were issuing sidearms in greater numbers than ever before or since. [Officers, artillery and

machine-gun crews, signalers, messengers, transport drivers, military police, and every infantryman who wanted, and in many cases needed, a handgun.] But this led to another problem—most armies lacked sufficient handguns (and rifles, machine guns and artillery pieces, for that matter) to equip their rapidly expanding forces.

The situation in *l’armée Française* was desperate. France’s standard-issue sidearm, the Revolver d’Ordnance Modèle 1892, could not be produced in sufficient quantities to meet demand, so while many older Modèle 1873 revolvers were re-issued, it was only a stop-gap measure. At first, the French ordered revolvers from a number of Basque gun makers, who delivered copies of Smith & Wesson and Colt revolvers chambered for the standard 8mm Cartouche d’Ordnance Mle. 1892 revolver cartridge. But high levels of battlefield attrition meant that more weapons were needed—right now!

The mountainous region around the city of Eibar in northeastern Spain possesses an abundance of iron, coal and water power, which, when combined with the industriousness of the native Basque people, led to the

development of a large metal-working industry, much of which, since the 17th century, has been devoted to the production of weapons. Eibar firearms production was based upon cottage-type industries, where a “company” would subcontract out the production of various components to small shops, who would deliver them to a central location for fitting and assembly.

Due to Spain’s lax patent laws, the Basques were notorious for the manufacture of unlicensed copies of well-known firearms—which they sold around the world at cut-rate prices, so it was no surprise that shortly after the introduction of the first successful semi-auto pistol, the Fabrique Nationale’s Pistolet Automatique Browning Modèle 1900, that Basque-made copies began appearing. Around 1905, Basque gunmakers began production of simple, blowback-operated pistols—chambered for the 7.65mm Browning (.32 ACP) cartridge—that combined features of FN’s improved Modèle 1903 and Colt’s M1903 designs but, as was the usual practice with their pirated copies, the Basques simplified the basic design to reduce production costs and time.

First of all, Basque pistols possess none of the fine lines and ergonomics of the FN/Colt, and most display a squared-off silhouette with steep grip-to-frame angle. They replaced the Browning’s efficient, but difficult-to-produce, thumb and grip safeties with a simple lever on the left side of the frame which, when rotated up 45



French WWI handgun cartridges (L to R): 11mm Car-touche d’Ordnance Modèle 1873/90, 8mm Cartouche d’Ordnance Modèle 1892 and Cartouche de 7,65mm pour P.A. (Lou Behling photo)



**During WWII, the desperate French issued the obsolete 11mm Revolver d'Ordnance Modéle 1873.**

**The standard French handgun in 1914, was the Revolver d'Ordnance Modéle 1892.**

degrees, blocked trigger movement and did double-duty as a slide hold-open lever to help disassemble the pistol.

Like the FN/Colt, the Basque pistols had the recoil spring located in the frame under the barrel where it was secured by a guide rod, greatly simplifying the machining of the interior of the slide. Other areas where they copied Browning were a heel-style magazine release, ribs on the barrel that mated to grooves on the frame to secure to two units together, and a shrouded, internal hammer. Another feature on some pistols are curved grasping grooves at the rear of the slide that could be cut quickly, and cheaply, with a simple lathe. Because of their place of origin, these handguns became known generically as "Eibar" pistols.

One of the most prominent manufacturers of Eibar pistols was a firm with the typically unpronounceable Basque name of Gabilondo y Urresti, which marketed its pistols in Latin America, the Balkans and the Far East under the trademark name "Ruby."

In 1915, Gabilondo offered the desperate French army the Ruby and quickly obtained an open-ended contract stipulating the delivery of 10,000 pistols per month. As the situation on the Western Front worsened, the contract was changed to 30,000 pistols per month, which was upped a few months later to 50,000!

While Gabilondo's bank manager must have been ecstatic, it quickly dawned upon Señores Gabilondo and Urresti that their small company (they only had about ten employees in 1914) could not possibly supply such numbers by themselves.

As would any self-respecting Basque entrepreneur, they quickly made agreements with a number of other Eibar gunmakers, each of whom agreed to produce 5,000 pistols per month for Gabilondo, who would oversee the process and be responsible for assuring that standards of quality control were enforced.

Pistols sold to the French had a one- or two-letter mark in an oval on the rear left of the frame that identified the manufacturer, irrespective of trademark name. In addition, pistols were stamped with a star, or pair of stars, on the bottom of the frame next to the magazine well when they were formally accepted for French service. Depending on how urgent the need for guns was when a shipment arrived, these were not always applied.

As the French—and later the Italians, Rumanians, and Greeks—clamored for Eibar pistols, additional subcontractors were taken onboard. By 1918, there were no fewer than 37 companies either providing pistols to Gabilondo, or selling them directly to the Allied armies.

**NUMBER CODES FOR MANUFACTURERS OF MILITARY EIBAR PISTOLS:**

<b>A:</b>	Gaspar Arizaga
<b>AA:</b>	Azanza y Arrizabalaga
<b>AE:</b>	La Armeria Elgoibaresa, Eligobar
<b>AG:</b>	Francisco Arizmendi y Goenaga,
<b>AK:</b>	Fabrica de Armas Alkartasuna, SA *
<b>AL:</b>	Aldazabal, Leturiondo y Cia
<b>AZ:</b>	Arizmendi, Zulaica y Cia
<b>BA:</b>	Fabrica de Bersaluzze Arieto-Aurena y Cia
<b>BC:</b>	Victor Bernedo y Cia
<b>BH:</b>	Beistegui Hermanos
<b>CU:</b>	unknown
<b>CZ:</b>	unknown
<b>EA:</b>	Arostegui Eulogio
<b>EC:</b>	Ergulaga y Cia
<b>EU:</b>	Esperanza y Unceta *
<b>GB:</b>	Gregorio Bolumburo
<b>GN:</b>	Garate, Anitua y Cia
<b>GU:</b>	Gabilondo y Urresti
<b>HE:</b>	Hijos de A. Echeverria
<b>I:</b>	Bonifacio Echeverria
<b>IG:</b>	Isidrio Gatzanaga
<b>IO:</b>	La Industria Obrea
<b>IS:</b>	Iraola y Salaverria y Cia
<b>JE:</b>	Javier Echaniz
<b>LC:</b>	Laplana y Capdevilla
<b>LH:</b>	Lasangabaster Hermanos
<b>MA:</b>	Martin Bascaran
<b>MB:</b>	Fa de Martin A. Bascaran
<b>MS:</b>	Modesto Santos
<b>RG:</b>	unknown
<b>RH:</b>	Retolaza Hermanos,
<b>TM:</b>	unknown
<b>UC:</b>	Urrejola y Cia
<b>VD:</b>	unknown
<b>VB:</b>	Victor Bernado y Cia
<b>ZC:</b>	Zulaica y Cia

\* - factory located in Guernica, Spain



**A French gunner poses with a Fusil Mitrailleur Modéle 1915 CSRG (the much hated "Chauchat" machine rifle) and his Ruby pistol during WW1.**



**This Japanese kamikaze pilot has a Ne Plus Ultra pistol in his sash. It was an Eibar-type pistol with a 22-round magazine.**

As each company subcontracted out the production of its own components, the result were pistols whose quality ranged from good to abysmal, while interchangeability of parts was a non-existent concept. Due to this, many minor variants exist; e.g. shorter grips for seven round magazines; longer barrels and slides; barrels that extend past the slide; different shaped grip frames, etc.

In French service, the 7.65mm Browning was known as the Cartouche de 7,65 pour P.A. and consisted of a straight-walled, semi-rimmed case 17mm long, which contained a 71 gr. FMJ bullet moving at a nominal muzzle velocity of 900 fps. By American and British army standards it was a joke as a combat cartridge, but most



European armies and police forces felt it was a perfectly adequate close range, defensive cartridge.

As demand continued to grow, the quality of some companies' pistols fell even further, with many being delivered with poorly heat-treated parts, which led to high levels of breakage, and thus demand for more pistols. Wait a minute—do you see a pattern here?

While these were indeed good times for the gunmakers of Eibar, the poor quality of many of the French-contract pistols would stigmatize Spanish handguns as cheap and unreliable for decades to come.

Regardless of who made them, in French service these pistols were known as the 7,65mm Pistolet Automatique Type Ruby, and were issued by the tens of thousands to officers and enlisted men of the *L'Armée Française*. By the time the Great War ended, the French had purchased in excess of 700,000 Eibar pistols, which saw service on every battlefield around the world that the Poilu fought and bled upon.

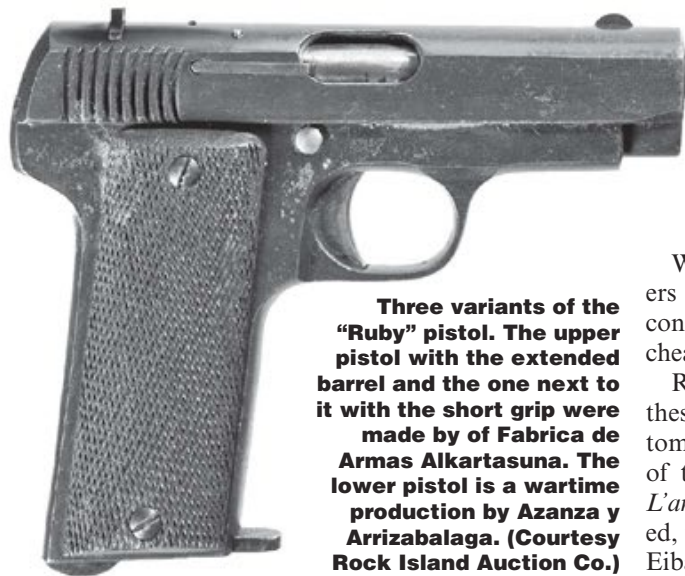
In the post-war years, the French continued to issue the Ruby to their army and local police forces, in addition

to supplying pistols to Finland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland. During the 1930s, the French army reconditioned many Ruby pistols, riveting a stud to the left side of the slide, which prevented the safety from accidentally disengaging when the pistol was thrust into a holster.

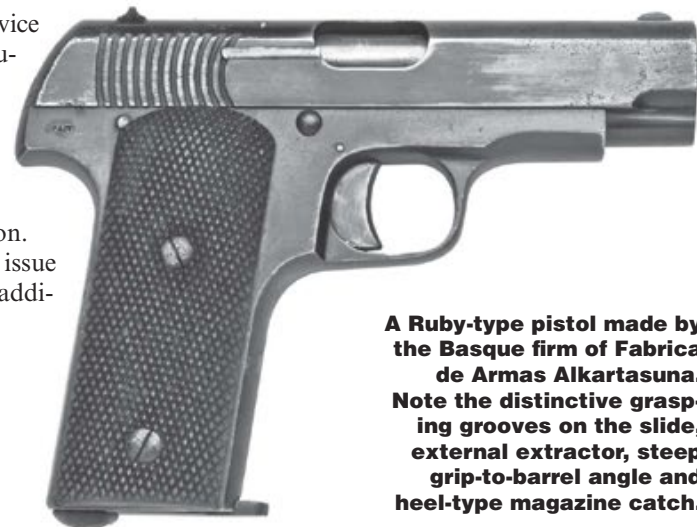
With the end of French contracts, Gabilondo y Arresti—as did several of their primary subcontractors—ceased production of the Ruby and moved on to better-quality pistols. However, many of the firms that made them during the war, and others formed in the postwar years, continued to manufacture Ruby pistols for the Latin American, Balkan and Far Eastern markets, primarily China and Japan. It is estimated that in excess of one million Ruby/Eibar-type pistols were manufactured before the general breakdown of industry during the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939).

Demand for 7.65mm pistols in France remained high, so much so that several French firms began manufacturing them, one of the most prolific being the Manufacture d'Armes des Pyrénées Françaises (MAPF). In the post-war years, the MAPF produced a series of Eibar-type pistols of much better quality under the brand name "Unique." The Unique Modèle 17 mimicked the appearance and function of the Ruby, and considerable numbers of them were purchased by the French army in the 1930s to replace its aging Ruby pistols.

When World War II erupted, many French reservists were still equipped with Ruby pistols. After the fall of France, many of these surrendered pistols were issued to German occupation forces as the 7,65mm Pistole 624(f).



**Three variants of the "Ruby" pistol. The upper pistol with the extended barrel and the one next to it with the short grip were made by of Fabrica de Armas Alkartasuna. The lower pistol is a wartime production by Azanza y Arrizabalaga. (Courtesy Rock Island Auction Co.)**



**A Ruby-type pistol made by the Basque firm of Fabrica de Armas Alkartasuna. Note the distinctive grasping grooves on the slide, external extractor, steep grip-to-barrel angle and heel-type magazine catch.**



**The "Royal" pistol, made by Arizmendi, Zulaica y Cia, featured a longer barrel and 12-round magazine. Sort of a Ruby on steroids? (Courtesy Rock Island Auction Co.)**



**«DANTON»  
TYPE POLICEMAN**

N.<sup>o</sup> 80. — DANTON Cal. 7,65  
A. 9 coups • shot,  
B. 12 " " " "  
N.<sup>o</sup> 82. — RUBY EXTRA Cal. 7,65, 22 shot.

The strong and reliable automatic which we manufacture for 9 and 12 shot (please state in your order-sheet the model you like to receive). — Weight 800 grs. We furnish a similar model (Ruby Extra, Cal. 7,65, which is built for 22 shot and may be called a small machine gun. — Weight 1,000 grs.

**The Ruby "Danton" was another Eibar-type pistol with a 22-round magazine.**

After France's surrender, the Wehrmacht took control of MAPF, which between 1941 and 1944 produced 30,000 Modèle 17 pistols for the Germans.

The Germans had MAPF modify the Modèle 17, including replacing the internal hammer with an external ring-type hammer, adding a magazine-disconnect safety and an arched backstrap on the grip frame. Known in Wehrmacht service as the 7,65mm Pistole "Unique" *Kriegsmodell* (f), approximately 18,000 were manufactured.

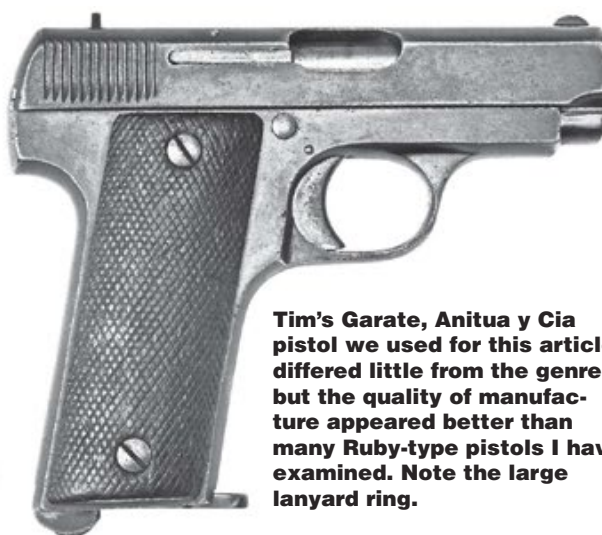
Ruby pistols also saw wide use with the army and police of the collaborationist Vichy government and Free French military units and resistance forces. Some even showed up on both sides during the post-war colonial conflicts in Indochina and Algeria.

Fellow collector Tim Hawkins kindly lent me a Gárate & Anita y Cia pistol to photograph and test fire. Better known for copies of Smith & Wesson top break revolvers in .455 that it produced for the British during WWI, the Basque firm began manufacturing Eibar-type pistols in late 1915, and continued to do so until the 1920s.

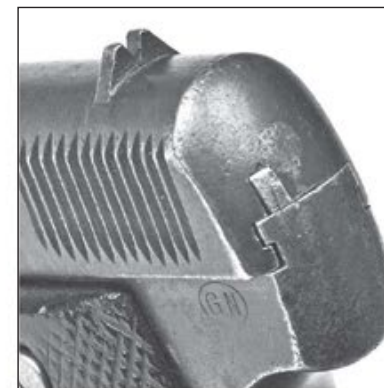
Tim's pistol was quite worn, was fitted with a lanyard ring, had large sights and a horrible trigger. It was sadly lacking in the ergonomics department. The steep grip-



Ruby pistols could be disassembled into five basic components rather quickly. Note the rather massive construction (for a .32 pistol) of the various parts.



Tim's Garate, Anita y Cia pistol we used for this article differed little from the genre, but the quality of manufacture appeared better than many Ruby-type pistols I have examined. Note the large lanyard ring.



The Garate, Anita y Cia's rear sight was basic to the extreme and non-adjustable. Note the circled "GN" manufacturers mark.



Markings on the Garate, Anita y Cia's slide were in Spanish, but note the "FEU" near the safety lever is the French word for "FIRE."



This photo shows a group of Maquis guerrillas armed with a No. 4 Lee-Enfield, M1 Carbine and Sten Guns. Note the American GI on the left is examining a Ruby pistol. (U.S. Army photo)



Members of the French resistance man barricades during the Paris Uprising. Several of them are armed with Ruby-type pistols.

to-frame angle made it necessary to consciously lift the muzzle when aiming; the safety lever was poorly positioned and difficult to manipulate; and the sharp lip of the magazine base plate galled the shooter's hand. Lastly,

the sights—a tall, narrow V-notch rear and round blade front—sorely tried my 60-something year old eyes.

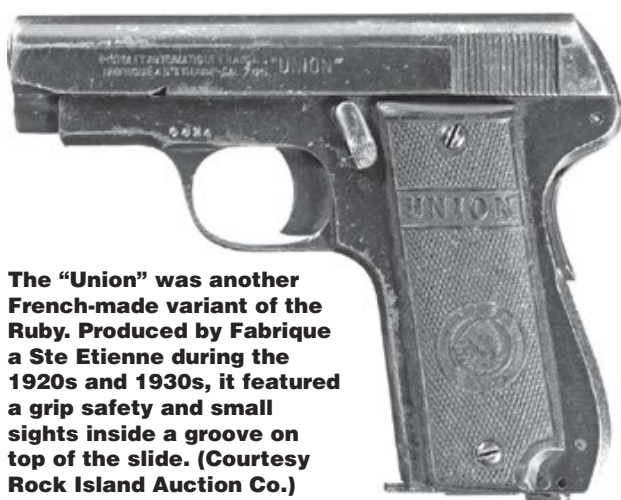
Markings on the left side of the slide included *PISTOLA AUTOMATIC CALIBRE 765* surmounting *GÁRATE ANITUA & CIA - EIBAR (ESPAÑA)*. At the left rear of the frame, was the manufacturer's code, *G.N.*, in an oval, while stars were stamped on either side of the magazine release, proving this had indeed been issued to the French army during WWI. Tim also provided an original French army flap holster, which had pouches for two spare magazines, oddly enough, inside the holster body.

Considering the age and condition of this Pistolet Basque, I decided to err on the side of caution and did not test fire it. After all, discretion is the better part of damaging someone else's pistol. (Or myself!)

In conclusion, I must admit that even though Ruby pistols were quite possibly the most widely used combat handgun of World War I, I can find few redeeming things to say about them. If I were a mud-splattered, Gauloises-smoking Poilu, I would have gotten my hands on a *Modèle 1892* revolver even if I had to beg, borrow, buy or steal one.

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The "Union" was another French-made variant of the Ruby. Produced by Fabrique a Ste Etienne during the 1920s and 1930s, it featured a grip safety and small sights inside a groove on top of the slide. (Courtesy Rock Island Auction Co.)

**7,65MM PISTOLET AUTOMATIQUE TYPE RUBY (GÁRATE, ANITUA Y CIA)**

Caliber:	Cartouche de 7,65 pour P.A.
Overall Length:	6 in.
Barrel Length:	3.125 in.
Weight:	30 oz. (unloaded)
Magazine:	9 rounds
Sights:	Front: Blade Rear: V-notch
Grips:	Checkered wood



**New from CZ-USA is the CZ 527 Synthetic Suppressor-Ready carbine. Available in 300 Blackout and 7.62x39mm, it comes from the factory threaded for a sound suppressor. A lot of features for \$748 MSRP. LaRue Tactical's TranQuilo sound suppressor was used during testing and proved very effective. Price is a reasonable \$699.**

In the last ten years, there has been an increasing interest in sound suppressors here in the United States. More and more shooters and hunters have become interested in the benefits they offer leading to an explosion of sales, especially over the past five years. Many shooters, after having the opportunity to shoot a suppressed firearm, immediately recognized the benefits. They, in turn, would buy one, let others try it, and the cycle would continue. The “mystery” also has been removed from legally purchasing a sound suppressor. No longer do you need to try to figure out the paperwork and procedure yourself. Websites with detailed, step-by-step information abound to walk you through the purchasing process. Due to this, more shooters than ever are interested in

purchasing sound suppressors for recreational shooting, competition, hunting and the health of themselves and their loved ones.

As sound suppressor sales took off, and interest in them grew, the firearms industry noted and responded to this new market. While many firearms, such as AR-15s, can easily mount a sound suppressor due to their threaded muzzles, it's a different story for many traditional designs. This is especially true for bolt-action rifles, which typically do not feature muzzle threads. So if a rifleman wanted to add a sound suppressor to his favorite bolt gun, he typically had to send it out to have the muzzle threaded. This is a bit of a hassle and another added expense shooters previously swallowed to shoot quietly.

The world we live in is changing though, and more and more companies are adding models that come from the factory ready to accept a sound suppressor. The CZ 527 in 7.62x39mm seen here is just such an example. New from CZ-USA, the CZ 527 Synthetic Suppressor-Ready comes with properly cut 5/8x24 muzzle threads. This makes mounting the sound suppressor of your choice as easy as possible, out of the box. Available in two calibers, 300 AAC Blackout and 7.62x39mm, this handy and compact little bolt gun is sure to appeal to many.

When *Firearms News* was offered the opportunity to have a first look at this new model I pondered which caliber to select. While the 300 AAC Blackout seems like a natural, I chose the 7.62x39mm instead. Why select this



# THE SUPPRESSOR- READY CZ 527!

**CZ-USA'S HANDY 7.62X39MM BOLT GUN  
NOW ACCEPTS A SOUND SUPPRESSOR**

By David M. Fortier  
Photos by Author and Neal Shera

old Combloc cartridge over the darling of the shoot-quiet crowd? Well, for a couple reasons, actually. The first is that 7.62x39mm is widely available in not only economical steel-case loads, but also a host of modern expanding domestic offerings as well. Winchester, Hornady, Wolf and Federal all offer excellent loads with modern bullets, which expand reliably. Also, for the handloader reloading data, components and dies are all readily available.

My third reason for choosing this model is one most do not consider, the compact 7.62x39mm is an excellent candidate for subsonic ammunition. Some companies do offer subsonic 7.62x39mm ammunition, and I have been shooting factory subsonic loads in this caliber for well over a decade. It's also noteworthy to point out that the

Soviets fielded suppressed AKM rifles with a 200-grain subsonic load. These saw use in Afghanistan and elsewhere, so I was interested to see what a suppressed 7.62x39mm bolt gun could do.

There are few rifles that garner the world-wide respect the 1898 Mauser does. Designed to endure the hardships of a military life, the '98 has given yeoman service around the globe. With a rugged and reliable action, the '98 Mauser is one of the few military arms to be openly embraced by hunters and target shooters alike. Hunters appreciated the action's good looks, strength and positive feeding. Down through the years, game large and small, have been taken on the various continents with custom sporters built around this action. Target shooters were also quick to note

the accuracy potential of the '98. Numerous matches and competitions, both formal and informal, have been taken by target rifles built on Mauser's venerable 1898 action.

Today, more than a century after its introduction, the 1898 Mauser is still going strong. One company in particular, Ceska Zbrojovka (CZ) of the Czech Republic, continues a long tradition of building fine hunting rifles on this famous action. An old well-established European company whose history dates back to 1936, CZ has earned a reputation for manufacturing quality firearms. Today, CZ-USA offers an extensive line of handguns as well as sporting rifles.

The CZ 527 is built on a tiny, modified '98 Mauser action. While not a straight 1898 clone, it shares all the

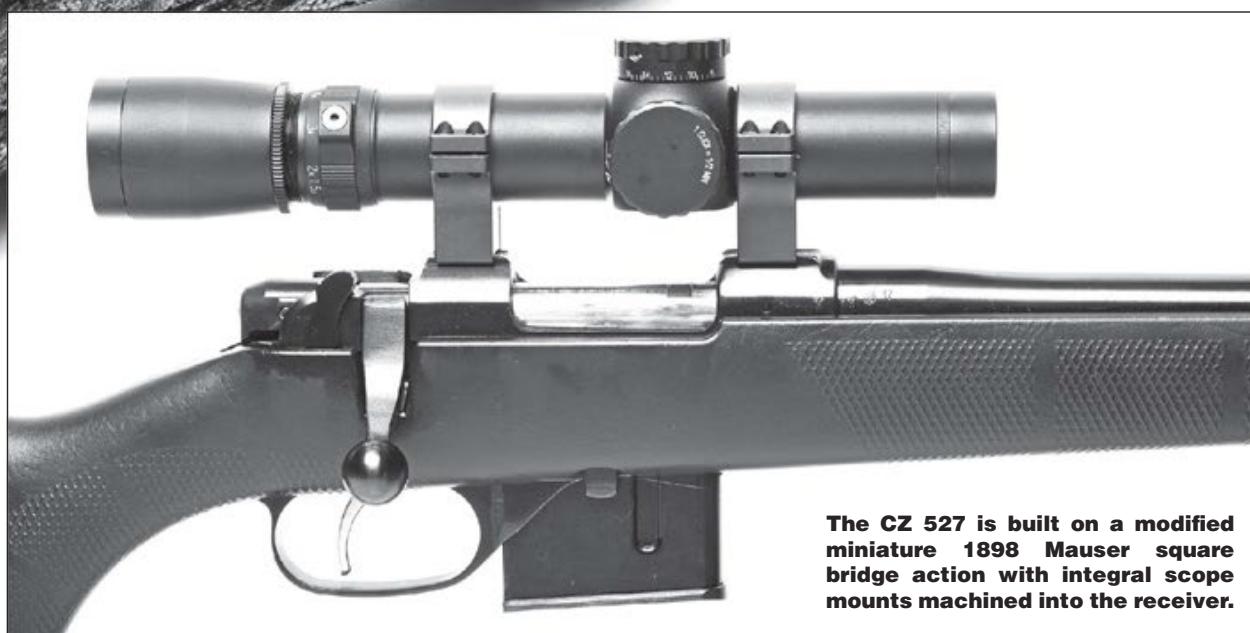
**SUPPRESSOR-READY CZ 527!**



**The CZ 527 Synthetic Suppressor-Ready carbine was designed specifically for the US market. It dispenses with the iron sights and adds a black polymer stock.**



**The new Suppressor-Ready model features a threaded barrel with pronounced shoulder allowing suppressor mounts, like this one from LaRue Tactical, to be easily mounted.**



**The CZ 527 is built on a modified miniature 1898 Mauser square bridge action with integral scope mounts machined into the receiver.**

virtues inherent in the famous 1898 Mauser system. The action is extremely rugged and features dual-opposed locking lugs on the front of the bolt. A massive extractor claw runs the length of the bolt, providing controlled round-feeding. This precludes the possibility of an operator-induced double-feed under stress, and points to the action's military heritage. Primary extraction and cocking are on the opening stroke.

A square bridge design, the CZ 527 features 16mm scope mounts machined directly into the receiver. This makes mounting an optical sight straightforward with no need to acquire separate bases. Mated to the front of the receiver is a handy 16.5-inch cold hammer forged barrel. This features a 1-9.5-inch twist, allowing use with a wide range of bullet weights. The muzzle is specifically designed to accept a suppressor or suppressor mount with standard 5/8x24 threads and a slightly oversize shoulder. Unlike some of CZ's other models the Synthetic Suppressor-Ready dispenses with barrel mounted iron sights.

The barreled action is dropped into a rugged black synthetic stock. Designed for the American rifleman, it features a 13.5-inch length of pull and distinctly American, rather than Central European, aesthetics. The polymer stock features a black rubber recoil pad and sling studs on the fore-end and toe of the stock. The front stud can be used to mount a bipod, sling or both.

Rather than a traditional internal box magazine, the CZ 527 feeds from convenient, detachable box maga-

zines. The magazine is a nicely made steel, single-column design. It holds five rounds, inserts with a simple upward push and is easily removed. The magazine release is located on the right side of the receiver.

Another departure from the original 1898 design is the safety. It has been moved from the rear of the bolt to the right side of the action. This is a definite plus if an optical sight is to be mounted.

The addition of a single set trigger is a desirable feature of the 527. The rifleman can "set" it by simply pushing forward on the trigger until it clicks. It then provides an extremely light single-stage pull. This is a very useful feature especially when firing for accuracy from the bench. The single set trigger is one feature I really like about CZ-USA rifles although I love the classic look of a double-set design.

This model is just 35 inches long and weighs only 5.9 pounds, making it very compact and handy. Finish is a handsome blue, and the MSRP is \$748.

With rifle in hand, I needed a suitable optic for it. I was looking for something that complimented the CZ without being too big or heavy. Plus, I wanted something with a useful reticle for extending the distance a bit. I settled on a Leupold Tactical Mark IV, 1.5-5x20mm MR/T. The model I chose has a BDC reticle designed for use with both super and subsonic 300 Blackout ammunition. It provides holdovers to 850 yards for supersonic ammunition and 400 yards for subsonic ammunition. The exterior ballistics of the 300 Blackout and 7.62x39mm are very

close, so I thought I would give it a try. Not only is this scope the perfect size but the magnification is also a good match for the performance of this handy little rifle. Better yet, the combination was pleasing to the eye.

Every rifle needs a sling, so I contacted Brownells to try one of the 1/4" brown leather Montana slings it offers. Crafted from thick, high-quality bridle leather, it features a unique adjustment knot braided into the leather. This allows the rifleman to quickly adjust the sling by sliding it. No buckles to adjust, just grab it and go. Once adjust-

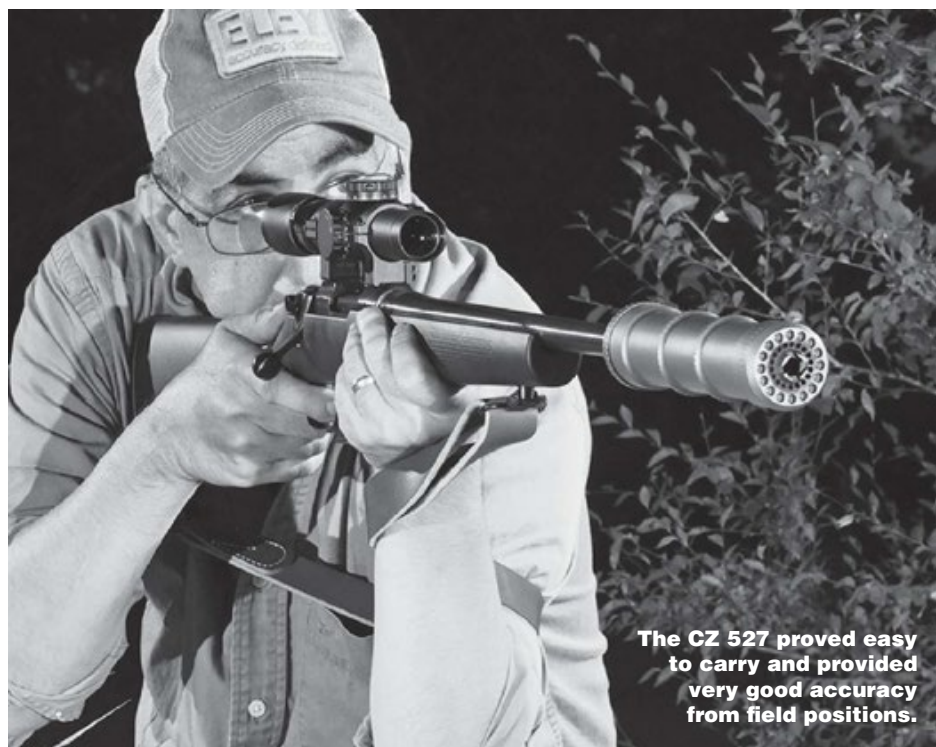


**A look at the CZ's short bolt. Note the long claw extractor and dual locking lugs.**





**A 1.5-5x20mm Leupold Mark IV MR/T scope, mounted using a set of CZ rings, complimented the small bolt gun nicely.**



**The CZ 527 proved easy to carry and provided very good accuracy from field positions.**

ed, the design of the knot keeps it in place. It has a certain look you will either love or hate. The quality is first-rate though, with nice, thick leather and quality stitching. Sling swivels are included, so it's ready to mount. While not cheap at \$50.57, it's an interesting design.

There's no point in having a suppressor-ready rifle without having a sound suppressor handy, so I removed the factory thread protector the CZ comes with and replaced it with a 5/8x24 LaRue Tacticals TranQuilo muzzle brake/sound suppressor adapter. By itself, this unit acts as a conventional muzzle brake to reduce felt recoil and muzzle movement. Plus, it looks cool. More importantly, it also acts as a mounting adapter for LaRue Tactical's TranQuilo sound suppressor. The TranQuilo was specifically designed for the Larue family of semi-automatic precision rifles and reduces the report to hearing safe levels and almost eliminates flash. What sets this unit apart though, is its Safer Operator Technology (SOT,) which reduces gas blow-back emitted from the ejection port of an AR rifle.

While designed for use on AR-15-type rifles, I've used the TranQuilo on a variety of designs. Calibers I've personally shot through it include 7.62x51mm NATO, .260 Rem, .25-08, 6.5mm Grendel, 300 Blackout, 5.56x45mm, and now 7.62x39mm. Performance has been excellent. Manufactured from 17-4 PH Stainless Steel and Incoloy A-286, the TranQuilo is eight inches in length and weighs 23 ounces. Retail price on the TranQuilo is \$699.

With optic and sound suppressor mounted, I only needed ammunition. I selected three popular 7.62x39mm loads for testing. These consisted of Hornady's 123-grain SST, Winchester's 120-grain PDX1 Defender Split Core Hollow Point, and Wolf Performance Ammunition's Military Classic 123-grain FMJ. Both the Hornady and Wolf loads feature steel cartridge cases, while the Winchester load features nickel-finished cases. Both the Hornady and Winchester loads feature expanding projectiles suitable for medium-sized game or self-protection. The Wolf load is very economical, allowing lots of practice and recreation for a small outlay of cash.

In addition to these loads, I also included one subsonic load from Engel Ballistic Research (EBR,) Inc. This was its old 220-grain subsonic FMJ load originally intended for use in suppressed 7.62x39mm AR carbines. Many years ago, the company's founder, Whit Engel, and I attended an Advanced Tactical Marksman Observer course together. I

learned about his company and what he was doing and was impressed. While this is an older load no longer offered, it was what I had in the ammo bunker. Currently EBR, offers two subsonic 7.62x39mm loads, a 220-grain "Jackhammer" SP and a 220-grain "Ghost" Expander. The latter is a solid-copper design that expands. Many shooters are unaware of factory 7.62x39mm subsonic ammunition, so I thought I would include what I had on hand, even though it is no longer available. I felt it would give readers an idea of the possibilities.

The CZ 527 Synthetic Suppressor-Ready carbine was shot from a rest with rear bag at 100 yards to evaluate accuracy. Four five-shot groups were fired with each load. Velocity readings were measured with a LabRadar Doppler radar chronograph. When I first took the CZ out of the shipping box, I noted the barrel was not quite centered in the barrel channel of the stock. It was bearing to the right side, and I was worried this would affect accuracy as the barrel heated. The action was a bit on the rough side, and required a bit of force to work, fresh out of the box.

The CZ 527's single-stack magazine loaded to full capacity easily, and it snapped neatly into the rifle with a simple upward push. I could feel the bolt dragging slightly on the feed lips as I ran it forward. Even so, rounds

fed and chambered without issue. The CZ 527's trigger is good in its standard state, and well-suited for field use. Push it forward to its set position, and it is fantastic. It's extremely light and crisp. The set trigger is extremely useful when firing for group from the bench. Extraction and ejection was positive with zero issues.

I've shot a number of 7.62x39mm chambered CZ 527s over the years and while all performed well, none really stood out. This particular rifle, though, shot very well, and I posted the smallest group I have ever fired in this caliber. My best group of the day was fired using Hornady's 123-grain SST and measured an impressive 1.1 inches. This load averaged a respectable 1.5 inches at 2,328 fps. Wolf's 123-grain FMJ load posted a best of 1.2 inches and averaged 1.8 inches at 2,387 fps. Winchester's 120-grain PDX1 load opened up a bit and averaged 2.1 inches at 2,282 fps.

The EBR, Inc. 220-grain FMJ subsonic load had a point of impact 7.5 inches lower than the others, and two inches to the right. It posted a best of 1.7 inches and averaged 2.2 inches at 1,007 fps. It was quiet enough that I had a group of about 10 wild turkeys strut across my range while I was shooting. It fed and functioned with zero issues.

Next, I moved to running the CZ 527 on steel from field positions, shooting out to 550 yards. I have quite a



**Recoil was very mild, and the CZ 527 proved to be a fun and economical shooter.**

**CZ-USA's CZ 527 series has long been popular in the U.S. and is offered in a variety of configurations (like the wooden stock model seen here) and calibers.**



**Three supersonic loads were used, along with one subsonic, during testing. Note the 5-round detachable box magazine.**

bit of time behind a CZ 527 and always find them fun to shoot. They are very light, easy to carry all day hiking or hunting, and don't make your shoulder sag. When it's time to shoot, the CZ 527 is fast to the shoulder. It swings quickly and stops on a dime. Practical accuracy is very good. However, due to its very light weight, it doesn't hang as well from position as a heavier rifle would.

Keep in mind, the action does like to be run hard. This is partly due to the primary extraction and cocking both being on the opening stroke. Treat it like a 1960s vintage American 4-speed, and you'll be good. It will become smoother with use. The very short bolt throw aids speed, and it is a fun little rifle to shoot fast. Recoil is very mild, and with the LaRue muzzle brake, the rifle hardly moved, even on the bench. With the TranQuilo sound suppressor attached it was very pleasant to shoot with both standard and subsonic ammunition.

Practical accuracy was very good. I spent a bit of time snap shooting silhouettes at 100 yards, and then I shot them standing, and kneeling. I worked my way to 400-yards and began shooting prone with a hasty sling for support. I rocked the 400-yard target and moved on to 550 yards. This distance was rather challenging, with the wind really blowing the small bullets around, but I was able to frequently connect with the steel plates. The best part was the inexpensive nature of the Wolf ammo I was shooting at these distances.

A big part of the 7.62x39mm cartridge's allure is how inexpensive and widely available it is. With modern loads,



**Wolf Performance Ammunition's 123-grain FMJ load provided nice groups from the bench, despite its low price.**



**EBR, Inc.'s 220-grain FMJ subsonic load shot well at 100 yards, impacting about 7.5 inches below the supersonic loads.**

it works well on coyotes, pigs or whitetail, if a rifleman is selective with his shot placement. Inexpensive ammunition facilitates both more practice and more fun with friends and the family. The mild recoil also makes it well-suited for anyone recoil-conscious.

I made the mistake of loaning the last CZ 527 I owned to a friend to use deer hunting. He fell in love with it and gave me a check back in its place. If a bolt gun in 7.62x39mm interests you, and you have, or are thinking of purchasing, a sound suppressor, you may want to consider CZ-USA's CZ 527 Synthetic Suppressor-Ready carbine. MSRP on this model is \$748. **FN**

### CZ-USA CZ 527 SYNTHETIC SUPPRESSOR-READY

**Action:** Manual turn bolt with dual-opposed front locking lugs

**Caliber:** 7.62x39mm

**Barrel:** 16.5 inches cold-hammer forged

**Rifling:** 1-9.5 inch twist

**Overall Length:** 35 inches

**Trigger:** Single Set trigger

**Sights:** None

**Feed:** 5-round detachable box magazines

**Stock:** Black polymer

**Length of Pull:** 13.5 inches

**Weight:** 5.9 pounds

**Finish:** Blue

**MSRP:** \$748.00

### CZ USA CZ 527 7.62X39MM ACCURACY AND VELOCITY CHART

Load	Velocity (fps)	Standard Deviation	100 yards (inches)
Hornady 123 grain SST	2328	14	1.5
Winchester 120 grain PDX1	2282	24.7	2.1
Wolf 123 grain FMJ	2387	18	1.8
EBR, Inc. 220 grain FMJ	1007	59.6	2.2

Groups are an average of four 5-shot groups fired from a rest at 100 yards. Velocity readings measured with a LabRadar Doppler chronograph at an ambient temperature of 78 degrees F 1,030 feet above Sea Level.

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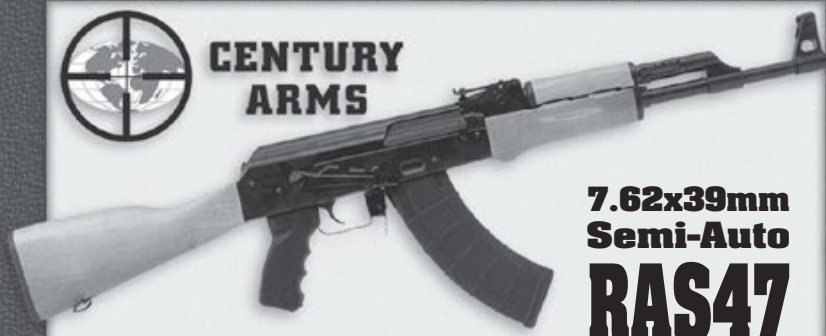
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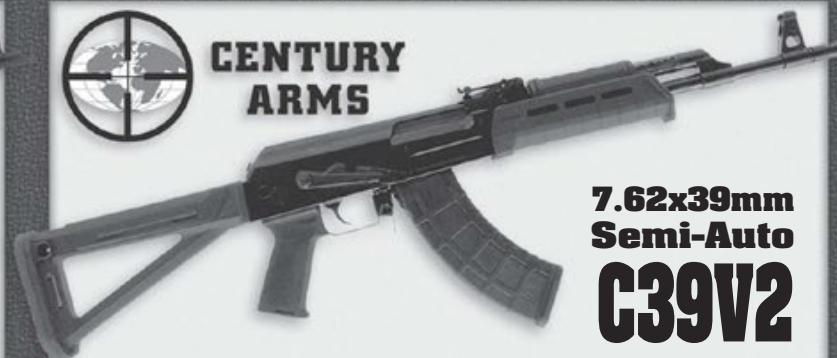
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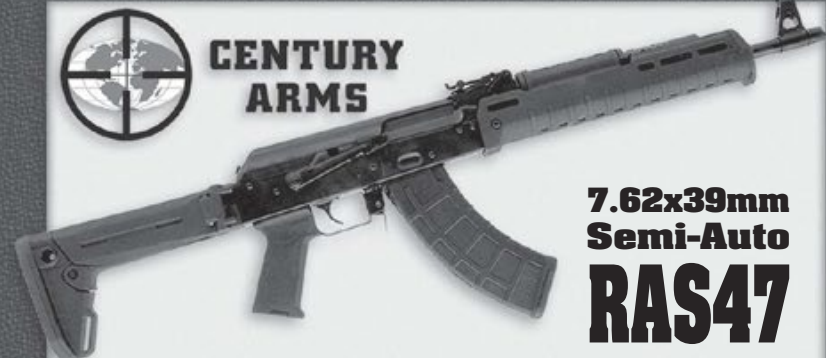
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YHM Flip-Up Rear Sight	add \$85
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- UTG Alum ..... \$35
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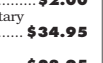
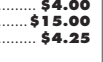
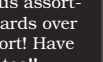
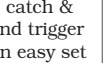
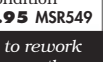
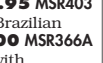
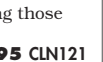
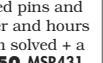
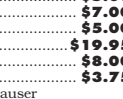
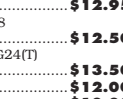
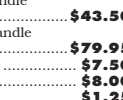
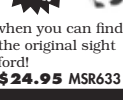
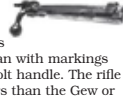
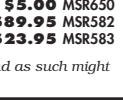
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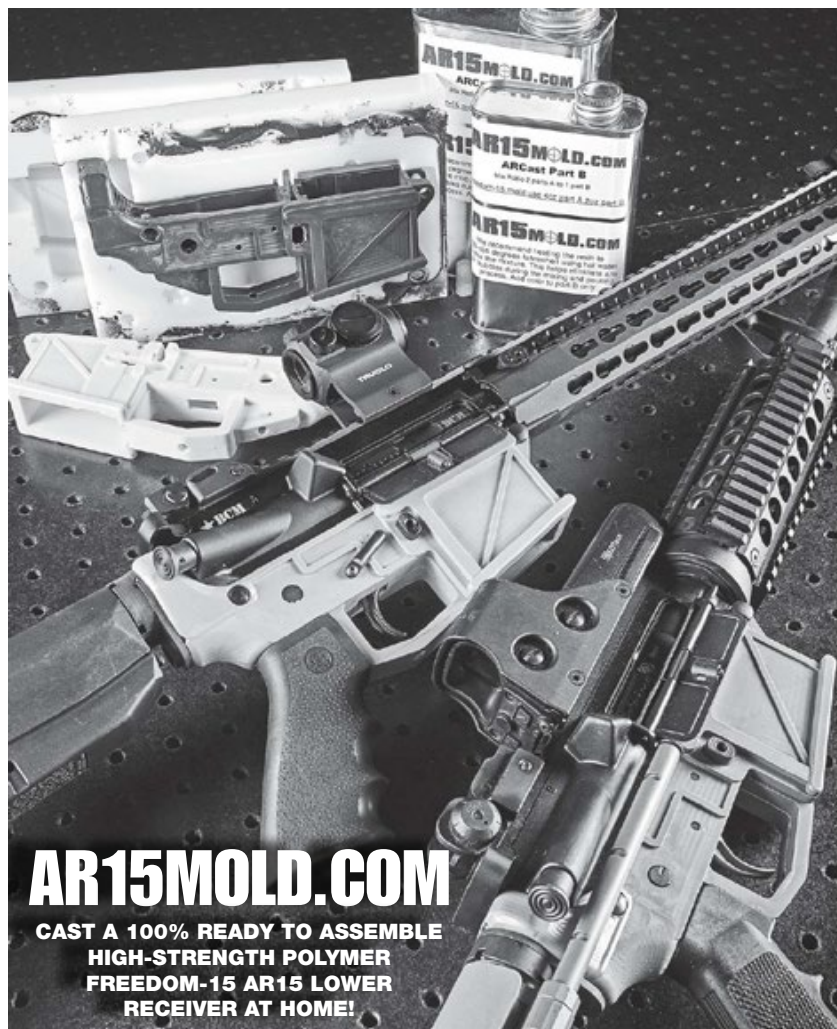
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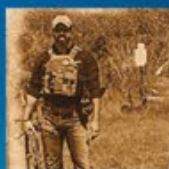
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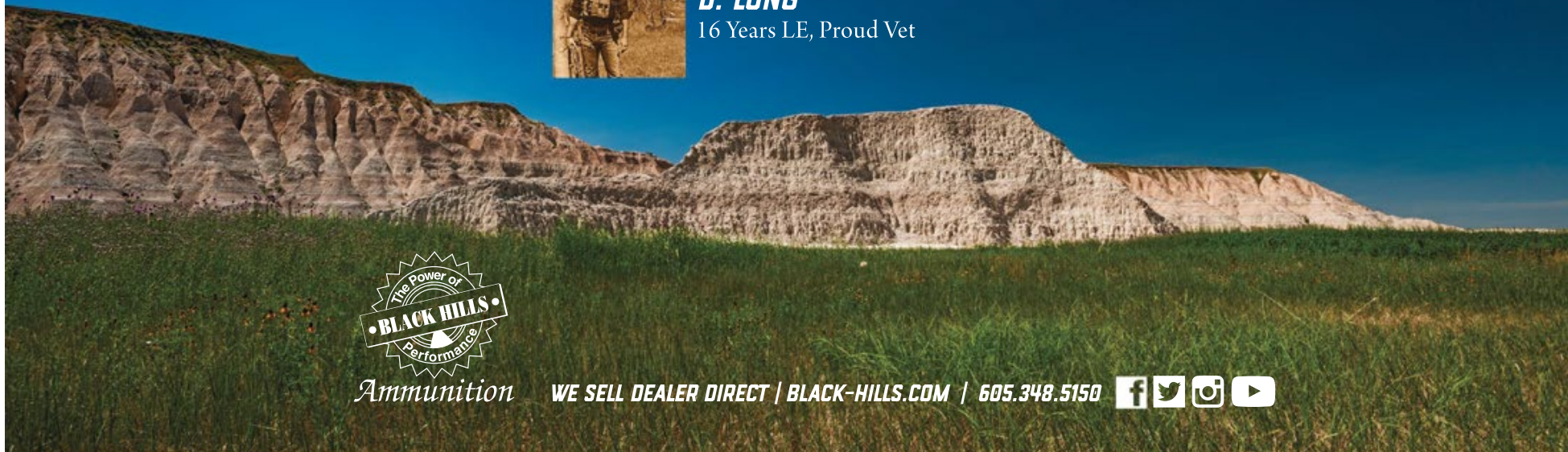


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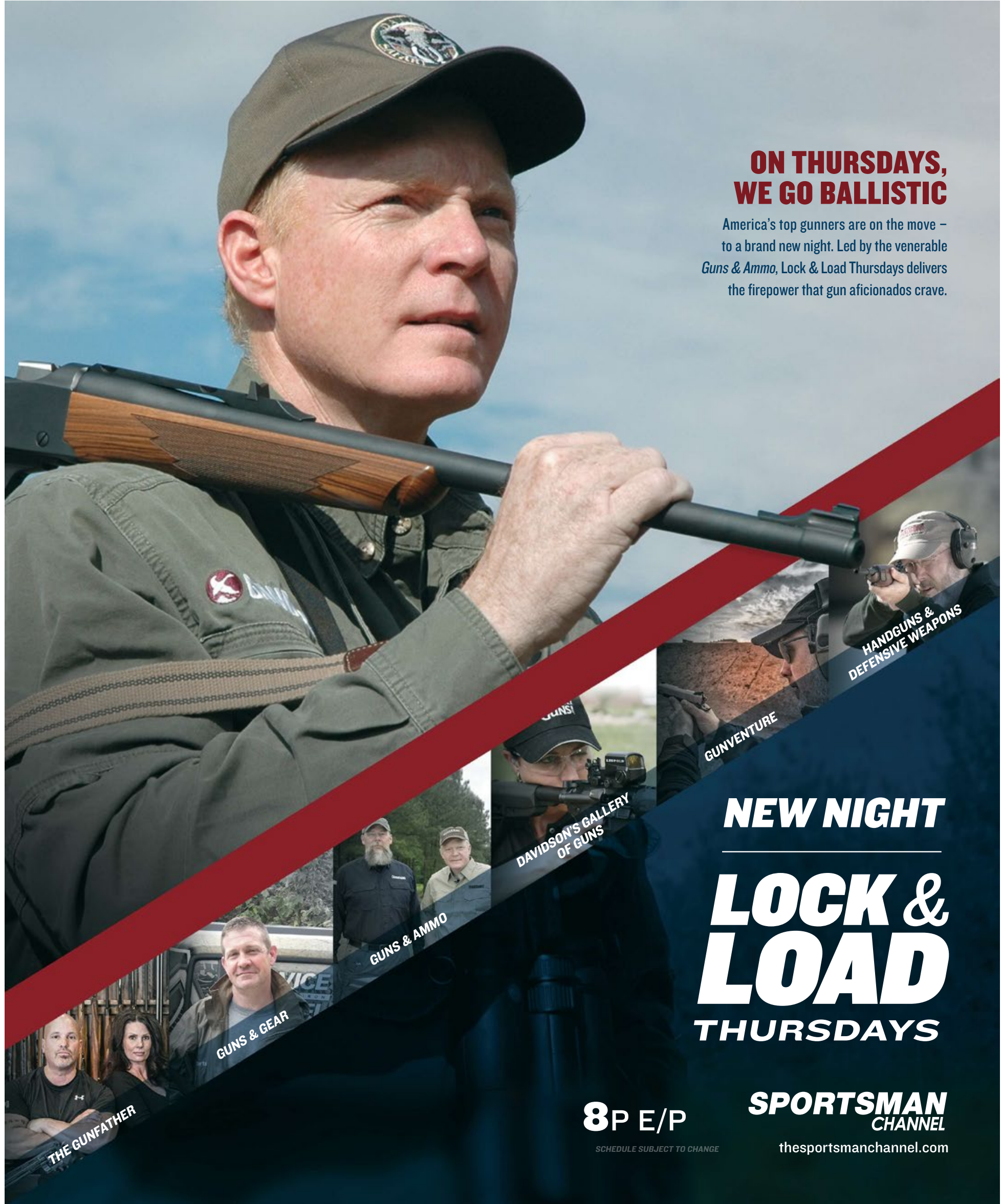
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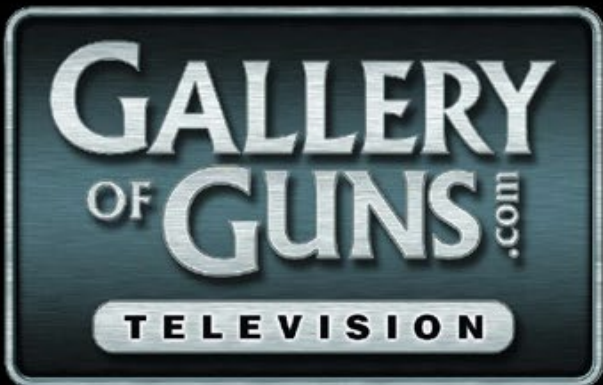
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