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THE AGE OF PRECISION

I've always hated the word, "plinking." Yes, I know I used it in great big letters on the cover of this very issue, but I did so because it's a term familiar among shooters of all disciplines—though the term is generally connected with the rimfire world. For most, plinking equals a .22 LR, a Sunday afternoon and empty aluminum cans.

I think the word sticks in my craw because, at least to me, it evokes a feeling of randomness. And, because it's associated so closely with shooting a .22 LR, it labels that timeless cartridge as a plinking-only option.

And that simply ain't so.

As the Vudoo Three60 on this issue's cover illustrates, putting together a 500-yard group with a .22 rimfire is no longer a daydream, and deforming a quarter at 200 yards is now more expected than hoped for.

And all this couldn't come at a better time. If you can find them, shooting 100 rounds of .22 LR ammo is going to cost you significantly less than pushing 100 rounds of .223 Rem. downrange.

That's not to say that the days of the "simple" guns are gone. If a bolt-action, blued-and-walnut rimfire still makes you tingle, there are plenty to be had from nearly every firearms manufacturer—and most are being infused with technologies once

reserved for their larger-caliber brethren. In short, you can buy a rimfire that looks like the one your grandpa had, but you can expect a heck of a lot more from it at the range while you're . . . um, plinking.

To avoid offending the .223/5.56 die-hards out there, it's certainly worth noting that the smallbore family is so much more diverse than the patriarchal .22 LR. And speaking of the .223, check out the feature within that puts Federal's .224 Valkyrie head-to-head with the reigning smallbore champ . . . and the challenger makes this a very close fight. Will the .224 Valk overrun the .223? Hell no, but if you're hunting for a new rifle, my advice is to do your homework thoroughly on this one.

And, if you think you know all there is to know about .22-caliber rimfires, I'd bet a buffalo nickel that Phil Massaro's feature on the history of that cartridge family surprises you a time or two.

Regardless of whether you're focused on precision or *plinking*, the age of Grandpa's .22 LR is gone, and it ain't coming back. You can—and should—expect more from today's smallbores . . . especially since this ammunition disaster we're all suffering through likely isn't going to release its grip any time soon. **GDTM**

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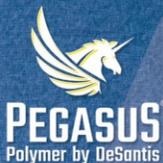
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HISTORICAL NOTES

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Further, the company said, “The .17 Win. Super Mag. offers the downrange performance of a centerfire cartridge at only a fraction of the cost. For the first time in history, hunters can expect pinpoint accuracy and devastating performance from a rimfire cartridge, at ranges well past 200 yards.”

One of Winchester’s goals with the new .17 was to keep it affordable. A box of 50 retails for about \$15—well, when it’s readily available, anyway—which is much cheaper than almost any centerfire varmint load.

According to a Winchester spokesman, “At 3,000 feet per second, it’s the fastest modern rimfire cartridge on the planet. The downrange energy deposited by the .17 Win. Super Mag. will be a game-changer for varmint and predator hunters everywhere.”

GENERAL COMMENTS

This round descended from a .27-caliber nail-gun blank, which only resembles this cartridge in rim diameter and

body diameter. The brass case is about half a grain thicker than the .17 HMR.

Maximum average internal pressure is 33,000 psi, which is about 7,000 psi higher than the .17 HMRs. It pushes a 20-grain bullet at 3,000 fps, 625 fps faster than the .17 HMR. In a 10-mph crosswind, the .17 WSM moves 7.3 inches at 200 yards, while the .17 HMR slides 16.6 inches.

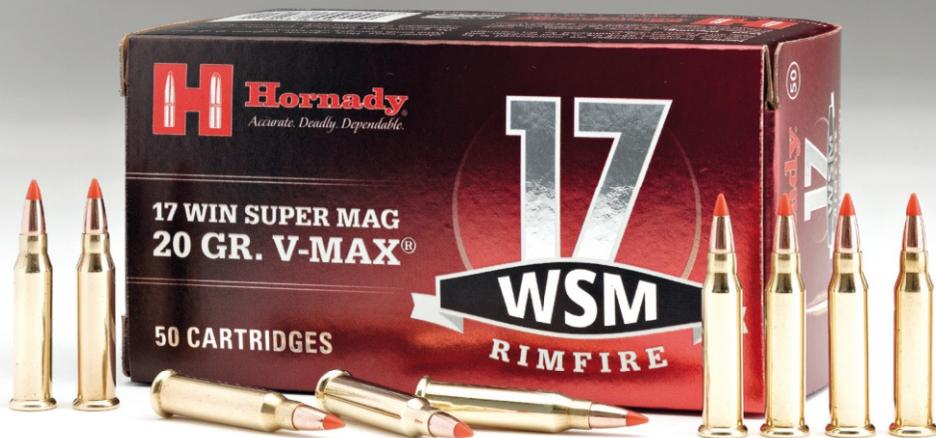
The .17 Win. Super Mag. was initially offered in three bullet types: a 20-grain

plastic tip in Varmint HV (High Velocity); 25-grain plastic tip in Varmint HE (High Energy); and a 20-grain jacketed hollow-point in Super-X.

The .17 Win. Super Mag. bullet delivers more than 150 percent greater energy than the .22 Win. Mag. or .17 HMR. The .17 WSM first-adopter rifles included the Savage B-Mag bolt action, Winchester 1885 Low Wall single shot, and the semi-automatic Franklin Armory F-17. **GDTM**

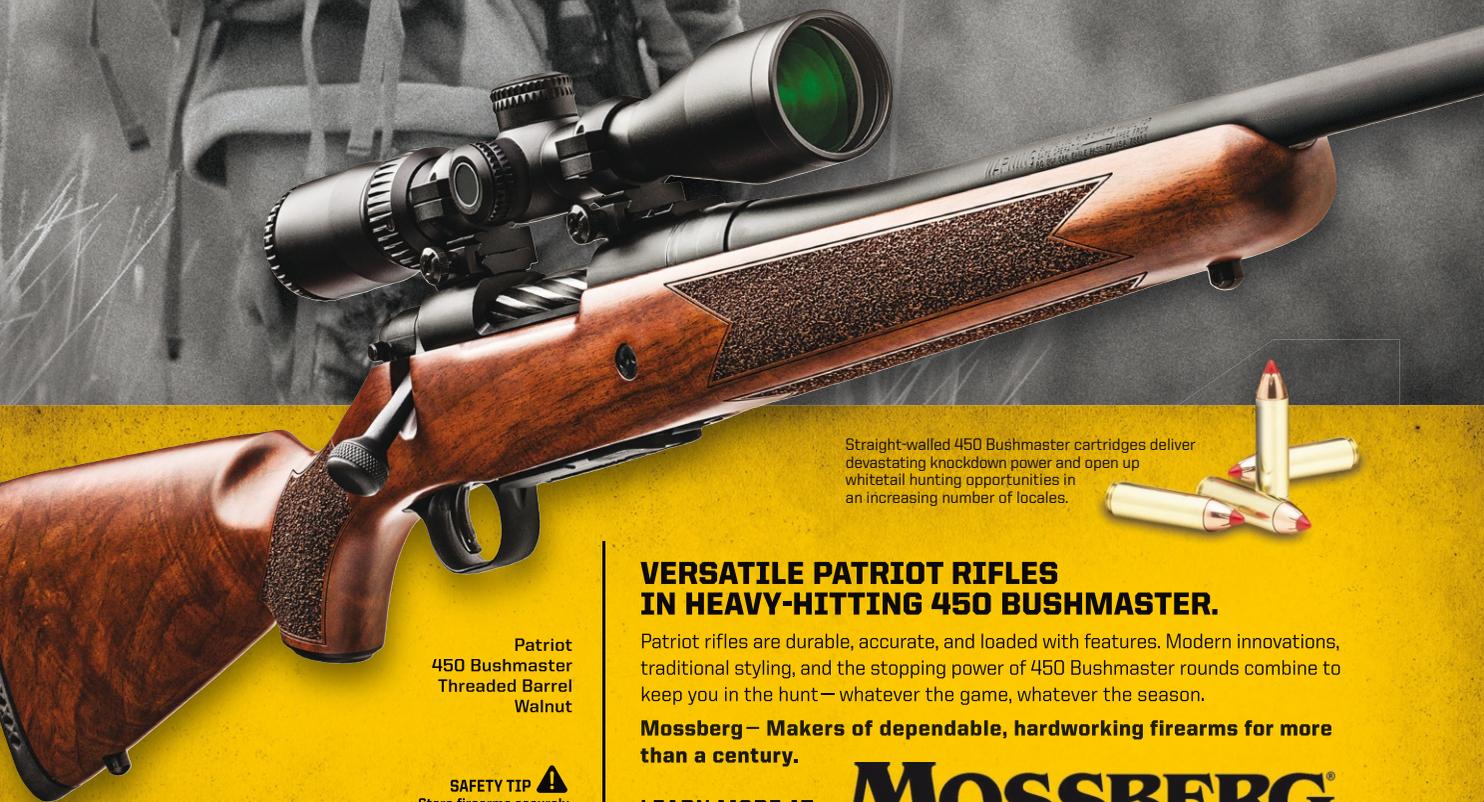
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Shadowland isn't some mythical place where mall ninjas, tactards and has-been or wannabe gunfighters go to drink whiskey and video themselves pontificating on their greatness. It's where I live; it's just a small hacienda and collection of shooting ranges hidden in the West Virginia Hills. But it was inspired by history—a history those who are students of the gun and gunfighters might be interested in.

When I went to work as a special agent for the railroad police, I met John Velke. Velke was writing a book on the history of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. I helped him with some research and even contributed a chapter to the book's second edition, which is mostly a chronological detailing of the organization and its founder's exploits between 1885 and 1930. But it was also something more. It was an introduction to a very prominent figure in American law enforcement, a gunfighter and a detective. Just as much as it was the history of a detective agency, the book was a biography of a man named William Gibboney Baldwin.

William Baldwin founded the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, and, in time, it became the Norfolk Western—now Norfolk Southern—Railroad Police Department. Baldwin

was a self-described “shootist” who had a storied law enforcement career, survived many gunfights, tracked down members of the Hatfield gang and even did some work for President Teddy Roosevelt. On the East Coast, around the turn of the century, Baldwin was every bit the legend Bat Masterson was in the West. My area of responsibility with the Norfolk Southern Police Department was the same area Baldwin covered during his tenure. His exploits were of extreme interest to me; I chased bad guys over the same ground he had, and I spent time behind a badge where he'd had shootouts and even survived an assassination attempt.

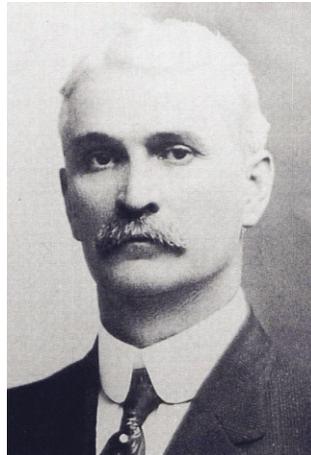
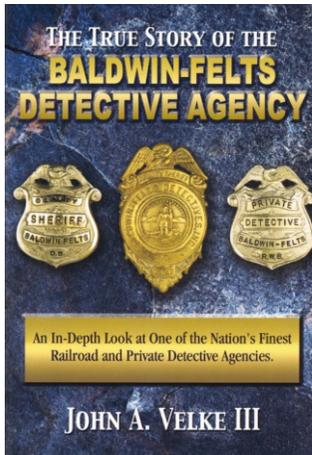
Baldwin's career began in 1885

in Charleston, West Virginia, when at age 25 he went to work for the Eureka Detective Agency. Shortly after, he opened his own agency in Bluefield, West Virginia, originally named the Virginia and West Virginia Railroad Detectives. In 1889, Baldwin became involved in one of his first gunfights. Attempting to arrest murderer Bill Moran, who was known as the Terror of Flat Top, two of Baldwin's detectives were badly wounded, and Baldwin was shot twice. But Moran never stood trial; his body was littered with lead.

A few years later, Baldwin was tried and acquitted for the murder of Henry Hawkes. Hawkes had pulled a gun on Baldwin during the attempted arrest of Hawkes' son.



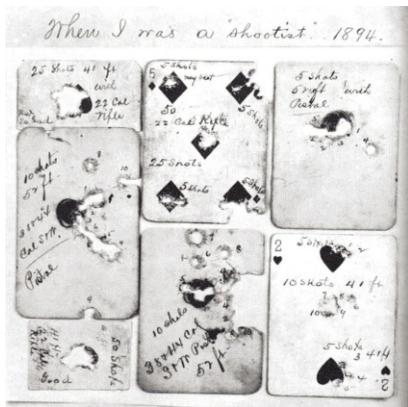
The Shadowland sign at the driveway entrance to this author's West Virginia home and shooting range.



Wicked Grips created these custom grips with the Shadowland logo for one of the author's 1911s.



This author's Special Agent credentials, 2005.



(Above left) Cover of the book, *The True Story of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency*, by John A. Velke III.

(Above) The great detective, gunslinger and shootist, William Gibboney Baldwin. (Image courtesy of John A. Velke III.)

(Left) Marksmanship cards of William G. Baldwin. Note the inscription at the top. (Image courtesy of John A. Velke III.)

tached to his suspenders. He also regarded himself as a shootist, as can be seen from the marksmanship cards he saved from 1894. His marksmanship ability is also unquestionable based on the 52-foot (17-yard) 10-shot group measuring about 2.4 inches. He was known to carry a Smith & Wesson 38-44 revolver, as well as a very rare Mauser Zig Zag revolver.

Baldwin named his Troutville, Virginia, estate Shadowland. After collaborating with Velke on the second edition of his book, my wife and I decided if we ever had a piece of ground worth naming, we'd do the same. This was somewhat ironic since our first home—a used 1979 single-wide trailer we'd lived in when I first became a police officer—was set in a mobile home park called "Shadow Wood."

If you turn up the driveway to our hillbilly plantation/shooting range, you'll see a sign that says, "Shadowland." Nope, it's nothing swanky, and it's a long way from an antebellum mansion. But it's our home, our castle. It's where we live, shoot and hunt. And it's where we raise kids who do the same, and who've also been trained to accept that they're their own first responder. It's also a historic tribute to one of the most storied lawmen to ever chase down a bad man. **GDTM**

Baldwin swiftly pulled a revolver and promptly shot Hawkes in the head. During the trial, Baldwin testified that while in the employ of the Norfolk & Western Railroad—one of his many clients—he had shot 13 men. Celebrated Western lawmen the likes of Masterson and Earp have the reputation of being fearsome gun-wielding pistoleers, but reliable documentation to support all their so-called gunfights combined doesn't equal those of Baldwin. Had Baldwin's escapades occurred west of the Mississippi, he'd have likely eclipsed both these American icons in popularity.

Sadly, due to strike-breaking work conducted by the Baldwin Felts Detective agency, the organization developed a tainted and feared name in the coal fields of southern West Virginia, western Virginia and eastern Kentucky. So dreaded was a "railroad detective" in these areas, they're still

more feared there than local, state and even federal law enforcement officers. It's unfortunate that those events shade the amazing and adventurous career of Baldwin. He and his agency were engaged in several criminal cases of great importance, and they also worked diligently to protect American transportation interests during World War I.

Additionally, Baldwin was partly responsible for American law enforcement's adoption of fingerprinting as a method of identification. He was part of a three-man International Association of Chiefs of Police committee that included New York City Police Sergeant Joseph Faurot—who is now considered the father of fingerprinting—and famed detective William Pinkerton. Baldwin took the lead on this committee and traveled to London for conference with Scotland Yard on the fingerprinting process.

There's no doubt Baldwin was a gun guy. It's reported that he had a special holster crafted to conceal a handgun in his trousers that was at-

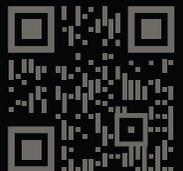


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Knowledge is your best defense, both during a confrontation and in the courtroom.

The Kyle Rittenhouse trial is currently playing out while I write this column, and Rittenhouse will know his fate by the time this is printed. Regardless of the outcome, there's one compelling aspect to his defense that merits discussing: the young man's courtroom testimony.

Given his youthful age and the pressure he was under, I felt he did fine. However, his testimony could've been so much more effective, given a little

better preparation from his defense attorneys, and a lot more knowledge about self-defense legalities and considerations from Rittenhouse.

This is where an armed citizen can do themselves a huge favor by educating themselves regarding what the law says about using force in self-defense.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

There was one particular string of questioning by the prosecution where Rittenhouse was being asked over and

over whether he intended to kill the three individuals he shot. Of course, the prosecution was trying to get Rittenhouse to admit to intending to kill, which would then fulfill one of the elements of the crime of murder.

Rittenhouse never wavered, but his response of, "I was just trying to stop him," fell short of the type of response a jury might've considered more acceptable.

Such as: "Counselor, I understand that shooting someone with a firearm is considered use of deadly force, but

"In each case where I felt compelled to pull the trigger to stop the attack against me, I did so with the understanding that the outcome might be fatal, but it was the attack against me that I felt was necessary to stop by doing so."

that does not make it intentionally trying to kill that individual. In each case where I felt compelled to pull the trigger to stop the attack against me, I did so with the understanding that the outcome might be fatal, but it was the attack against me that I felt was necessary to stop by doing so. Each day, police officers face similar decisions, that being whether to employ deadly force in the pursuit of their duties. But it is not their intention to kill, but to use enough force to stop the attack against them or others.

“In my case, each situation was this type of situation. For example, when I shot Mr. Rosenbaum, it was in response to him having first threatened to kill me, and then when he was within arm’s reach and he had grabbed the barrel of my rifle, I felt there was no likelihood of being able to stop the obvious attempt to take my rifle from me and kill me with it. Until that moment when I had run out of options, I had tried to get him to stop his attack.”

For Rittenhouse to have been able to give the above response to the question, he would’ve had to possess the knowledge, either through legal training or independent study. Instead, the 17-year-old (who wasn’t even old enough to legally purchase the rifle) had no documentable training to this point. If he had, that would’ve opened up an entire area ripe for consideration by the jury—that being his knowledge of the law.

Additionally, prior documentable

“Any good self-defense case needs expert testimony to make the jury understand nuances in the issues.”

training also opens up the possibility that his instructor or instructors could be called as material witnesses to discuss what they did or did not teach him. As it were, he had no witnesses speaking in his favor during this part of the trial.

DELVE IN THE DETAILS

Another aspect of Rittenhouse’s defense was the lack of apparent knowledge of ballistics, specifically rifle ballistics.

When the condition of the rifle was discussed, it was mentioned that the magazine was loaded with 30 FMJ .223 Remington rounds. The premise the prosecution was going after was that by loading with FMJ rounds that created a situation of likely over-penetration, endangering other lives in the immediate vicinity. This was to go toward the establishment of “recklessness,” an element of some of the charges against him.

Of course, if there had been hollow-points in the magazine, the claim would’ve been he intended to kill based on using more lethal ammunition than was necessary. Wouldn’t it have been nice for Rittenhouse to have the education and knowledge to discuss either

or both of these factors with the jury, either in response to prosecution questions, or defense questions?

Any good self-defense case needs expert testimony to make the jury understand nuances in the issues. This case had none.

In some instances, the judge will be very strict as to who can testify as an expert, but there’s one person who will always have the right to testify, and that’s the defendant. The more a person knows about self-defense law, use of force in self-defense, firearms, ballistics, tactics, pre-attack indicators and other issues that might be pivotal in a case, the greater chance they could use their knowledge to educate the jury.

Are you uneasy with the concept of needing to make some of these to the jury yourself? If so, you need to get to school. Just as when physically reacting to violence and using force to defend yourself, you need to be prepared to use your legal knowledge to justify your actions. **GDTM**

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To say we're in the midst of a component crunch just might be the understatement of the decade. There have been a few opportunities to snatch up some primers and powders, albeit at a significant price increase. And the cost of projectiles, when they're available, has increased commensurate to the other reloading components. If you're looking for premium projectiles, well ... hang onto your wallet. Though I love to shoot the best projectiles I can get, I also realize the cost factor involved. And for what practicing any of us can afford to do anymore, we might be better served by a more affordable projectile.

There are several different ideas regarding affordable projectiles, for both the rifle and pistol shooters. Going back to the earliest projectiles for centerfire cartridges, a simple lead bullet can still make

a great choice for a reloader in a pinch. They function especially well in handguns, though there are plenty of choices for rifles as well—so long as you keep velocities at a reasonable level. If you want to take advantage of the affordability and availability of cast lead projectiles, you have two options: either buy pre-cast lead bullets or a set of bullet molds, or melt some lead and cast your own.

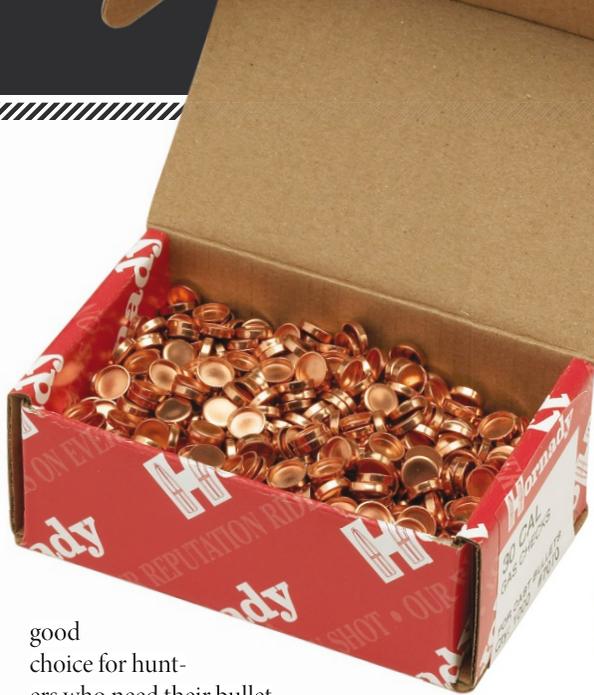
LEAD STILL WORKS

Perusing older reloading books will show how popular bullet casting was just a few decades ago, but the hobby seems to be dying quickly. It's a shame, because it's a fun hobby, adding yet another dimension to the satisfaction of loading your own ammunition. While it has been made crystal clear that the general perception of lead has shifted to the negative, it's a great medium for projectiles. It's easy to

work, has a relatively low melting point and remains the go-to choice for the vast majority of our projectiles.

Casting bullets isn't a difficult affair, providing you've got good material to work with and a safe space to perform the task. I prefer casting bullets outdoors in nice weather, or in a large building with adequate ventilation in the colder months. RCBS, Lee, Lyman and SAECO (Redding) all offer high-quality bullet molds, ranging from single-cavity affairs to four-cavity molds and more.

Suffice it to say that the process of casting bullets can be as simple or as complex as you'd like to make it. The basics? Melt lead in a pot, pour the molten lead into the mold and *voilà!*—you have a projectile. Going further down the rabbit hole, harder metals such as antimony can be mixed (in the proper ratio) to create what's known as a "hard cast" bullet—a



good choice for hunters who need their bullet to hold together enough to guarantee deep penetration.

Pure lead can make a bit of a mess if pushed hard, and it can be difficult to clean out of your barrel. The expanding gases will leak past the bullet, causing the lead to “smear” across the rifling, affecting the stability of the bullet.

A gas check—a small cup at the base of the bullet made of copper or a similar metal, so long as it’s harder than the lead bullet—can be installed to seal the gases and keep them where they belong: at the base of the bullet. Gas checks can be purchased—Hornady is a great source—or, for those who like to take the DIY thing to another level, grab the One Stroke Gas Check die, which can turn scraps of aluminum flashing into a gas check of a particular diameter with the pull of your press.

Either way, a gas check crimped onto the base of a lead bullet greatly improves performance and reduces cleanup.

BUYING FOR BUILDING

Buying your lead bullets is a perfectly viable option, and one I’ve used in recent years when time is at a premium. Meister Bullets is a source of good cast lead projectiles, and Federal’s Syntech polymer-coated lead bullets are a great choice for the reloader, as the coating greatly aids in keeping handguns clean.

The fact of the matter is that premium bullets aren’t always necessary, especially within the confines of a particular shoot-

Hornady gas checks are sold by the 1,000 count and can make a big difference in the performance of a lead bullet.

ing or hunting situation. Many times, I’ve done basic load development or prepared some target ammunition for training a new shooter using a basic, affordable bullet like Speer’s TMJ line of projectiles.

Speer’s projectiles are often overlooked, and that can be used to the reloader’s advantage when trying to source component bullets. The Grand Slam series of bullets are a sound choice for hunters as an all-around bullet, well-suited to most hunting situations, and the TMJ (Total Metal Jacket) series can be wonderfully accurate. You may have to weigh the projectiles, sorting them into lots to achieve the best accuracy. And the Speer TMJ line includes a full selection of choices for handgun cartridges.

Berry’s plated handgun bullets are also a great choice to keep your handgun properly fed. With a full selection of copper-plated handgun projectiles, Berry’s has long been relied upon for the bulk handgun reloader. They’re fantastic as a target bullet, and while they may not give the terminal performance associated with the premium handgun bullet designs, the U.S. military has proven the effectiveness of full metal jacket bullets for well over a century.



SAECO four-cavity mold blocks with handles; they contain the “negative” of the bullet. Simply pour molten lead into the cavity and you’ve got a quartet of projectiles.

Federal’s Syntech component bullets offer the lead bullet experience, but they’re encapsulated in a polymer coating.

(Below) The One Stroke Gas Check die is perfect for the DIY reloader; it uses the reloading press to turn aluminum flashing into gas checks.

THERE’S ALWAYS A WAY

A good reloader will make something out of nothing. Sourcing components—primers, powders, cases and projectiles—is a big part of keeping the reloading bench up and running, and utilizing the “by any means necessary” mentality may include the use of products that may not be the ideal choice for the situation at hand, but the use of those products that’ll suffice in the face of adversity. In this case, it might mean those projectiles that are both affordable and available. **GDTM**



01 Winchester Wildcat Suppressor Ready

Performing well above its price, the Wildcat has more than earned its place among the top .22 LR semi-auto rifles. Now, the polymer-stocked gem has gotten a bit better. Winchester unveiled a suppressed version of the rifle in 2021, making the plinker practically perfect in every respect. While the gunmaker has added a 1/2x28-inch TPI threaded muzzle with knurled thread protector to the package, it's kept all the features that made the Wildcat popular in the first place. These include button-rifled chromoly barrel, fully adjustable ghost ring rear sight, integral Picatinny sight rail 10-round rotary magazine and much more.

MSRP: \$300

02 Real Avid Speed Jag and Patches

Small bore or large bore, there's one thing all guns have in common: They all have to be cleaned. While it's not the most enthralling task known to man, Real Avid makes it a bit easier and more efficient. Unlike traditional jags, tips and square patches, Speed Patches are optimally fitted for maximum bore contact and no-bunch scrubbing when center-spiked over the Speed Jag. This means a cleaner bore with fewer pass-throughs. Quite simply, it adds up to less effort and faster results. Who doesn't want a system that cuts down on cleaning time and allows more time pitching lead downrange?

MSRP: \$5.99

03 Savage Minimalist

There's been some brainstorming over at Savage Arms, and the Minimalist Rimfire Rifle Series is proof enough. As fairly wild departure from traditional bolt-action plinker design—as its name suggests—the series aims at minimal burden in the field with an overall light 5.68-pound package. If you haven't figured out how Savage pulled it off, take a second and look at the picture. It's certainly unique and perhaps practical outside weight savings. Though it doesn't boast a true hook, there's more than enough real estate to steady the rifle with the support hand in prone or off a bench. Available in .22 LR Mark II, .22 WMR and .17 HMR, there's another minimal aspect to the rifle—its price tag.

MSRP: \$359

04 Stoeger S8000-E Tac Suppressed Air Rifle

Small bore isn't confined to guns that burn power. The ones that blow air also have a place, and for the money, Stoeger offers plenty in its S8000-E Tac Suppressed rifle. Available in both .117 and .22 calibers, the piston air gun is unparalleled in its ergonomics as well as shootability. This is thanks to its AFC suppressor and Gas-Ram piston system, which erases all recoil from a shot, making for dead-nuts accuracy ... trigger pull after trigger pull. Additionally, a fully adjustable synthetic stock, adjustable trigger, interchangeable grips and integrated Picatinny rail make the gun comfortable and very flexible.

MSRP: \$249



05 Heckler & Koch MP5 Rimfire Models

H&K's MP5 finds its way to many gun owners' bucket lists—and one most won't ever get to cross off. Or will they? If a shooter is willing to settle for a semi-auto, rimfire iteration of the classic, then the German gunmaker has the tactical plinker for you. Made by Umarex of Germany for H&K, the .22 LR MP5 has the look and feel of the real McCoy ... but it's much easier to obtain. Feeding off 10- and 15-round magazines, it also brings plenty of firepower to an afternoon of knocking pop cans on their duffs. To boot, the rimfire is available in pistol and rifle, both suppressor compatible. What could be cooler?

MSRP: \$479

06 Optics-Ready TaurusTX 22 Competition

The TaurusTX 22 has enjoyed its share of kudos. Now, it's taken the next step in its evolution. Meet the optics-ready TaurusTX 22 Competition. Boasting a milled slide compatible with a vast array of micro red-dots—from the Trijicon RMR to Leupold DeltaPoint Pro—the full-sized polymer-framed pistol brings exceptional accuracy to the rimfire game. Plus, it comes with all the extras that made earlier iterations of the TaurusTX popular: skeletonized slide, 5-inch bull barrel, well-textured grip and suppressor compatibility, just to name a few. For the price, few other .22 LR pistols can hold a candle to what this Taurus brings to the game.

MSRP: \$484.85

07 FN 502 Tactical Optics-Ready 22 Pistol

No arguments: The 502 Tactical is an ideal and economical trainer. Even so, it's a pretty dang sweet pistol in its own right. Sporting FN's signature Tactical feature set, the pistol's 4.6-inch barrel with recessed target-crown is threaded ½x28-inch pitch to accept most .22 suppressors. The optics-ready pistol performs like a robust-style target pistol, delivering fast, accurate rounds on target with more versatility than any other rimfire on the market. The smooth, single-action hammer-fired pistol with its best-in-class trigger—combined with its high-capacity 15-round magazine and superior ergonomics—puts it a cut above the rest and all but guarantees hours of fun behind the trigger.

MSRP: \$499

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The People's Stock: The Grayboe Ridgeback, shown here in tan with black webbing, is a hugely popular—and effective—PRS/long-range option





THE VUDOO THREE60 RIMFIRE

Technology that replaces 'plinking' with 'precision' for the dusty ol' .22 LR.

A Vudoo Three60 Ravage with the V-22 Gen 3 action, a 1:16 Ace .22 LR barrel, in a Grayboe Ridgeback stock with a Riton Optics 5 Conquer 5-25x50mm.

Four years ago, Vudoo Gun Works of St. George, Utah—combined with the brushfire-like spread of NRL22—kicked off a revolution among the shooting public and the firearms industry, the likes of which hasn't been seen in rimfire for decades. The closest equivalent

may be the ascension of the best-selling .17 Hornady Magnum Rimfire in 2004, but rather than develop a new super cartridge, Vudoo took a 130-year-old caliber and made it interesting again.

The Vudoo V-22 repeater, unveiled in August 2017, stood as the first full-

sized .22 LR on the Remington 700 footprint since the 40x. Before then, zero current production rimfires with the weight, length and overall fit of a centerfire precision rifle.

Today, there are five and counting.

HARD OUT OF THE BLOCKS

A few things made the first-generation Vudoos such a success. Mike Bush, co-founder and lead design engineer, took an uncompromising approach and developed a centerfire-sized rimfire action with a mid-lock bolt and an AICS-patterned magazine (with .308-sized dimensions) that resulted in an almost “touchless” chambering of a live round.

For the most part, .22 LR bullets have a soft lead nose that easily deforms when contacted by the chamber walls when feeding. Bush’s design captured the rear of the shell. It loaded a round without nose deformation by “picking up” a round at the top of the magazine stack, with the bullet nose elevated enough, so it doesn’t scrape on a feed lip or ramp, while the back end of the case is exposed enough for the bolt to grab it.

This is a four-dimensional geometry problem. The dimensions at the top of the magazine, bolt face and breech need to line up 0.001 inch with every cycle of the bolt, so the bullet isn’t scuffed and dinged, which can dramatically affect accuracy. Getting this geometry and timing right isn’t unique to Vudoo. Every bolt-action rifle must do it, though some are more precise than others. Vudoo has been very precise and, with that, success has followed.

Mechanics resolved, Bush footprinted the action to the universal Remington 700 to open a wide world of stocks and triggers, then attached some of the very best custom small-bore barrels in the world. The rifle took off among NRL and PRS centerfire shooters looking for a low-cost way to train. (Remember the good old days when quality .22 LR ammunition was inexpensive and easy to find?) As NRL22



Since the Gen 2, Vudoo bolts can be disassembled with a Remington bolt tool.



The 60-degree bolt throw provides vast amounts of space for mounting large optics, which are mandatory to optimizing the long-range abilities this gun is capable of producing.



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developed, it became a de facto Open Class rifle platform of the very best shooters. The 2020 National Match NRL22 gear survey shows five of the top seven shooters shot a Vudoo.

VUDOO'S ROUND NO. 2 ... AND 3

The second-generation or Gen 2 Vudoo action is the same basic pattern but magnum length for .17HMR and .22WMR. There's a single shot for benchrest shooters—a different animal altogether, the action and the shooters—and now a Gen 3 with a 60-degree bolt throw.

The Gen 3 stands as the leading rimfire repeater action currently available, in my opinion, and arguably the most cutting-edge rifle of any caliber when paired with a fast twist 1:6, 1:9, 1:10 or 1:12 with which Vudoo is currently experimenting. Customers can get one and experiment, too, if they can stomach a five- to 6-month lead time.

What makes the Gen 3 or Vudoo Three 60 V-22 so great? Let's consider some context.

The Gen 1 was designed to replicate a centerfire rifle with a two-lug 90-degree throw. Since then, other manufacturers have jumped aboard that full-sized rimfire train. Bergara's B-14R barreled action—a very good .22 LR on a 700 footprint—can be had for a third of the price of a Vudoo barreled action. The 90-degree throw RimX action from Zermatt is incredibly good, and the tune-ability of their AICS-patterned rimfire magazine is a big improvement over all others.

The tool-less bolt break down with the RimX is effortless. The "slickness" is among the very best, too, in true custom action form. The RimX action without the barrel costs about as much as a barreled action from Vudoo, and no complete rifles are available, so you have to build them.

Nevertheless, consider price point and competitors are filling gaps above and below the space Vudoo created.

This is all to say, slice it a few different ways and you could say competitors in the arms race for grownup rimfires have caught the early leader in Vudoo. But with the Three 60, Vudoo dashes forward again.

With Gen 2 magnum action, Bush redesigned the fire control system for a faster lock time. The Gen 3 is taken a step further; it incorporates an Italian-made Flavio-Fare trigger of Bush's design. Traditionally, Remington-style triggers have all had a 60-degree sear face. This puts upward pressure on the bolt until the hammer drops. Dry-fire a barreled action, and you can feel this bolt drop with your bare hands. (If you have a CZ 457, go try it now. Open and close the bolt with your finger on the trigger, and you can feel—ever so slightly—the trigger group moves down as the bolt closes.)

With a 90-degree design, there's no upward pressure, so the striker isn't moving down, then forward. It just goes forward for more consistent primer strikes, more consistent ignition. This lack of upward pressure with the Flavio triggers also makes the 60-degree bolt throw remarkably light. Typically, 60-degree throws require more force than a 90-degree throw as you're doing the same work of cocking



Centerpiece to the Three60 is the silky-smooth 60-degree bolt throw.



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Bush says his prototype Gen 3 with the Flavio and a 13-pound firing spring is the lightest 60-degree action ever made. The first run of Vudoo-Flavio repeater triggers retains a 60-degree sear face, but the 90s are coming. (90s are available now in the single-shot benchrest action with pull weights from 0.7 to 2.8 ounces.) I've learned to believe Mike Bush, and when my tester Three60 with a Flavio and 1:9 Ace barreled showed up, I saw again he was right. It's the lightest, cleanest 60-degree bolt I've ever run, requiring less

force to operate than even an Anschütz Match 54.

The Gen 3 also has a tool-less bolt breakdown, as they all do since the Gen 2, and 12 o'clock ignition with the improved crescent-shaped pin. (The single-shot firing pin is 6 o'clock.) Rather than a rectangle or circular dent in a spent rim, the crescent shape leaves a quarter-moon mark that Bush believes results in more consistent ignition. The chamber in all Vudoo rifles

is the proprietary Ravage 22 designed by Bush for Lapua ammo. They use an in-house Ace barrel on most builds but also stock Bartlein, Krieger and Shilen.

The vast majority are 1:16, six-groove single-point cut and hand-lapped. Still, they're making 1:9 and other fast-twist variations available—a complicated and fascinating development for long-distance shooters, whether shooting new hand-loaded copper-solid bul-



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The B&T Industries Super Cal Atlas Bipod provides an ELR .22, like the Three60 shown here, oodles of stability for silly long shots.

lets like those from Cutting Edge or match-grade 40-grain lead solids, like the SKUs from Lapua. Faster twists are proving improvements in all bullets at all distances, but results are early.

AND, AT THE RANGE?

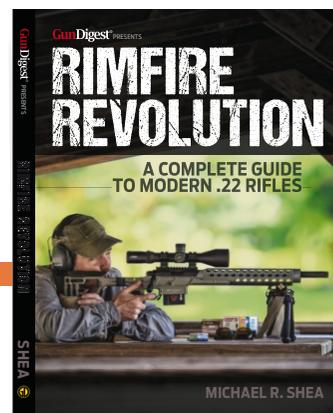
Bolt throw and feel and bleeding-edge specs are but pieces of a fully realized rifle system. I took the Three60 barreled action provided and dropped it in my tried-and-true JP APAC chassis—with a new American flag paint job from FSG Customs in South Waverly, Pennsylvania. The rifle was topped with a Nightforce ATACR 5-25x56mm for extreme long-range work.

One of the rifle's first outings made short work of an IPSC steel silhouette at 500 yards with both Mike Bush and me on the trigger. Without giving away too much, the 1:9 Ace is among my most accurate rifles at 50 yards, but

magically seems to improve to certainly my most accurate at 100 yards and beyond. The future of fast twist .22 LR barrels might include many discipline-specific twists for various distances. That is, a benchrest shooter competing at 50 meters might need something different than an NRL22X competitor ringing steel at 300 yards.

All told, this action, trigger and new barrel add up to the nicest long-range-specific rimfire rifle I've ever seen. No, it's not cheap. To play in Voodoo land, you need around \$3,000 ready to burn for a complete rifle—or more.

But like Paul Parrot, president and CEO of Voodoo, told me four years ago when we first talked: With what other pursuit can you get the very bleeding edge of innovation for that kind of money. You can't in boats or trucks or motorcycles or centerfire. Rimfire is different. And right now, that bleeding edge is Voodoo. Again. **GDTM**



Your Grandpa's .22 LR is Extinct

Rimfires, most notably the .22 LR, have seen a tremendous resurgence of technology and attention that's remodeling the category from "plinking" to "precision." For everything, and we mean *everything*, rimfire related, grab Michael Shea's "Rimfire Revolution" book, available at GunDigestStore.com.



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LINEAGE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

A history of the .22-caliber rimfire cartridges ... including some you've never heard of.

Standing in the snow as a young man, I'd leveled the brass bead into the fine "U" of the rear sight, gently squeezing the trigger of my new, first—and only—rifle. Today, despite owning a healthy number of centerfire rifles, that Ruger Model 77/22 is my only rimfire rifle. Chambered in .22 Long Rifle, that gun has served the literal "kid on Christmas morning" for over 35 years now, and though others may come, that one holds a special place in my heart. My dad presented it to me on Christmas in 1985, and as I had pored over every firearms catalog that I could get my hands on, I knew that .22 Long Rifle was, far and away, the most popular of the rimfire cartridges.

Dad had several rimfires—his favorite being a Bicentennial Ruger 10/22—and used to explain how he and his childhood buddies would save their lawn-mowing buddies money for ammunition. "Wayne Raymond and I would split

a box of .22 Longs, because they were cheaper than the .22 Long Rifles. We had to get a bit closer to the woodchucks, but we made it work." I begged him to explain the difference between Shorts, Longs, Long Rifles and Magnums, and that probably began my lifelong journey down the rabbit hole of cartridge and rifle history.

For my entire hunting and shooting career, when someone mentioned a "twenty-two," they were unequivocally talking about a .22 Long Rifle, as by the early 1980s, the LR's popularity was tops among the rimfire cartridges. But I'd like to examine the history and development of the .22-caliber cartridges, from the smallest to the largest.

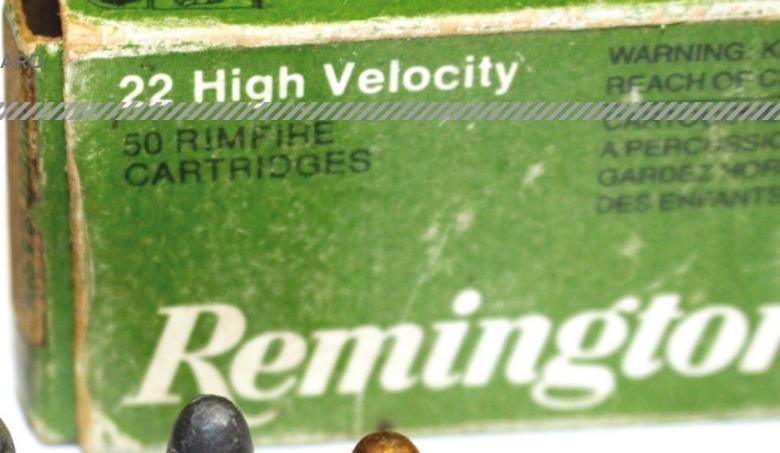
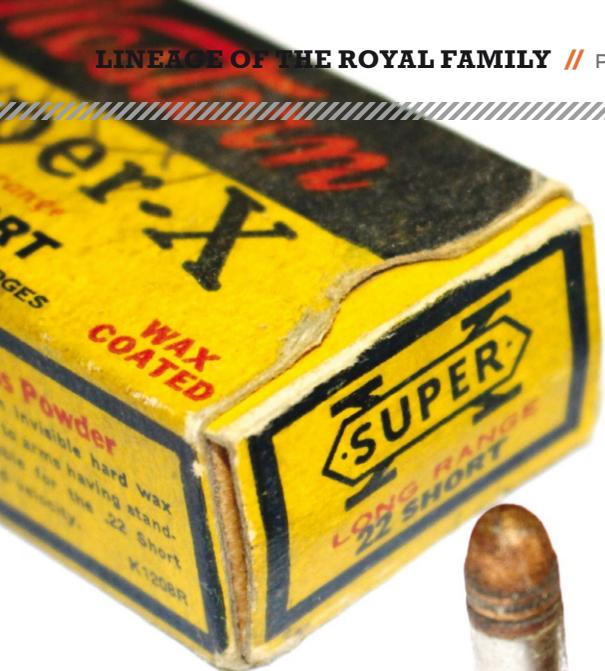
THE FLOBERT BB CAP (BULLETED BREECH CAP)

The world's first self-contained cartridge was developed in France in 1845 by Louis-Nicolas Flobert. Essentially a percussion cap with an 18-grain,

.22-caliber bullet on top, this was designed for the parlor guns. It certainly isn't an impressive performer at anything other than shooting-gallery ranges, but we owe it a debt for setting the stage for our favorite rimfire cartridges. There's also the similar yet later designed .22 CB Cap, using a 29-grain bullet for a velocity slightly higher than that of the BB Cap.

THE .22 SHORT

Released in 1857—in the Smith & Wesson Model 1 seven-shot revolver—the small-caliber rimfire cartridge, soon to be known as the .22 Short, was America's first metallic cartridge. Using a .223-inch diameter 29-grain round-nosed lead bullet over four grains of blackpowder, the cartridge was designed for self-defense. It'd remain the only .22 rimfire until the 1871 release of the .22 Long, where the Short picked up its name to differentiate it from the new cartridge.



The Flobert BB Cap is the original self-contained cartridge.



The .22 Short is the oldest American cartridge, and was originally designed as a defensive cartridge, though it's underpowered by modern standards.

Long or Long Rifle. Ammunition is currently available from CCI, Remington, Winchester and Aguila.

THE .22 LONG

The follow-up cartridge to the .22 Short came along in 1871 and used the same 29-grain waxed lead bullet, just in a longer case. Where the Short used 4 grains of blackpowder, the Long used 5 grains, making a considerable increase in velocity. The .22 Long was designed for use in both handguns and rifles alike, and the guns chambered

0.695 inch. The beauty of the .22 Short is the complete lack of recoil and its minimal report; it makes a fantastic choice for training a new shooter, or dispatching a garden pest or problem animal in an area where a supersonic cartridge might draw too much attention.

While the .22 Short lacks the energy to cycle the majority of autoloading actions, it can be fed singly into a handgun or rifle chambered for the .22

Like the cartridges that would simply be an elongated version of this design, the .22 Short uses a heeled bullet, meaning the bullet and the case are (nearly) the same diameter, and the bullet has a step in the shank so it can slide into the case. Many of the early handgun cartridges used this design, adding to the confusion in nomenclature (e.g. the .38 Special using a .357-inch diameter bullet, based on the old heeled bullet from the .38 Short Colt).

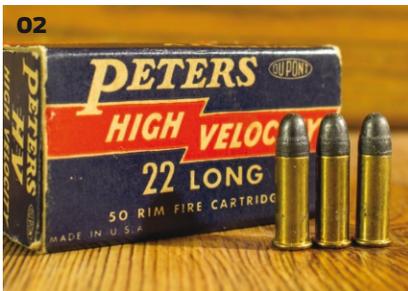
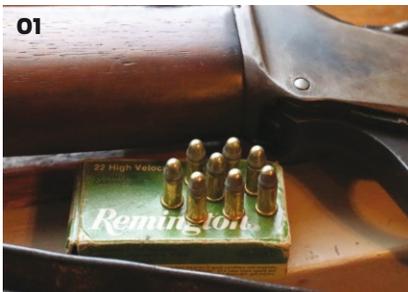
The case diameter of the .22 Short measures 0.226 inch with no taper and has a rim diameter of 0.278 inch, with the case length coming in at 0.421 inch. Loaded cartridges will measure



CB Caps are just a bit hotter than the BB Caps, though severely underpowered for most hunting.



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for the Long can also shoot Short ammunition.

The case body and rim diameters are identical to the .22 Short, but the case length was extended to 0.613 inch, and the overall length of a .22 Long will measure 0.888 inch. It'll drive the 29-grain bullets to a muzzle velocity of 1,215 fps or so, depending on the barrel length. Largely due to the popularity and universal applications of the .22 Long Rifle, the .22 Long has all but disappeared from the market. CCI lists a 29-grain copper-plated round-nose bullet load, and CCI and Winchester offer a CB load that runs at the sedate velocity of 710 fps.

THE .22 EXTRA LONG

It wasn't until 1880 when the .22 rimfire case was elongated even more, resulting in the .22 Extra Long. The powder charge was increased from the 5-grain load of the Long to 6 grains in the Extra Long, yet this time the bullet weight was increased from 29 grains up to 40 grains.

With a muzzle velocity of 1,050 fps

in a rifle and a heavier bullet, the .22 Extra Long delivered a new level of performance from a small-bore rimfire. The case length of the .22 Extra Long measured 0.750 inch with an overall length of 1.16 inches. The .22 Extra Long was dropped from production in 1935, but it played an important role in the development of our most famous rimfire cartridge.

THE .22 LONG RIFLE

Just 7 years after the release of the .22 Extra Long, the case of the .22 Long was mated with the heavier bullet of the Extra Long, resulting in what the world would embrace as the definitive rimfire cartridge: the .22 Long Rifle.

Exactly who deserves the credit for this marriage is lost to history—some sources indicate the J. Stevens Arms & Tool Co., others credit the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, and yet other sources indicate the Peters Cartridge Company—but, nonetheless, I'm happy that the experiment caught on. The .22 Long Rifle is perhaps the quintessential blend of velocity, bullet

01. The .22 Short can make a great training tool, especially at a backyard range where space and distance are limited.

02. The .22 Long—these are vintage Peters cartridges—was a definite step up from the .22 Short, as the longer case had additional capacity for powder.

03. Winchester's Super X copper-plated hollow-point ammo performs very well in this Savage .22 LR rifle.



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weight, affordability and useful field performance of any of the .22 rimfires ... and it's the best-selling handgun and rifle cartridge of all time.

The standard load pushes a 40-grain bullet to a muzzle velocity of 1,140 fps from a rifle—though there are all sorts of variations on this theme. The waxed, round-nosed bullet is still well represented—my Ruger rifle just loves

the simple Remington Thunderbolt ammunition—but the .22 Long Rifle is so much more than a nostalgic choice. The .22 Long Rifle has been optimized to perform as a target cartridge, as a defensive cartridge—see Federal Punch and its 29-grain nickel-plated bullet designed to give proper penetration from a handgun—and assuredly as a hunting cartridge.

In the hunting field, it's a perfect choice for small game animals, as the little cartridge minimizes meat destruction and yet makes a sound choice for hunting the furbearers like fox and coyotes, at least inside of 150 yards or so. While the lead bullets (in those states where lead is legal, mind you) will work for the majority of hunting, the jacketed or plated hollow-points have a more immediate energy transfer and will anchor a big-bodied coyote a bit easier.

There are a good number of subsonic options for the situations where quieter is better; I've sent many woodchucks to the great vegetable garden in the sky using CCI's Quiet 22 ammo with its 45-grain bullet, and my rifle liked the Aguila Sniper Subsonic ammo with the 60-grain lead bullets.

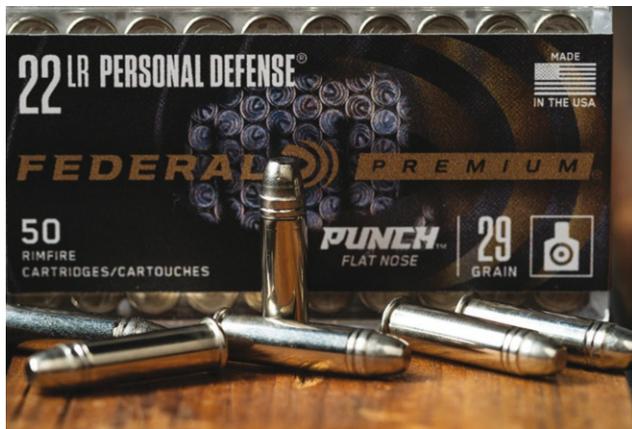
If speed is your game, look to the CCI Stinger. Adhering to the overall length of the .22 Long Rifle (at an even inch), Stinger uses a plated bullet of 32 grains and extends the case from 0.613 inch to 0.701 inch, to give a larger combustion chamber and a muzzle velocity of 1,640 fps.

There are other "hypervelocity" loads, like CCI's Velocitor with its 40-grain copper-plated hollow-point at 1,435 fps, to the Aguila .22 Supermaximum, pushing a 30-grain plated hollow-point at 1,700 fps (the fastest on the market) ... to Remington's Viper, which uses a truncated 36-grain bullet at 1,410 fps.

There are projectiles designed to segment—CCI's Segmented HP load—to deliver a devastating wound channel and full-metal jacket projectiles designed not to expand at all and perfect for saving the pelts of furbearing animals.

THE .22 WINCHESTER MAGNUM RIMFIRE (WMR)

This is the youngest of the lot and a unique design, not being based on the dimensions of the previously outlined cartridges. Released in 1959—though rifles weren't available until 1960—the .22 Mag. would become an instant hit,



Federal's Punch is designed for optimum performance in a handgun, giving surprisingly deep penetration in ballistic gel testing.



CCI's Quiet 22 is a great choice for handling the gamut of garden pests in populated areas.



The author's Ruger 77/22 is his only rimfire rifle and has served him well for more than 35 years.

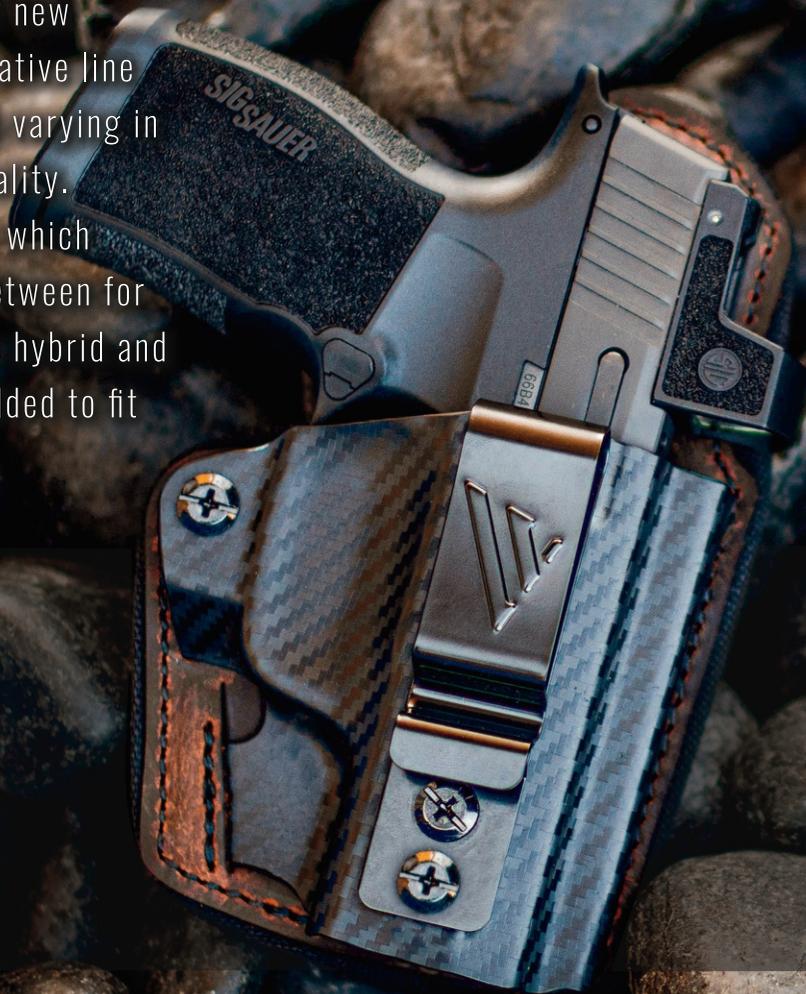
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CCI's Stinger was revolutionary upon its release, and it made believers out of many rimfire shooters very quickly. The effects of higher velocities are quickly evident in the hunting fields.

Hornady's .22 WMR Varmint Express features the 30-grain polymer-tipped V-Max bullet and is a hammer in the hunting fields.

Aguila's .22 Super Extra gives a higher velocity for greater striking power and flatter trajectories, and the solid jacket prevents over-expansion.

as it really upped the performance of a rimfire cartridge.

Using a 40-grain bullet driven to 2,000 fps, the .22 Winchester Magnum Rimfire used a much larger case to achieve that performance level. Unlike the other .22-caliber rimfires, the .22 Magnum doesn't use a heeled bullet, and therefore has a larger-diameter case body and rim. Accordingly, the .22 WMR can't be fired in a firearm chambered for any of the other .22 rimfires. It uses a case measuring 1.055 inches, with an overall length of 1.350 inches, with a body diameter of 0.242 inch and a rim diameter of 0.294 inch.

It makes a good choice for the hunter who doesn't feel the need to step up to the .22 Hornet, .222 Remington or .223 Remington, yet wants a bit more horsepower than the .22 Long Rifle has to offer. While I've used the .22 LR to take furbearers as far as 150 yards,

the .22 WMR is much better suited for that job. It does run a bit hot when taking rabbits and squirrels for the pot, so I take head shots only to minimize meat damage.

My dad has an inexpensive Marlin rifle chambered in .22 Mag and that gun simply loves the CCI .22 Mag V-Max load, built around the 30-grain polymer-tipped bullet at 2,200 fps and the Aguila Silver Eagle load with its 40-grain load at 1,905 fps, staying inside of 1-MOA to 175 yards. It's more expensive to shoot than the .22 LR, but if you hunt more than you shoot, there's nothing wrong with owning just a .22 Mag. In spite of being over 60 years old, it remains the baby of the .22 rimfire family.

ALL BUT FORGOTTEN

There are other .22 rimfires, obscure

developments that have become little more than a historical footnote. Consider the now-obsolete .22 Winchester Automatic, with its unique body dimensions and one of the first rimfires designed for smokeless powder; the .22 Remington Automatic designed for the Remington Model 16 autoloader; the nearly identical .22 Winchester Rimfire and .22 Remington Special; and the experimental .22 ILARCO. All would be little more than an addition to the ammunition collector's lineup.

I'm actually a little surprised there hasn't been a new offering in the .22 rimfire department, but one never knows what the ammunition companies have in store. Perhaps the .22 Long Rifle is such a sound design that they feel it can't be beat—but in the ever-changing ammunition world, nothing's certain. **GDTM**



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When you think about a rimfire AR-15-style rifle, it's likely that the first thing that enters your mind is cheap plinking at the range with friends or family. While that's an entirely valid use for a rimfire AR-15,

wonderful basic marksmanship tool. Its value in bringing new shooters into the sport makes a .22 LR rifle worth its weight in gold all on its own, but we still haven't touched on the most interesting role for a reduced-caliber AR.

RIMFIRE ARs AREN'T GOOD FOR EVERYTHING

Before we get into the things that a rimfire AR-15 excels at, they're less than ideal for some applications. If you're



Optics that match, like this pair from Primary Arms with similar reticles, ensure that skill built with the rimfire AR translate well to your fighting rifle.

recreational plinking only touches on the value of low-cost trigger pulls, or more appropriately, the value of low-cost reps.

Yes, the cheap target practice angle has been talked about ad nauseam thanks to the ammunition shortages brought on by moments of civil unrest and the unknowns presented by COVID-19. That doesn't make it any less valid. Beyond bringing that ammo bill down, the rimfire AR-15 makes a

working on recoil management, obviously the .22 LR isn't going to give you anywhere near the same recoil impulse that a fighting-caliber rifle will. Another byproduct of stepping down in caliber is your holds at distance aren't going to be anywhere near the same.

There are a few less-than-obvious gun-handling skills that don't translate to a rimfire AR too well, either. One of those is malfunctions due to how different the action of a .22 LR AR is when compared to a fighting-caliber rifle.

While they look nearly identical on the outside, a dedicated .22 LR AR-15's bolt group is completely different.



Since most don't practice malfunction clearing (an essential skill, in my opinion), you're more likely to notice that reloading a .22LR AR isn't the same as a regular AR. There are a couple reasons for that, but it really comes down to the funky-shaped magazines that are required to get the tiny rimmed cartridges to feed reliably. The ½-inch tower that sticks above where the mag feedlots would've been also means that the mags don't sit in mag pouches the same ... and that could build a bad habit.

While a .22 LR conversion is enticing, lead buildup in the barrel and mediocre accuracy make it a less than ideal option.

RIFLE OPTIONS

Truthfully, the rimfire AR is the least interesting part about using a reduced-caliber copy of your fighting rifle. I know that's heresy, but the purpose of this article is to make you a better shooter.

So, let me get throw this opinion on the table right away as well: Conversion kits kinda ... suck. If that's what you have or what you can afford, you do you—but I won't run one in my rifle.

There are two reasons for this, the least of which being that conversion kits often produce terrible accuracy. The biggest reason is that .22 LR bullets leave behind a ton of lead. That lead builds up and *can* cause the bore to become constricted to the point that, when switching back to 5.56 NATO, might result in a *kaboom* rather than a *bang*. After being behind a couple AR-15s that have exploded, the idea of a heavily leaded

The .22 LR magazine and a 5.56 magazine will fit into the same mag pouches, just be aware they don't sit at the same depth.



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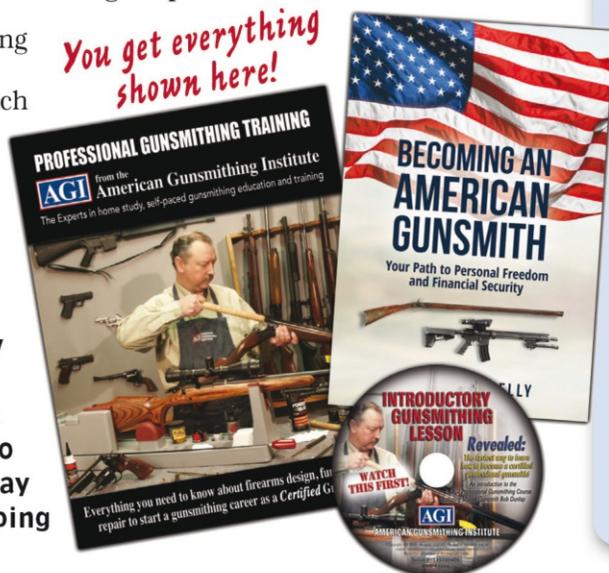
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5.56 bore after using a conversion kit scares me.

I'm 100 percent of the opinion that you should either have a dedicated .22 LR upper, or even a complete .22 LR rifle. You can do that on the cheap with something like a Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 or the Heckler & Koch HK 416 in .22 LR. If you want something that more closely resembles your fighting rifle, either buying a complete CMMG rifle chambered in .22 LR, or using their barrel and bolt to clone your upper, is the only route.

Since my go-to rifle has become the 13.7-inch Sons of Liberty Gun Works M4-76 I reviewed last year, I decided to clone that rifle exactly to include the weapon-mounted light, Geissele trigger and even the pinned and welded muzzle device. As long as you put the time in on the range working the skills we talked about, the .22 LR clone of your rifle will pay off in skill before you know it.

REPS. REPS. REPS. AND MORE REPS.

Basic marksmanship aside, a rimfire AR-15 really shines when working on core shooting mechanics that aren't worked on near enough by most shooters. Concepts like knowing how to hold off the intended target when the rifle is canted or height over bore are rarely talked about, much less practiced.

Another weak point with many shooters is positional shooting, specifically the use of a sling. While these skills are talked about here and there, in all the time I've been shooting seriously, I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen them practiced at public ranges.

The way to become a better shooter is through repetitions, and getting your reps in with a rifle that costs 6 cents per trigger press is much more budget friendly than a fighting rifle's 60 cent per trigger press (current ammo shortage disasters notwithstanding). You could dry-fire, but without the feedback of a

hole in the paper, it can be easy to allow yourself to get sloppy.

SIMPLE DRILLS

One of the more challenging simple manipulations for folks is going from a high or low ready to sending a well-aimed shot. Since the mechanics are the same on a rimfire AR as they are on a fighting-caliber AR, "up" drills are a good place to start.

Pick a distance, get a shot timer and set it for random start. Work on the act of getting the rifle on target and landing a good hit as quick as you safely can.

Another great skill to practice with a rimfire AR-15 is basic positional shooting. It might not be as sexy as doing tactical barrel rolls, but a good understanding of positional shooting is likely to benefit you far more.

Building on that positional shooting, incorporating on ways to use a sling in multiple positions is another great use of a rimfire AR-15. Here's one of my favorites:

In order to make this work, you need a two-position sling on the buttstock and handguard. When the rifle is slung, rotate the magazine outward and hook



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If a dedicated .22 LR isn't in the budget right now, the Mantis Blackbeard is a great stepping stone.

your sling, then rotate it back. As you shoulder the rifle, you'll feel the sling tighten, and you can add more tension with your sling adjustment to stabilize the rifle more as needed.

Also, understanding the effect of canting the rifle at all angles is a must if you're actually relying on your rifle for defensive or offensive purposes. If you hold your fighting rifle canted at 90 degrees to the ground, the bullet is likely going to impact to the left or right

of where you intended. Practicing this is the only way to fully understand how you and your rifle must react.

MOVEMENT DRILLS

When was the last time that you practiced moving and shooting? I'm not talking about walking while you shoot; I'm talking about real "get your ass to cover so you don't get kilt" kinda movement. Drilling, the concept of sprinting to a position and taking a well-aimed

shot, isn't something that requires a full-caliber rifle to work on.

Barrel Races: Set up two barrels at the 10-, 25- and 50-yard line with them stacked on top of each other to create a barricade. The targets will go on the right and left side of the line of barrels. Start with a full magazine and 60 seconds on the timer. At the beep, engage target 1 with a shot, move to the other side of the barrel and engage target 2. Once you have two hits, sprint to position 2 at the 25-yard line and repeat. The drill is over when you're out of ammo or 60 seconds has elapsed.

Stop and Go: Along the 50-yard line, space out cones with at least 10 yards in between the cones. With a full mag in your rifle and 60 seconds on your shot timer, engage a single target and sprint to the next position. Continue till you're out of ammo, bounding between the cones till the 60-second time is up.

Terrible T: Place three cones on the 40-yard line with 10 yards between each cone. The fourth cone goes to the 50-yard line behind the center cone. Load your rifle with a full magazine and take a shot from the 50-yard cone, then sprint to one of the 40-yard cones and take a shot. Bound between one of the 40-yard positions and the 50-yard position until you have good hits from every position. Only one shot per position is allowed; if you miss, you must make it up after moving to the next position.

DO THE WORK

At the end of the day, unless you're willing to put the work in with your rimfire AR, it's just another gun in the safe. Guns are cool and shooting is fun, but there's something magical in

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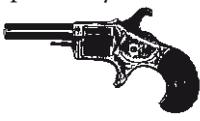
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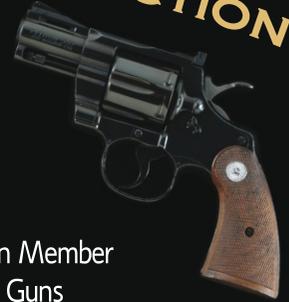
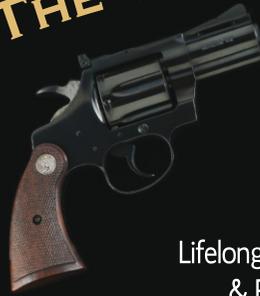
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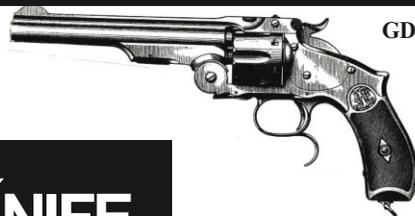
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KCI EXPO Center, 11730 N. Ambassador.

NEVADA

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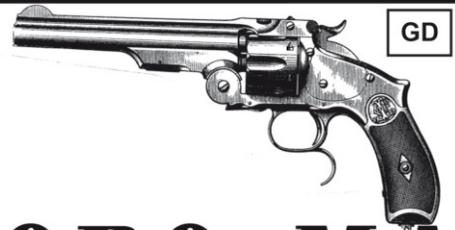
TENNESSEE

Jan 15-16 TN, Knoxville. Knoxville TN:
Smoky Mountain Gun Collectors
Association Gun Show. Kerbela Shrine
Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave.

Apr 2-3 TN, Crossville. Cumberland
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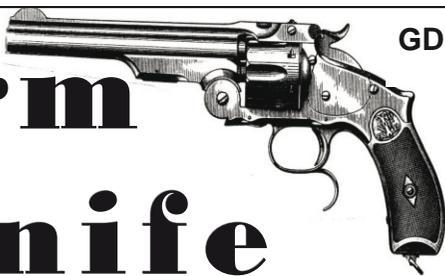
UTAH

Mar 11-12 UT, Vernal. Vernal Gun and Knife
Show. Uintah Conference Center, 313
East 200 South.

JANUARY

Jan 15-16 TN, Knoxville. Knoxville TN
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Shrine Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave. SH:
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13. T: 300. F: 50. Pioneer Gun Collectors.
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806-567-8700. www.pioneergun.com.

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Mar 11-12 UT, Vernal. Vernal Gun and Knife
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Sat. 9am-5pm. A: \$5.00 Daily. T: 150.
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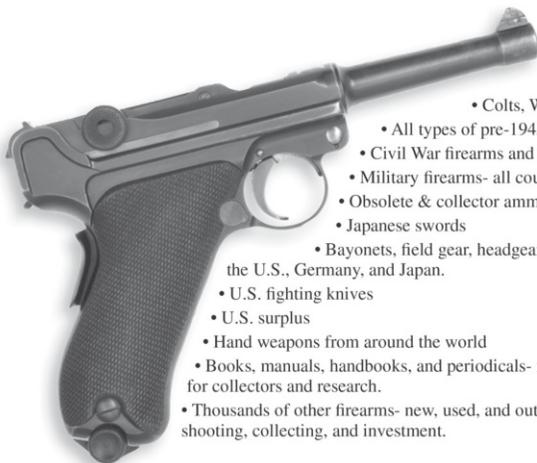
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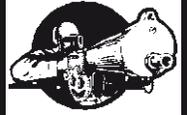
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- 9-B Dan Wesson .357 Magnum "Model 15-2" Double Action Stainless Target Revolver** 4" full lug vented rib interchangeable barrel with mint bore, interchangeable front red insert ramp sight and adjustable rear sight, smooth trigger and checkered target hammer, black checkered Pachmayr grips, excellent function, comes with original Styrofoam case and Dan Wesson outer sleeve, inside box is barrel gauge and barrel wrench along with papers, manufactured early 1980's\$725
- 10-B Harrington & Richardson .22 LR "Sportsman" Model Double Action Top Break Revolver** 6" ovoid barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue, thinning at muzzle, high edges along cylinder show silvering, adjustable front and rear target style sights, "Rice frame" with factory one piece Walnut checkered target grips, excellent function, manufactured 1930's (C&R)\$465
- 11-B Harrington & Richardson .22 Rimfire "Young America" Model Double Action Revolver** 2" octagon barrel with excellent bore, 98% nickel finish on barrel, frame and pull pin cylinder, 98%+ original blue on triggerguard and trigger, 80%+ case colors on hammer, fixed sights, original hard rubber grips serialized to revolver, small repair on left grip at butt, comes with original two piece cardboard box that shows repair work on inside top lid, manufactured 1897-1904, 3rd variation (C&R)\$265
- 12-B Harrington & Richardson .32 Cal. "Hammerless Top Break 2nd Model 3rd Variation" Revolver** 3" barrel with excellent bore, 99% nickel finish, fixed sights, blued trigger and triggerguard, matching serialized two piece hard rubber grips with target logo, comes with blue cardboard original box with correct side label, top of barrel marked "Harrington & Richardson Arms Company/Worcester, Mass. U.S.A. pat. Oct. 8 1895", left side of barrel marked ".32 S&W Ctge", excellent function, 1905-1942 (C&R)\$265
- 13-B Harrington & Richardson .32 Cal. "Premier" Second Model 6th Variation "Type 19" Top Break Double Action Revolver** 3" barrel with bright excellent bore, 99% nickel finish, 99% original blue on trigger and triggerguard, 90% case color on hammer, fixed sights, hard rubber grips with target logo, top of barrel marked "Harrington & Richardson Arms Co, Worcester Massachusetts U.S.A.", left side of barrel marked ".32 Cal. S&W Ctge", manufactured 1916-1924 (C&R)\$235
- 14-B Harrington & Richardson .38 S&W "Automatic Ejecting 2nd Model 5th variation" Top Break Revolver** 3 1/4" barrel with excellent bore, 97% original blue, thinning at muzzle to gray, light pin prick pitting on frame and 5 shot fluted cylinder, fixed sights, case colors still show on hammer and trigger, two piece hard rubber grips with target logo, comes with two piece blue cardboard box with correct white and red side label, box is missing one side on top lid, inside top lid is a diagram with instructions printed on lid, manufactured 1897-1904 (C&R)\$245
- 15-B High Standard .22 LR "The Victor" Clip Feed Target Auto Pistol** 4 1/2" slab side barrel with mint bore, shows 97% original blue with light high edge wear on barrel and light brown tone on backstrap, barrel rib and sights have been removed and replaced with a scope rail and illuminated red dot see-through scope, smooth Walnut right hand target grips with adjustable palm heel, stippled front and backstraps, adjustable trigger, drilled and tapped barrel for adding weights (no screws or plugs), left side of barrel marked "The Victor .22 Long Rifle", excellent function, manufactured 1978, comes with one magazine\$475

- 16-B Magnum Research .380 ACP "Micro Desert Eagle" Auto Pistol** 2 1/4" barrel with mint bore, stainless steel, black polymer checkered grips, fixed sights, comes with black polymer case, two magazines, cleaning brush, CD, lock, papers and test round shell casing, looks new\$375
- 17-B Ruger .357 Magnum "Model SP101" Stainless Double Action Revolver** 3 1/16" full shroud barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, all stainless finish, 5 shot fluted cylinder with light drag line, cushioned black rubber grips with black plastic inserts, excellent function, manufactured 1994 comes with yellow Ruger cardboard box (no side label) and papers\$495
- 18-B Ruger .45 Colt "Vaquero" Single Action Revolver** 6 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue and 95%+ case colored frame, fixed sights, fluted cylinder and transfer safety bar, mint two piece Rosewood smooth grips with Ruger logo medallions, comes with gray Ruger plastic case and papers, excellent function, manufactured 2000\$650
- 19-B Ruger .22 LR "MK III 22/45" Target Auto Pistol** 5 1/2" bull barrel with mint bore, front blade and adjustable rear sight, 98%+ original blue, black polymer frame, Weaver scope base with ultra dot red dot sight mounted, comes with one magazine, excellent function, manufactured 2005\$425
- 20-B Ruger .22 LR Model MK678G "Mark II Government Target" Auto Pistol** 6 7/8" heavy bull target barrel with mint bore, 97% factory blue with small worn spots on left side above trigger on the receiver, top of chamber and same location on right side, front blade rear adjustable target sight, backstrap and front strap have a blue to gray tone, mint black checkered plastic grips with one silver eagle/black background medallion only on right side\$525
- 21-B Savage (7.65mm) .32 ACP Model 1917-20 Auto Pistol** 3 3/4" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% nicely re-blued finish, fixed sights, hard rubber "Savage logo" grips, small spur hammer, side safety latch, comes with one magazine, excellent function, manufactured 1920's (C&R)\$255
- 22-B Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Model 17 Target Masterpiece" (4) Screw Revolver** 6" pinned barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue and slightly faded case color, factory target sights, cylinder is recessed and shows firing pin strikes when cylinder was not fully closed, very nice checkered Walnut diamond center grips with silver S&W medallions but serial number is off by 100 digits, excellent function, made in 1960 and sharp looking with a small chipout on bottom of right side grip\$795
- 23-B Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Model 17-3 Target Masterpiece" Double Action Target Revolver** 6" pinned barrel with mint bore, 97% original bright blue and vivid case color, factory target sights with some red paint on front blade, excellent checkered Walnut target grips with S&W silver medallions, excellent function, made in 1975\$765
- 24-B Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Model K-22 Target Masterpiece" (4) Screw Revolver** 6" pinned barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue just getting a little thin on cylinder, factory target sights, 95% faded case color, all matching numbers on barrel, cylinder and butt, mint but later added S&W checkered Goncalo Alves target style grips with silver S&W medallions, excellent function, made in 1956 (C&R)\$865
- 25-B Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Combat Masterpiece" (Pre Model 18) 5 Screw Revolver** 4" pinned barrel with mint bore, 99% original satin blue (correct for this 1951 made revolver), 90% faded case color, factory target sights, recessed cylinder, all matching numbers on metal, excellent checkered Walnut diamond center grips show a number from 1953, excellent function, collector quality (C&R)\$1195
- 26-B Smith & Wesson .22 Winchester Magnum "Model 648-2" Double Action Target Revolver** 6" full underlug barrel with mint bore, factory target sights, excellent stainless surfaces with blued sights and case colored hammer and trigger, mint Pachmayr wrap around finger groove grips, excellent function, shows little actual use\$725
- 27-B Smith & Wesson .32 S&W Long 32 Hand Ejector Post War "Pre Model 30" "1" Frame" Revolver** 3 1/4" pinned barrel with mint bore, fixed sights, 98%+ original blue and case color, all matching numbers including mint diamond checkered, round but, Walnut grips with silver S&W medallions, excellent function, collector quality, manufactured 1946 (C&R)\$825
- 28-B Smith & Wesson 32/20 "Hand Ejector Model 1905 4th Change" Revolver** 3 1/2" pinned barrel with very good bright bore, 90% original blue with some spotty light pitting on left side, fixed sights, very good checkered Walnut correct non-medallion grips, all matching numbers, barrel cut back 1/2" but front sight expertly reinstalled, excellent function (C&R)\$295
- 29-B Smith & Wesson .38 Special "Model 64-3" Stainless Double Action Revolver** 4" pinned barrel with mint bore, all stainless construction showing little external wear, fixed sights, very good Pachmayr wrap around rubber target style grips, excellent function, made in 1979\$395
- 30-B Smith & Wesson .38 Special "Model 1905 4th Change M&P" Revolver** 5" pinned barrel with excellent bright bore, fixed sights, 98%+ original blue and case color, all matching numbers except those on excellent checkered Walnut diamond center grips of the non magna style with silver S&W medallions, excellent function, collector quality, made around 1919 (C&R)\$685
- 31-B Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum(8 Times) "Model 627-5 Performance Center "Double Action Revolver** 5" slab sided barrel with tapered shroud, serrated rib and mint bore, front pinned blade with brass bead sight and adjustable rear sight, 99%+ satin matte finish stainless steel with light drag line on 8 shot fluted cylinder, checkered hammer, smooth trigger, black "CTC" synthetic grips with red lazer light, internal lock but no key (gun is currently unlocked), excellent function\$1250
- 32-B Smith & Wesson .22 LR "Model 41" Target Auto Pistol** 5 1/2" heavy barrel with mint bore, factory target sights, 97% original blue with barrel assembly taking on a purplish tinge, mint diamond wood original S&W target grips, excellent function\$835

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33-B Smith & Wesson .35 S&W "Model 1913" Pocket Auto Pistol 3 1/2" barrel with excellent bore, 96% original bright blue with some graying and light pitting around fixed sights, very good+ smooth Walnut grips with matching numbers and gold S&W medallions, excellent function, very nice looking, 3 digit serial number (C&R)\$695

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34-B Ardesa/Outfitter .35 Remington "Model G2" Top Break Single Shot Rifle 22" fluted barrel with mint bore, Weaver scope base with a Redfield 2 3/4x scope mounted, scope has "TV view" style wide view eyepiece, duplex reticule, crisp clear optics , 98%+ matte stainless finish, polymer checkered forend and pistol grip stock, rubber recoil pad, polymer triggerguard with safety and barrel/open lever, Q.D. sling swivel studs, extractor, hammer extension screw, excellent function, imported by Traditions, manufactured in Spain ...\$350

35-B C.V.A. 45/70 "Hunter" Break Action Single Shot Rifle 25" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ brushed matte blue finish, barrel mounted Burris 2x-7x 35mm scope using factory drilled and tapped holes, scope has "Ballistic plex" reticule, crisp clear optics, ambidextrous black composite pistol grip stock, stock has sling swivel studs and black rubber buttpad, excellent function\$375

36-B Czech 7mm Mauser "Model 98K Mauser" (Post W-II) Bolt Rifle 23 1/2" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% arsenal re-blue, no markings on receiver ring, front hooded inverted V front sight, rear tangent sight graduated to 2000 meters, German "H" style bayonet lug, no cleaning rod, stamped sheet metal upper band and large triggerguard with non detachable floorplate, bolt and receiver have matching serial numbers, laminated pistol grip stock with steel buttpate that has disassembling firing pin disk, comes with reproduction sling, excellent function (C&R)\$650

37-B Czechoslovakia 8mm Mauser "Model VZ24" Mauser Bolt Rifle 23 1/4" barrel with good but pitted bore, inverted V front sight with a sight protector, rear tangent sight graduated to 2000 meters, arsenal re-blue toned to gray along barrel and receiver, receiver shows crisp Czech national crest on receiver ring, bolt is in the white, bolt and floorplate are non matching serial number, shows blue to gray, nose cap with "H" style bayonet lug, barrel band with bottom and side sling swivel along with sling swivels on toe line and left side of stock, pistol grip Walnut stock with finger groove forend and Walnut top handguard, gray toned steel buttpate and firing pin disassemble disk on right side of stock, excellent function (C&R)\$395

38-B Enfield .303 British "SMLE MK III" Bolt Rifle 25" barrel with very good bore, 80% arsenal rebuild blue, mismatch on parts, date and maker ground off, good rebuild wood with brass "trap" buttpate, old worn canvas sling with correct swivels, all military configuration, excellent function, still has original WW-I style "cutoff" plate installed (C&R)\$285

39-B F. N. 30/06 Sporterized Bolt Rifle 24" tapered barrel with mint bore, no sights, action drilled and tapped for scope base, 97%+ original blue with scattered pin pricking along barrel, re-blue receiver with some buffing and light scratches along sides, bolt is in the white, bolt handle is blue with checkered flat bottom, aftermarket adjustable trigger (no manufacture information), hinged floorplate, Q.D. sling swivel studs, black polymer checkered sporter stock with "Bell & Carlson" rubber buttpad, excellent function\$425

40-B F.N./F.I.E. .270 Cal. Sporter Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with bright excellent bore, 97% original blue with thinning to gray on left side of action above serial number, front raised sight base (no sight), rear sight has been removed and plugged, mounted is a Burris scope base, Burris scope rings and a Simmons whitetail classic 2-10x44 scope, scope has duplex reticule, crisp clear optics, non professional hand skip line checkered Monte Carlo pistol grip stock with cheekpiece, hinged floorplate, sling swivel studs, pistol grip cap and black polymer buttpate, excellent function\$375

41-B German 8mm "Model 98-K Dot / 1944" Code Dated WW-II Late War Production Bolt Rifle 23 1/2" barrel with mint bore, hooded inverted V front sight, tangent adjustable rear sight graduated from 100 to 2000 meters, 97% thinning blue to gray original finish, receiver ring marked "dot", with "eagle 63" Waffen proof, 1944 (Waffenwerke Brunn A-G Bruno) Czechoslovakia, barrel and receiver both show Waffenamt "eagle 63" proof markings, all matching serialized numbers, stamped sheet metal upper band, lower floorplate, laminated pistol grip stock with steel "cup" style buttpate, stock shows dings and dents, cleaning rod, German "H" style bayonet lug, reproduction sling, stock shows a very light "H" (Heer, Army) mark on right side between the firing pin disassemble washer and buttpate, manufactured 1944, excellent function (C&R)\$975

42-B German 8mm Mauser "DUV/42" Code Dated K98 Mauser Bolt Rifle 23 1/2" barrel with lightly pitted, good bore, 97%+ arsenal re-blue, receiver ring marked "DUV" over "42" with Waffenamt "214" (Berlin-Lubecker) proof mark, subcontract barrel proof marked "GQM42" bolt, safety lever show different serial numbers, trigger housing shows "WaA26" floorplate is milled with "WaA37" hooded front sight and tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, Walnut pistol grip stock and handguard, stamped sheet metal nose cap with non matching serial number, "H" style bayonet lug, missing cleaning rod, reproduction sling, overall excellent function, manufactured 1942 (C&R)\$1100

43-B Harrington & Richardson 30/06 "Model 300 Ultra" Bolt Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, front raised ramp sight, Williams adjustable rear sight, scope blocks mounted on Belgium FN receiver, mounted Bushnell "Elite 3200" 3-9x 40mm scope with duplex reticule and crisp clear optics, checkered American Walnut Monte Carlo pistol grip stock with a rollover cheekpiece and contrasting color on pistol grip cap and forend, black and white line spacer with brown rubber recoil pad with H&R logo, Q.D. sling swivel studs, hinged floorplate and adjustable trigger, manufactured 1965-1972, excellent function\$675

44-B Henry 44 Magnum/44 Special "Model H015B-44" Single Shot Brass Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, front brass bead, dovetail slot sight, rear folding leaf sight, Weaver scope base with Leupold M8-2.5x 30mm compact scope mounted, scope has duplex reticule, crisp clear optics, 98% satin blue finish, brass receiver and curved brass buttpate, straight grip smooth Walnut stock and forend wood, Q.D. sling swivel studs\$575

45-B Husqvarna 8x57mm "Hi-Power" Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue with scattered pin prick pitting along barrel and muzzle tips shows gray, front raised brass bead missing its hood, rear V notch dovetail sight, Weaver scope base on receiver with Redfield 4x32mm scope mounted, scope has plain crosshairs, crisp, clear optics, triggerguard and floorplate show thinning blue to gray, hand checkered Walnut pistol grip stock with Schnabel forend, pistol grip cap, sling swivels and black polymer factory logo buttpate with a chip at the toe, stock also shows hairline crack at wrist from the rear receiver bolt approximately 3" long, manufactured 1946-1951 (C&R)\$475

46-B Japanese Government 7.7 Arisaka "Last Ditch" Type 99 Bolt Rifle 26" barrel with mint bore, 95% original blue over rough late war machining, simple non adjustable peep sight, barley corn front sight, matching bolt, Nagoya made deeply ground "mum", very good laminate pistol grip stock with correct wooden buttpate, "blob" welded bolt, all original (C&R)\$495

47-B Mauser 8mm "Mauser K-98 "660/1940" Code Dated" WW-II Bolt Rifle 23 1/2" barrel with excellent bright bore, Steyr made in 1940, 80% original blue, matching bolt and most small parts, very good matching laminate pistol grip stock with steel buttpate, original leather sling, takedown disc for bolt and bayonet fixture, original front sight but rear sight is missing its aperture/elevation staff (base is present), not import marked, spoiled by the addition of a Redfield hunting style receiver sight on right side of receiver, missing its wiping rod, excellent function (C&R)\$795

48-B Mauser 8mm Mauser K-98 Style Spanish Bolt Rifle 23 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 99% original blue, military style front sight with muzzle cover, military tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, matching receiver and bolt (2) digit number but no crest or maker markings, excellent Walnut pistol grip stock with blue steel buttpate, bottom and side mount swivels, wiping rod and Spanish style bayonet fixture, probably a "sample rifle" (C&R)\$595

49-B Mauser 8mm Mauser Model 1935 "Manufacture D'Armes De L'Etat" Belgian Made Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with very good+ bright bore, 80% original blue, all original military style sights, very good+ pistol grip stock with steel buttpate, takedown disk in butt has been plugged with a wooden Walnut insert, original bottom mount sling swivels and original leather military sling, bayonet fixture but no wiping rod, not import marked, mis-matched bolt, excellent function (C&R)\$695

50-B Remington .300 Savage "Model 722A" Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, front raised ramp sight with silver bead, open rear sight with elevator, action is factory drilled and tapped on left side for a target sight and top for scope base, stainless bolt and bolt handle that's serialized to rifle, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock, brass spacer and original steel serrated Remington logo buttpate, rifle comes with its original brown cardboard box with matching green side label, manufactured 1953 (C&R)\$495

51-B Ruger .35 Whelen "M77" Bolt Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, front raised slip on sight, rear adjustable folding leaf sight, Mauser style action with Ruger integrated scope base, mounted is a Burris 1 3/4-5 x 38mm "Fullfield" scope, scope has duplex reticule, crisp clear optics, Walnut checkered pistol grip stock, stock has light rub marks on sides just above the hinged floorplate, black Ruger logo pistol grip cap and black rubber buttpad also with Ruger logo, Q.D. sling swivel studs, excellent function\$595

52-B Ruger .358 Winchester "Model M77RS" Bolt Carbine 19" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue with light pin pricking on right side of barrel toward muzzle, bolt handle has light wear, slip on raised ramp front sight with brass bead, folding leaf rear sight, Mauser style action with integral Ruger scope base, mounted Leupold 1-4x32mm "Vari-XII" scope with duplex reticule and crisp clear optics, hinged floorplate, adjustable trigger, Q.D. sling swivel studs, checkered Walnut pistol grip stock with Ruger logo grip cap and black line spacer with Ruger logo red rubber buttpad, excellent function\$1800

53-B Ruger .375 Winchester "Model No. 3" Falling Block Single Shot Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, front dovetail with red bead aftermarket sight, open field sight rear with elevator, smooth Walnut straight grip stock with curved buttpate and forend wood with ebony forend tip, Q.D. sling swivel studs on rear of stock, excellent function, manufactured 1981\$725

54-B Ruger 45/70 Government "Model No. 3" Falling Block Single Shot Carbine 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ bright blue on barrel, barrel band, action, lever and curved buttpate, front post with brass bead sight, folding rear leaf sights, mounted is a Burris 1 1/2x32mm "Fullfield" scope with duplex reticule, crisp, clear optics, smooth Walnut straight grip stock and forend, excellent function, pre warning marks on barrel\$725

55-B Ruger 45/70 Government "Model No. 3" Falling Block Single Shot Carbine 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ bright blue on barrel, barrel band, action, lever and curved buttpate, aftermarket red bead front post sight, folding rear leaf sights, smooth Walnut straight grip stock and forend, added Q.D. sling swivel studs, excellent function, pre warning marks on barrel\$675

56-B Ruger 45/70 Government "Model No. 3" Falling Block Single Shot Carbine 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ bright blue on barrel, barrel band, action, lever and curved buttpate, one small scratch on right side of lever, front post with brass bead sight, folding rear leaf sight, mint smooth Walnut straight grip stock and forend wood, excellent function, no warning label on barrel\$675

57-B Russian Government 7.62x54R "Model 91/30 Izhevsk Arsenal" Bolt Rifle 29" barrel with excellent bright bore, 98% original blue, "1939" dated receiver, all matching numbers, excellent original straight grip stock with leather sling keepers, green cloth sling, wiping rod and blue steel buttpate, excellent import marked (C&R)\$575

58-B Russian Government/Finnish Capture 7.62x54R "Model 91/30 "VKT" (Valmet) Made Bolt Rifle 29" barrel with excellent bright bore and marked "SA" over "VKT" over "D" over "1942" and serial number, all matching arsenal rebuild numbers, re-marked arched open rear sight, finger joint stock, Finnish style sling swivels with old leather sling, 90%+ nice arsenal rebuild blue "Hex" receiver, import marked but a nice example, excellent function (C&R)\$695

59-B Sako .338 Winchester Magnum "Finnbear" Sporter Bolt Rifle 24" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original bright blue, plum color on the L61R receiver with integrated scope rail, front raised hooded ramp sight, mounted Bausch & Lomb 2-7x40mm "Elite 3000" scope, scope has duplex reticule, crisp, clear optics, checkered Walnut pistol grip stock with fluted comb and left side cheek rest, Sako logo brown vent recoil pad, sling swivels and leather sling, excellent function\$975

60-B Savage 30/06 "Model 110E" Bolt Rifle 22" barrel with mint bore, 98% original finish, raised front sight adjustable rear sight, mounted Weaver scope blocks and rings, with an attached Weaver "Marksman M1" 4x32mm scope, scope has duplex reticule, crisp, clear optics, smooth Walnut Monte Carlo pistol grip stock that shows scattered finish wear along high edges of forend and at serrated polymer buttpate, Q.D. sling swivel studs and blind internal magazine, no floorplate, excellent function, manufactured 1963-1988\$325

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- 61-B Soviet 7.62x54R "Model 1891" Mosin Nagant "Finnish Marked" Bolt Rifle** 31" barrel with fair bore, front post sight, rear tangent graduated to 3200 Arshins, barrel shows 3-line address, "Tula, CCCP, 1928" hexagon receiver marked with Tula hammer (pre 1928) and number "2", Finnish capture "SA" in square marked on barrel, blue toned to gray throughout metal surfaces, artic Burch straight grip stock with rounded finger joint, top handguard wood, steel butt-plate, sling swivels and sling, excellent function for this SA capture Nagant (C&R)\$875
- 62-B Springfield Armory Inc. .308 Winchester Model M1A National Match Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 22" barrel with mint bore and factory flash suppressor, 99 1/2% original parkerized finish, "NM" marked sights, mint Walnut pistol grip stock with "fold out" steel buttplate, brown synthetic upper, mint "Turner Saddlery" "NM" marked leather sling, as new overall with excellent function, super looker\$1595
- 63-B Steyr 6.5mm Greek "Model 1907" Military Bolt Rifle** 29" barrel with poor dark, pitted bore, 50% original arsenal rebuild blue with pitted gray hollow knob bolt handle, Greek crown over cross plus "Y:1903" on receiver bridge and "Steyr 1907" on left side receiver rail, military style tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters and barley corn front sight, good solid pistol grip stock with steel buttplate, bottom mount sling swivels and bayonet fixture, no wiping rod, excellent function, just not very pretty (C&R)\$365
- 64-B Steyr 8x56R "M95 Mannlicher" Bolt Carbine** 19 1/2" barrel with good, light pitted bore, 97% blue thinning to gray, front protected inverted V post sight, rear ladder sight graduated to 2000 meters, straight pull bolt is not serialized to rifle, receiver ring marked "Steyr M95", barrel shows firing proof marks and is marked "S", straight grip Walnut stock and handguard shows dings and dents with non serialized number, steel buttplate marked "LCK, ST, 1007" on top of heel, sling swivels and stacking rod attached to bayonet lug, excellent function (C&R)\$625
- 65-B Steyr .257 Roberts "Mannlicher Schoenauer / Daimler PUNCH A.G." Sporting Bolt Full Stock Carbine** 20" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, original hooded front raised brass blade sight, folding leaf rear sight, engraved front dovetail scope base and rear scope base attached to left side of receiver (looks original Mannlicher), mounting a German "B. Nickel Marburg/L supra 4x81ES" scope with German style reticule, crisp clear optics, "spoon" handle bolt, double set adjustable triggers, Steyr marked original floorplate (not Stoeger marked), full length Walnut pistol grip stock with fine line hand cut checkering and cheekpiece, stock has light dent on left side and show light scratches, original sling swivels, pistol grip cap and serrated buttplate, excellent function, manufactured 1957 (C&R)\$2175
- 66-B Swedish 6.5mm "Model 1896" Bolt Rifle** 23 1/2" barrel with excellent bore, 98% original blue, inverted V front post sight with protector hood, ladder rear sight graduated to 1600 meters, matching serial number bolt is in the white, gray toned forged triggerguard and floorplate with proof marks, cleaning rod and barrel band with sling swivel, sling swivel also on toe line of stock, straight grip Walnut stock with finger groove and handguard, condition ring on right side of stock shows "1" over "23", comes with original sling, steel buttplate, excellent function, manufactured by Husqvarna in 1944 (C&R)\$525
- 67-B Turkish 7.65x53mm "Model 1893" Mauser Bolt Rifle** 29" barrel with bright excellent bore, barrel and action are blue to gray, barrel bands, triggerguard and hinged floorplate are gray toned with spots of blue and brown, inverted V post sight and tangent ladder rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, non matching bolt with magazine cut off, smooth Walnut straight grip stock with dings and dents, stock has firing pin disassemble disk, steel buttplate, sling swivels and black sling that's cracked and in poor condition, excellent function, Turkish markings on receiver ring, bolt and floorplate have non matching serialized numbers, manufactured 1938, ANKARA (C&R)\$300
- 68-B Weatherby 8x68S "Mark V Europa" Bolt Rifle** 26" tapered barrel with mint bore, 98%+ bright original blue, hooded raised front sight, adjustable folding rear sight, mounted on the action is Burris scope blocks with a Redfield 3-9x40mm "Illuminator" scope, scope has duplex reticule and crisp clear optics, fancy grade Walnut Monte Carlo pistol grip stock with skip line checkering and cheekpiece, stock has a white line spacer Rosewood forend and a white line spacer, rosewood pistol grip cap with white diamond inlay, Q.D. sling swivel studs and black and white line spacer, brown Weatherby rubber buttpad, excellent function, manufactured in Japan\$1350
- 69-B Winchester .300 Weatherby Magnum "Model 70 Classic" Stainless Bolt Rifle** 26" barrel with mint bore, 99% matte stainless finish, no sights, scope blocks and mounted Burris 6x32mm "Fullfield" scope, scope has duplex reticule, crisp, clear optics, black synthetic composite pistol grip stock with press checkered forend and pistol grip, factory rubber recoil pad and Q.D. sling swivel studs, grip cap, excellent function\$725
- 70-B Venezuelan/F.N. 7x57mm Mauser "Model 24/30" Short Bolt Rifle** 23 1/2" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue and 98%+ fire blue on bolt release and trigger, front post sight, tangent rear ladder sight graduated to 2000 meters, bolt and receiver are in the white, receiver has a crisp Venezuela National crest on the receiver ring, all serialized numbers are matching, smooth Walnut semi pistol grip stock and handguard, cleaning rod, nose cap with German style "H" bayonet lug, barrel band with sling swivel and rear sling swivel mounted close to wrist on toeline, barrel muzzle cover, collector quality, excellent function, 1930's (C&R)\$1195
- 71-B Yugoslavia 8mm "Model M24/47" Mauser Bolt Rifle** 23" barrel with bright excellent bore, 98% original blue, front hooded inverted V and tangent rear sight graduated to 2000 meters, K98 Mauser receiver with Yugoslavian crest on receiver ring, bolt is in the white with non matching serial number, cleaning rod and nose cap with "H" style bayonet lug, sling swivel on toeline and on barrel band, non matching floorplate, Walnut pistol grip stock and handguard, stock is serialized to rifle, comes with original sling, excellent function, manufactured 1947-1950's (C&R)\$475
- 72-B Marlin .32 Long Rimfire or Centrefire "Model 1892" Lever Rifle** 24" barrel with good bore showing some scattered pitting, Rocky Mountain front blade sight, open sporting rear sight, metal surfaces show 70% blue toning to brown throughout, scattered light pitting on receiver, very good original Walnut straight grip stock and forend, blued steel crescent buttplate with scattered pitting and taking on a brown tinge, bolt still shows remains of fire blue, excellent function, manufactured 1907, these could be had with a firing pin for rim or center-fire cartridges and this rifle is supplied with both (rim-fire firing pin now installed) (C&R)\$895
- 74-B Mossberg .22 LR "Model 152K" Clip Feed Auto Carbine** 16 1/2" barrel with mint bore, front "wing" protected post sight, original "swing away" rear sight has been removed and on the grooved receiver is mounted an original period Mossberg 4x model M4B scope with plain cross hairs with crisp clear optics, Walnut Monte Carlo stock with fold down black plastic forend shows mild use, original plastic buttplate, side mount sling swivels and a tan sling, manufactured 1948-1952 (C&R)\$285
- 75-B Mossberg/New Haven .22 LR "Model 251C" Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle** 18" barrel with mint bore, front dovetail bead sight, open rear with elevator sight, 98% original blue on barrel with thinning at muzzle, grooved receiver has been painted gloss black and paint is chipping around charging handle, smooth pistol grip Walnut stock has been refinished with a dark stain, original buttplate and finger groove triggerguard\$185
- 76-B Mossberg .22 LR "Model 380" Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle** 20" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue, thinning a bit mid barrel, pin prick pitting at muzzle, front brass dovetail bead and open rear with elevator sights, grooved receiver, smooth dark Walnut pistol grip stock, stock has dents on right side, below charging knob, black plastic buttplate, excellent function, manufactured 1980-85\$200
- 77-B Mossberg .22 LR "Model 144 LSB" Clip Feed Grooved Receiver Target Bolt Rifle** 27" heavy target barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, Lyman 17A front Globe target sight, rear Mossberg S-331 aperture sight has been removed, grooved receiver with a good quality Weaver B-6 4x20mm 3/4" tube .22 scope added, Walnut target pistol grip stock with left side cheekrest, white line spacer and black synthetic serrated buttplate, sling swivels, adjustable hand stop, one magazine, red jewel fire button still remains on stock, over all excellent condition, excellent function, manufactured 1979-1985\$275
- 78-B Remington .22 LR "Model 24" Butt Tube Feed Takedown Auto Rifle** 21" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue with light loss at muzzle, factory open sights, grooved receiver, splinter style Walnut forend and semi pistol grip stock with "UMC" logo factory buttplate, barrel is marked "RB", excellent function (C&R)\$595
- 79-B Remington .22 LR "Model Nylon 66" Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle** 19 5/8" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, original open sights, grooved receiver with period Weaver B-6x20mm scope with plain crosshairs clean optics, minty Mohawk brown "Zytel" nylon plastic pistol grip stock\$425
- 80-B Remington .22 LR "Model M541X" Clip Feed "U.S." Marked Target Bolt Rifle** 27" heavy barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, Redfield front Globe sight and receiver mounted adjustable target peep sight, smooth Walnut pistol grip target stock, adjustable sling swivel in forend and sling swivel at toeline, factory Remington black polymer buttplate, comes with one magazine, bolt is inscribed with matching serial number to rifle, excellent function, manufactured 1984\$575
- 81-B Savage / Springfield .22 S, L, & LR "Model 187-J" Tube Feed Auto Rifle** 24" barrel with mint bore, 90% original blue toning to brown and thinning toward muzzle along barrel, grooved receiver has blue to brown tones along top, rifle has scattered pinpricking throughout, factory open sights plus a Weaver "B4" scope with plain cross hairs and clear optics, Walnut pistol grip stock with light scratches and what looks to be a stain streak on left side of stock, serrated buttplate with groove cut on top of heel (C&R)\$165
- 82-B Walthar .22 LR "Model KkJ" Sporter Clip Feed Bolt Rifle** 22" barrel with mint bore, 98% original blue, hooded ramp bead front sight and rear ladder sight, grooved receiver, checkered Walnut Monte Carlo stock with cheekpiece pistol grip sporter shows small scratches, factory buttplate and pistol grip cap, sling swivels and one factory magazine, excellent function\$1395
- 83-B Westernfield .22 S, L, & LR "Model M-842" Tube Feed Bolt Rifle** 24" barrel with mint bore, 97% original blue, light thinning at muzzle, open field sights, grooved receiver, pistol grip Monte Carlo stock with some light dings and dents, factory black plastic checkered buttplate with white line spacer, functions properly\$135
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- 87-B Winchester .22 LR "Model 74 / Pre War" Butt Tube Feed Auto Rifle** 24" barrel with mint bore, 95% original blue toned to gray on receiver and at muzzle, factory open sights, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with original steel buttplate, excellent function, manufactured 1940 (C&R)\$365
- 88-B Winchester .22 LR "Model 77" Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, factory open sights, grooved receiver, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with factory Winchester logo buttplate, excellent function, comes with one factory Winchester magazine (C&R)\$325
- 89-B Winchester .22 LR "Model 77" Clip Feed Auto Rifle** 22" barrel with mint bore, 98%+ original blue, factory open sights, grooved receiver, polymer triggerguard and one factory Winchester marked magazine, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock with original Winchester logo buttplate, excellent function (C&R)\$325
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- 108-B Savage 12 Gauge "Model 720 U.S. Military" Marked Auto Shotgun 26"** barrel with bright excellent bore, 90% original blue thinning to brown in areas of improved cylinder, 2 3/4" chamber, receiver shows scratch on left side in areas of "U.S. / Army Ordnance" bomb proof mark, also high edge wear, safety and action function properly, smooth Walnut forend wood has a 4" crack on bottom and shows some small repair on left side, Walnut pistol grip stock with Savage buttpate (C&R) \$795
- 109-B Savage / Fox 12 Gauge Model "BS-E" Side By Side Shotgun 28"** (2) bead vent rib barrels with mirror bright bores, 2 3/4" chambers and fixed full and modified chokes, 98% original barrel blue, 95% slightly faded case colored receiver, single non-selective trigger, auto ejectors, auto safety, very good Walnut stained pistol grip stock with impress checkering, black plastic buttpate and full beavertail forend, wood shows flaked off finish and some age cracks in side panels behind boxlock receiver, excellent function, made pre 1968 in the classic side by side configuration (C&R) \$685
- 110-B Springfield / Stevens 16 Gauge Boxlock Side By Side Shotgun 28"** barrels with bright excellent bores, 2 3/4" chamber, improved and modified choked barrels, 95% original blue, thinning at receiver and muzzle, shows 80% original case colors on receiver but in the gray from hand carry, smooth Walnut pistol grip stock and forend, shows field use, added is a red head vent rubber recoil pad giving L.O.P. of 14 7/8", recoil pad is not properly fitted to stock \$265
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- 113-B Wards Westernfield 16 Gauge "Model 60-SB620-A" Pump Shotgun 27"** barrel with bright excellent bore showing light lead skid marks, 2 3/4" chamber, improved cylinder choke, shotgun shows poor re-blue scattered along all metal but otherwise gray, single brass front bead sight, checkered Walnut forend wood and pistol grip stock, stock has a chip at toe, wood shows scratches, dings and dents, plastic buttpate that has been filed at toe, excellent function \$85
- 114-B Westernfield / Montgomery Ward & Co 12 Gauge "Model 30" Pump Shotgun 30"** full choke solid rib barrel with mint bore, 80% original blue, thinning on left side of barrel to gray, receiver shows pinpricking, scratches and high edge wear, 2 3/4" chamber, single brass bead sight, 14" magazine tube is gray with spots of brown, top screw on left side looks to be replaced with a brass screw, safety lever in trigger well, checkered Walnut forend wood and pistol grip stock have been refinished and now shows high gloss shine, ding and dents, red rubber "Ranger" recoil pad with black line spacer, L.O.P. 14 1/2", excellent function (C&R) \$125
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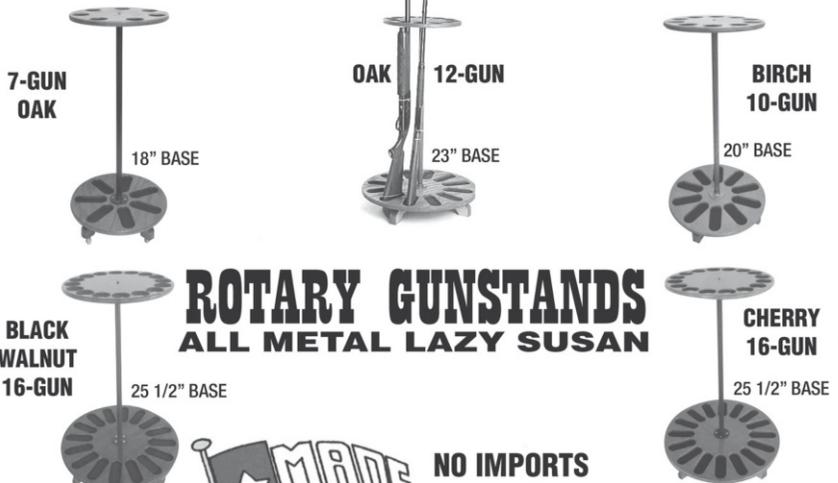
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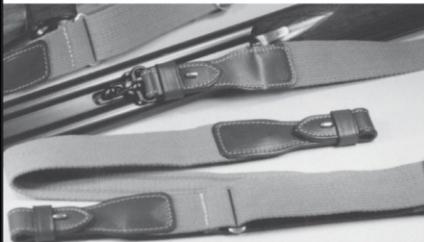
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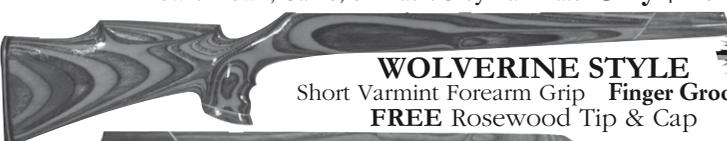
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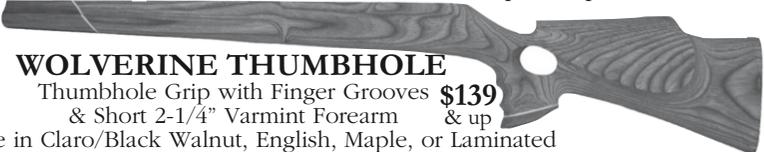
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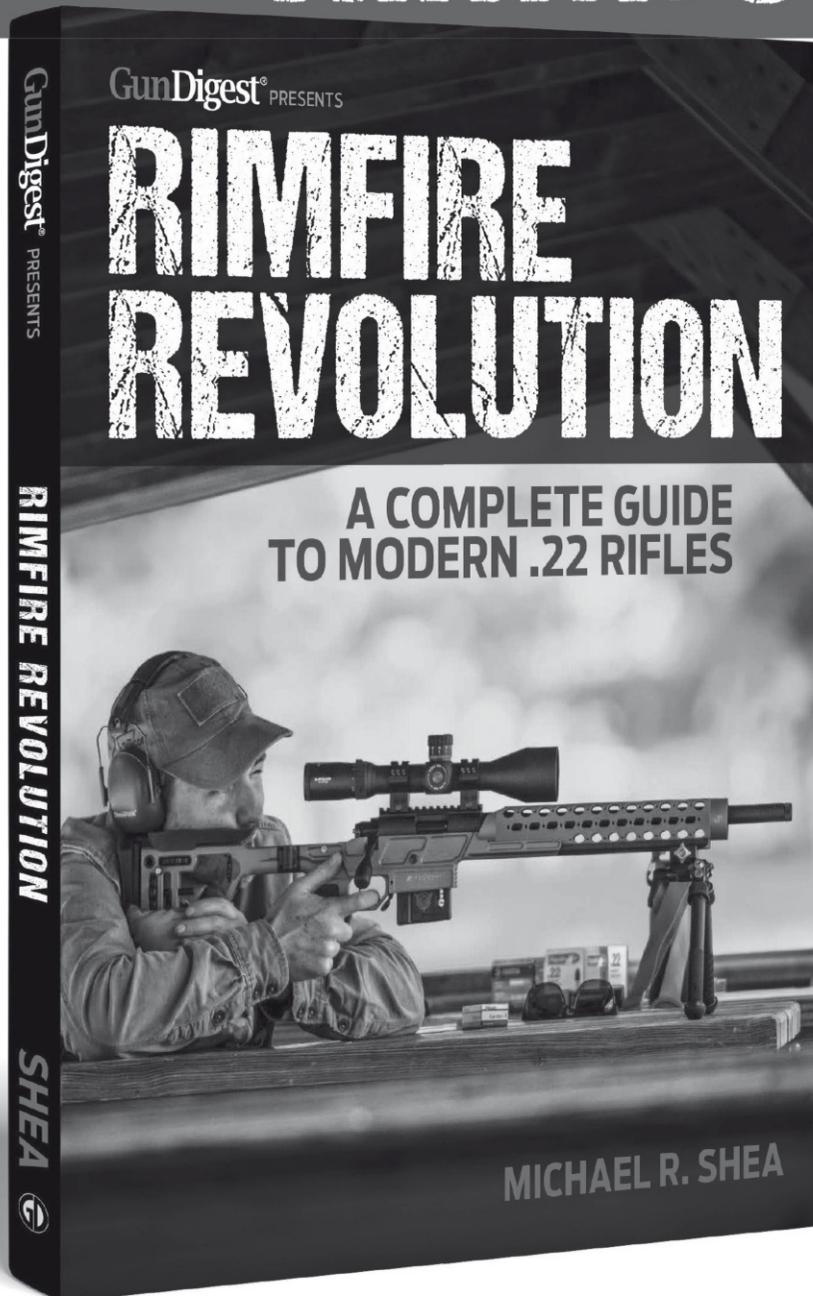
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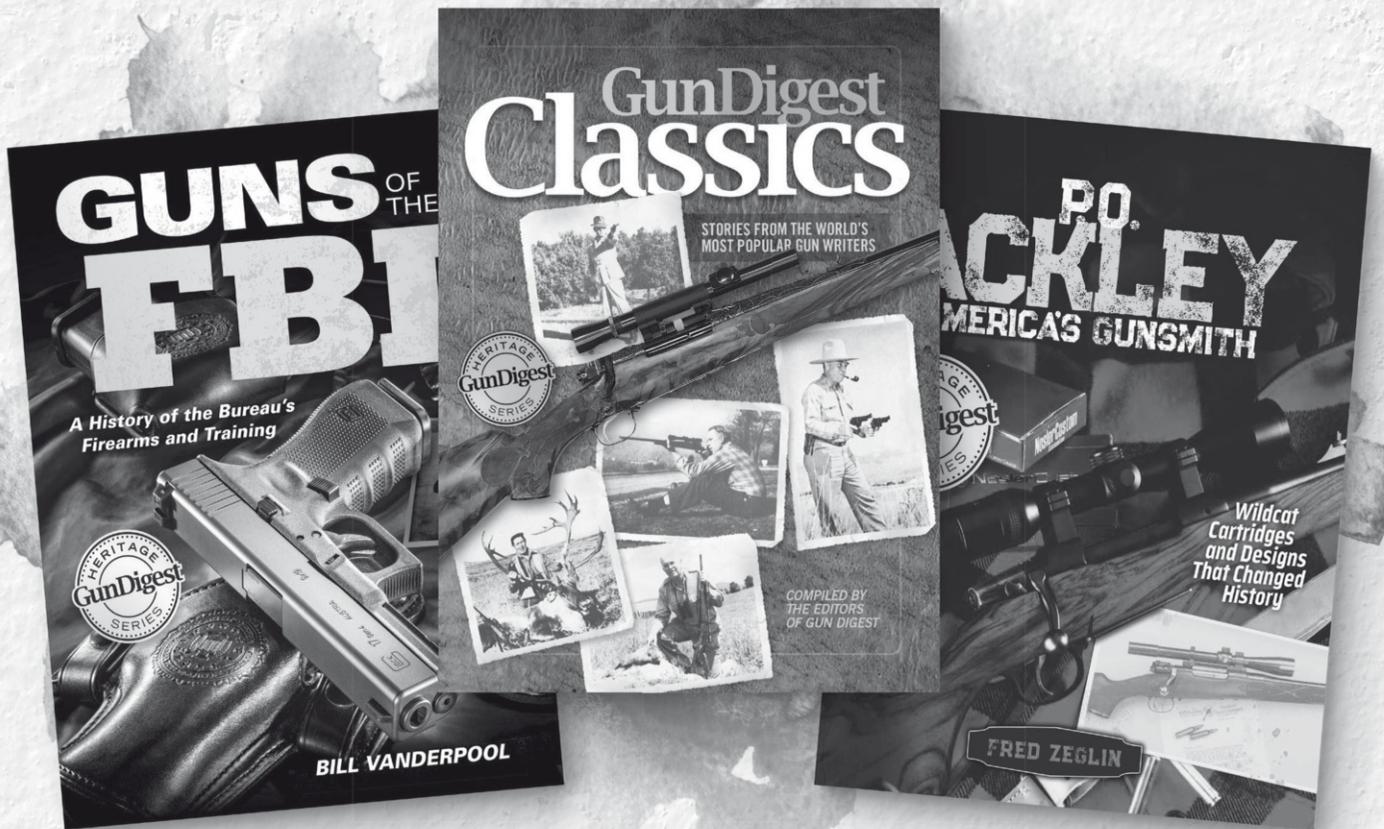
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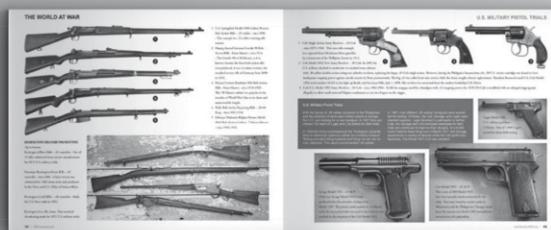
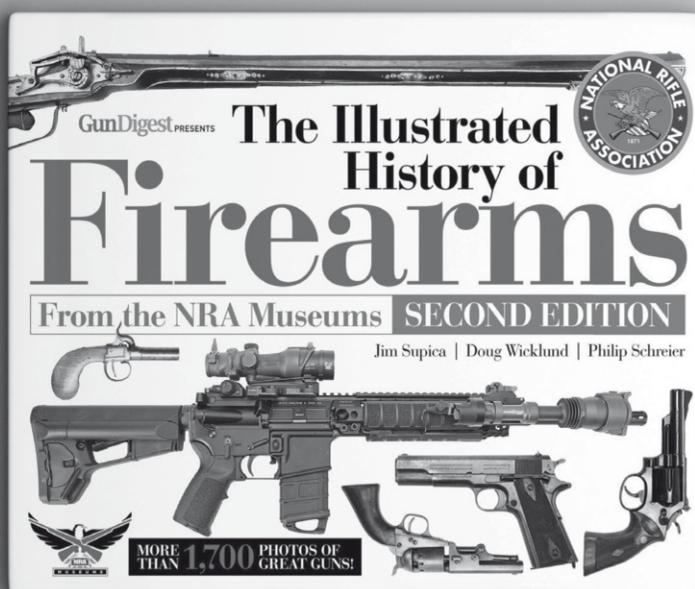
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During the past 2 years, the industry has picked up somewhere in the ballpark of 16 to 20 million new gun owners, based on NICS checks. To put it in perspective, it's as if the entire populations of Michigan (about 10 million) and Indiana (7 million) all became first-time gun owners. In total, there were about 45 million guns sold in 2020 and 2021 (at least that went through a dealer). Private sales aren't accounted for here.

What can be said for certain is that guns are now a part of the lives of a majority of Americans, and for many of these freshman shooters, there's the desire to begin introducing their children to the wide world of guns. In my opinion, the first and best place to start is with a youth-sized rimfire rifle.

WHAT MAKES A YOUTH RIFLE?

There are no real specific criteria for a youth gun; some are very simple single shots, while others are just short-stocked versions of standard products. I don't believe there's one single answer. This really depends on the type of training, hunting or another end use a young person has for

a rifle. What works for one kid may be unsuitable for another.

As a baseline, a good youth gun will use iron sights. I've engaged in debate with this for some time with my contemporaries, and some think this is a waste of time due to how commonplace optics are in today's world.

A friend recently said to me that making people learn iron sights was about as useful today as making every driver learn to drive stick before driving automatic. The reason I like iron sights on a youth rifle isn't to make things harder for kids—it's just the opposite. They teach children to take their time and be deliberate. They also naturally limit the distances kids are

going to attempt shots, thus building confidence at close distances. I think 50 yards is a perfect place to start with a youth rimfire and accomplishing the basics of marksmanship here will ultimately bring new shooters to better respect and understand the skill.

I also like youth guns to be bolt actions for the merit that they're slower to load and less prone for clumsy hands to make mistakes with. I'm not against semiauto rimfires here; I'm merely aware of the habits of children and their attention spans in a training setting. In my experience, bolt actions are easier to empty and show clear, and there's a reduced risk of an accidental chambering or discharge.



The CZ action easily shows a clear chamber, which is a great learning tool. Not that the magazine in it is a five-rounder, but a single-shot version is available that's great for training and feeding tiny .22 Shorts.

A threaded muzzle allows the mounting of many accessories. While the Q Cherry Bomb is a brake meant to tame larger guns, it's also a suppressor mount and allows one to be used on rimfire and centerfire rifles.



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(Below) There's such a thing as too long of a pull length. Not so much with a short length of pull. The author favors a short stock for hunting and general use.

(Bottom) The author likes iron sights on compact rimfires. They're a great learning tool and offer a fast sight picture for small game.

FEELING LIKE A KID AGAIN

It may come as a surprise that one of my favorite rifles—and certainly one of my most lethal in terms of game bagged—is a CZ 457 Scout. This is a youth-sized gun with a very short stock and stubby 16-inch barrel. It has iron sights and a threaded muzzle—two features I like for the barnyard. It takes suppressors readily and, when shooting a .22 Short, it's quite noiseless. This gun ends up going with me into the woods as well, so I installed a set of sling studs on it. The rifle doesn't come with them.

I'm not exactly a small guy, but I'm not a bear either. This stock for me is the perfect length in that I can always get up on it when wearing thick clothing or in dense cover. I find that it's hard to go "too short" with a rifle; the CZ Scout's stock is still longer than a fully collapsed AR carbine stock, and plenty of guys bigger than me shoot their carbines fully collapsed regularly. Length of pull really matters more on shotguns than rifles, and most of my rifles have a shorter than normal LOP as a result. I'd say that most of my precision rifles set at about 12 inches. My supposedly ideal LOP as measured for my arms is 14 inches. I just find a longer LOP to be a hindrance in most settings, which is why I prefer using "youth" models in the field myself.

The CZ Scout is probably my number-one recommendation for a youth-size rimfire rifle; it has everything you need on it aside from the aforementioned sling swivels. The gun ships with a zero-round flush-fit magazine that encourages single-shot feeding. I like this feature for single-loading .22 Shorts. Five-round repeater magazines are available, and I prefer these to the 10-round variety because they're compact and allow a one-handed carry by grasping the receiver when walking. If the CZ isn't your fancy, I've rounded up my recommendations for some of today's best youth-sized rimfires that cover everything from starter guns to high-level competition.



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01. Savage Rascal Single-Shot

This may very well be one of the quintessential youth bolt guns out there. The Rascal is available in a myriad of colors, as well as target versions and “tactical” variants. These are safe, easy-to-use guns that have introduced countless kids to the shooting sports. For their tiny size, they offer great value and utility. They’re also popular with adults, and a few trappers I know take these super-light, brightly colored rifles with them when they check their lines.

MSRP: \$199

02. Savage MKII FVT Repeater

Savage again makes an appearance on this list because of just how good of a training tool this model is. The heavy-profile barrel adds stability for offhand, and the highly adjustable sights allow a shooter to precisely zero for competitions. These guns are common at Project Appleseed events and may, for the dollar, be one of the most accurate .22LR rifles out there today.

MSRP: \$509

03. KSA Mosin Nagant M91/30 Single-Shot

What fun, little comrade! I first set eyes on the comically small single-shot Mosin copy at SHOT Show a couple years back. I think it’s a brilliant idea, especially if your child has an interest in historical guns. At a young age I was fascinated with World War II history, and I would’ve begged for one of these under the Christmas tree.

MSRP: \$419

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04. Mossberg International 802 Plinkster Repeater

A classic bolt action, the Mossberg isn't exactly flashy, but it has all the features you need to get started. The least assuming gun on this list, the Plinkster is rugged and durable and should give your young shooter decades of hard use. At a cost point alone, it's a bargain.

MSRP: \$204

05. Henry Lever Action Youth Repeater

This rifle was the first .22 I had as a kid. My dad bought it because he loved Westerns, and I naturally followed suit. That rifle sadly got sold, but I may yet get another (I realized how much I missed it in writing this article). The action is smooth, and it's very accurate, easily as good as the bolt actions of similar cost and size. I highly recommend this rifle; it's a good bridge between capacity, accuracy, and fast follow-up shots.

MSRP: \$397

06. Browning T-Bolt Target Repeater

The T-Bolt is a classic design and is both fast and accurate. For an older kid, this makes a fine first small game rifle that has the accuracy to get past 100 yards. This rifle is best with a scope, and a compact Leupold in the 3-9x range will make your son or daughter deadly on rabbits up to coyotes.

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07. Anschutz 1710 XLR HB Repeater

Climbing up in price and features is the Anschutz 1710 XLR HB. This is a precision rifle, not just a “precision trainer.” As a stand-alone, it’s accurate for long range in the growing NRL sports and offers a stock that is adjustable to fit adults and children who may want to compete. I think these long-range rimfire sports out to 500 yards and beyond to be just plain fun, and I would love to get started in it.

MSRP: \$2,695

08. Walther KK500-M Expert 690mm Single-Shot

I remember seeing these guns for the first time at Camp Perry when I was a kid myself. I thought, *they want THAT much for a single-shot .22!?* I couldn’t understand at the time, but these are utter accuracy machines that are adjustable for virtually any shooter in any position. For an older child or teenager, this may seem like a chunk of change, but compared to beauty pageants, football and 4H, I’d rather bite the bullet once and get my kids the best Olympic-style rifle available. Or, buy it for yourself!

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09. Ruger Precision Rimfire Repeater

At a fraction of the price of the Anschutz on this list, the Ruger Precision Rimfire offers a great deal of features to the young long-range shooter. I’ve shot these guns extensively and really enjoy what Ruger did with them for the price. While not as accurate as some other dedicate precision rimfires, this one is plenty good to train on, and if your young shooter graduates to centerfire rifles, the ergonomics are almost identical to Ruger’s full-size Ruger Precision Rifle.

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Can the .224 Valkyrie replace the 5.56 NATO?



Back in 2008, I recall there was a substantial argument over two competing AR cartridges, each supposedly an answer to the problems the 5.56mm NATO experienced in battle. These rounds were the 6.5 Grendel and 6.8 SPC, and many writers and end users flocked to one or the other ... at least for that moment in time.

Fast-forward to 2022 and neither round occupies a substantial market share of the AR-15 world anymore. They each ultimately failed to replace the 5.56 NATO in military service. The legacy of these rounds is still evident, and their associated parts and magazines have allowed some interesting innovation.

Enter Federal's 224 Valkyrie.

CARRYING FALLEN WARRIORS TO VALHALLA

The role of the Valkyrie in old Norse mythology was to monitor the battlefield, acting as something akin to the Fates; when a warrior fell honorably, they carried him to Valhalla, where he

would feast with the heroes of all time for eternity.

Since the 6.8 SPC fell from general favor some years back, it has struggled to maintain popularity and relevance, and ammo has become increasingly hard to find. This isn't to say that the round was a total failure; designs come and go, and sometimes it's easier to improve what you have—in this case the 5.56mm—than it is to start over completely new. Convenience killed the 6.8 SPC on the commercial market, not lack of power or accuracy.

What the 6.8 SPC did well was introduce a set of internals and magazines that worked with the AR platform, essentially allowing for a new family of rounds designed around its larger case head and tapered body.

Among these is the .224 Valkyrie, and Federal wisely chose the 6.8 SPC as the parent case. Not only does the .224 Valkyrie offer serious advantages over 5.56mm, it's also an incredible, low-recoil alternative to 6.5 and 6 Creedmoor in long-range events.

JACK OF ALL TRADES

The .224 Valkyrie has been around for a few years now, and it has been holding steady in popularity—though the current troubles have certainly put a damper on its growth. I really wanted to see what other writers were saying about this round, and what surprised

Left to right are Federal factory .224 Valkyrie loads: 60-grain VMAX, 60-grain Varmint Noster Ballistic Tip, 75-grain TMJ, 80.5-grain Match, 90-grain Fusion and 90-grain SMK.

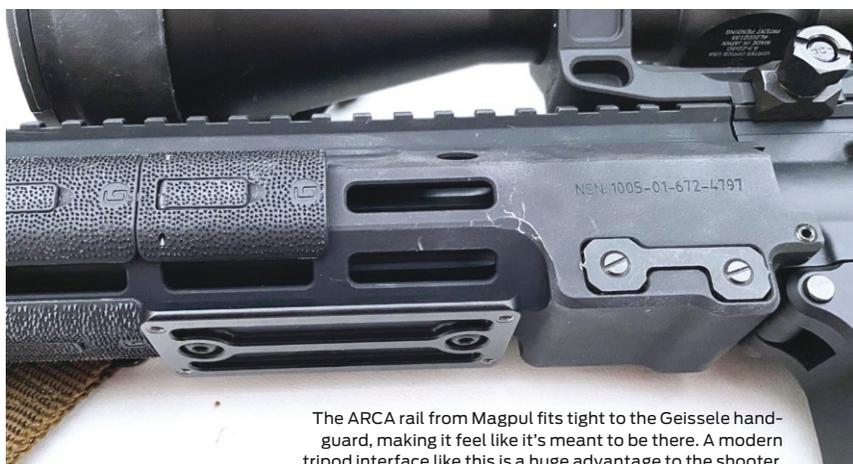




me was that there seemed to be a general consensus that it was a great thing.

However, few, if any, writers have extrapolated on the true engineering marvel this round actually is. This is a round that's capable of virtually anything. There are better rounds out there for individual tasks, but a person can easily accomplish 95 percent of all shooting tasks with this cartridge.

The first thing I want to address is that the .224 Valkyrie likely has the widest range of bullet weights avail-



The ARCA rail from Magpul fits tight to the Geissele hand-guard, making it feel like it's meant to be there. A modern tripod interface like this is a huge advantage to the shooter.



The .224 Valkyrie, here in a Faxon barrel, makes use of a fast 1:6.5 twist. This twist rate can stabilize virtually all .22-inch-caliber bullets.

able in a single bore: The lightest bullets weighing as little as 35 grains and the heaviest at 90 grains. That's a range of weight almost triple the minimum value. A prairie dog hunter friend of mine with a custom bolt-action chose the .224 for this reason alone. He's able to get insane speeds with 30-grain specialty copper alloy bullets, somewhere in the ballpark of 3,800 fps. (Factory loaded 60-grain Federal Predator & Varmint chronographs at 3,321 fps from my 22-inch rifle for reference. That's double the bullet weight!) And yet, he's still able to stick factory loaded 90-grain bullets in the same rifle for antelope. The versatility is extraordinary on the merit of bullet selection alone.

Recoil is another major factor with the .224 Valkyrie that's not talked about much. This round, even with 90-grain bullets, has pretty much no recoil; it's almost exactly the same as shooting 5.56mm. This might seem like a moot point, but for young hunters, people with shoulder injuries and those of use who don't pretend to like recoil, it's awesome.

The best part is that this low recoil



The SilencerCo lower receiver is a solid base for any AR build and offers many great features.

comes with light rifle weight and extremely efficient ballistics. This round might very well be the ultimate learning cartridge for modern long-range sports. It'd even dominate in silhouette matches and offhand competition with its excellent energy on target. Shooting the Valkyrie with a suppressor is nothing but enjoyable; I can spot every impact and make immediate corrections. The gun barely moves and hardly makes a cough at the muzzle.

The ballistic matter is something that I find to be of great interest as well. Federal advertises the Valkyrie as having superior drop and drift at 1,000 yards over any other AR cartridge. After running the numbers and shooting the Valkyrie at these distances and beyond, I can prove the marketing to be true.

The 80.5 factory match load from Federal indeed shoots just like a 6.5 Creedmoor and, together with the newer 90-grain Sierra MatchKing load, delivers trajectories at a grand sub-

stantially flatter than any AR round I've ever tested. If you're used to 5.56, you'll probably consider it to be best at 600 yards, perhaps out to 800 shooting Black Hills 77-grain MK262.

The Valkyrie, for equal recoil and rifle weight, is still supersonic at around 1,200 to 1,400 yards and offers greater hit likelihood at virtually all ranges. I'm very impressed with this, having taken the advertisements with a grain of salt upon first reading them.

BUILDING A TACK DRIVER

My personal .224 Valkyrie is an accuracy machine, and it takes advantage of some of the newest products on the market as well as some established, tried-and-true parts. It's a complete off-the-shelf parts build, and you can make this exact rifle if you see fit. There's no special sauce I used on it ... and no custom-made accessories.

Starting with the lower, the first thing you'll notice is the brand-new SilencerCo SCO15 receiver. This is a well-made, well-thought-out product from a brand that has been with us for some time. It's machined to feature a wide magwell, integral trigger guard, has QD sockets and a special ambidextrous bolt release. It's a feature-rich part that looks both clean and unique.

The lower also sports a Geissele part kits and two-stage trigger. The recoil spring and buffer are also from Geissele. I elected a B5 systems grip for its straighter angle and a mil-spec A2 stock for simplicity. I'm not a huge fan of carbine stocks on a long-range rifle, and a basic stock like this, in my view, actually adds function in that there's less to mess with. The sling is from Short Action Precision.

The Faxon Firearms upper bears a 22-inch Faxon barrel as well as a Faxon bolt carrier. The charging handle, folding sights, rail covers, gas block and handguard are all from Geissele. Mounting accessories and ARCA plate are from Magpul. Finishing out the muzzle is a Q Cherry Bomb brake. The bolt carrier is the 6.8 version; you cannot use the same bolt as you would a 5.56. An Atlas QD bipod finishes out the upper.

The optics package features a Geissele Super Precision 30mm mount and a brand-new Vortex Razor HD LHT 4.5-22x50mm scope. The mount needs no introduction, but the new LHT is worth a review of its own. This is a medium-sized scope and, while it appears to be rather benign, the features just keep coming. Adjustments are 0.1 Mil. It has a capped windage turret and a lockable elevation turret. The reticle is fine, but not too fine like a target scope and is easily visible in low light. It has a Christmas tree reticle that illuminates red via a push button on the parallax knob. The scope is just about the perfect fit for the .224 Valkyrie and offers a very functional magnification range. The thing I really enjoy is that you can use the reticle for all drop and drift—the adjustment turrets you can pretty much zero and forget about. If you need that dial-in feature, you can do so with confidence and return it to zero easily. As a crossover match and hunting scope, this one is hard to beat.

The rifle shoots like a dream and is only about 1¾-inch longer than a standard M16A2. Without the optic, it weighs the same. Fully kitted out with bipod, sling and scope as featured in the article here with a loaded 15-round Precision Reflex magazine, it's 11.8 pounds and perfectly balanced. It has virtually no recoil and is a favorite among my friends who have shot it. With 80.5-grain factory match loads, the rifle shoots a ½ inch at 100 yards for five shots. The weight, balance and accuracy make this rifle just plain fun and immensely functional.

TOO SMALL FOR BIG GAME?

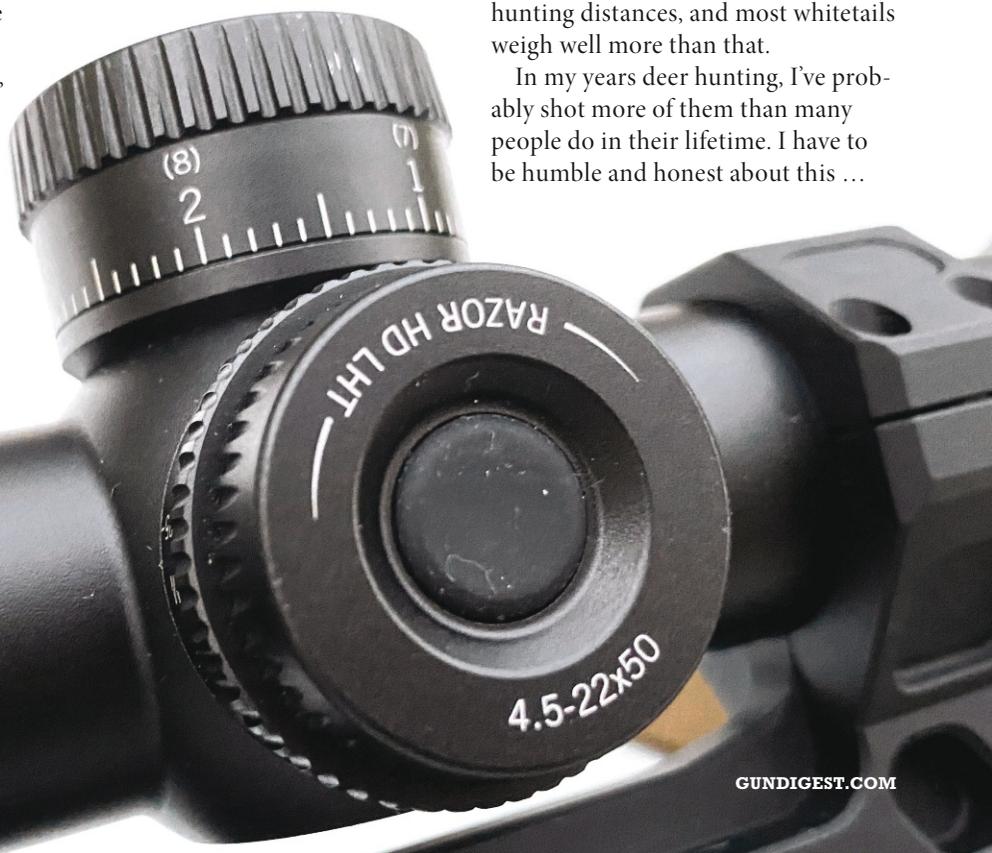
For hunting, I'm on the fence with using the Valkyrie for big game. I've seen this round used on varmints and have been coyote hunting with it, but not on deer. Using a 90-grain Fusion load, I'd take a shot less than 200 yards, but I'm weary of the .22-inch bore in general—not the .224 Valkyrie as a cartridge.

The Valkyrie may very well be the best small and medium game round on the market today, considering that it's inherently accurate, has a very short learning curve due to low recoil

Vortex's new optics are great for use with the .224 Valkyrie; 4.5-22X is the perfect magnification range for the versatile cartridge.

and relatively inexpensive ammo. I'd hands-down consider this for all game 100 pounds and under at normal hunting distances, and most whitetails weigh well more than that.

In my years deer hunting, I've probably shot more of them than many people do in their lifetime. I have to be humble and honest about this ...



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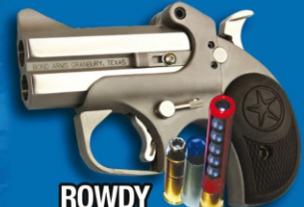
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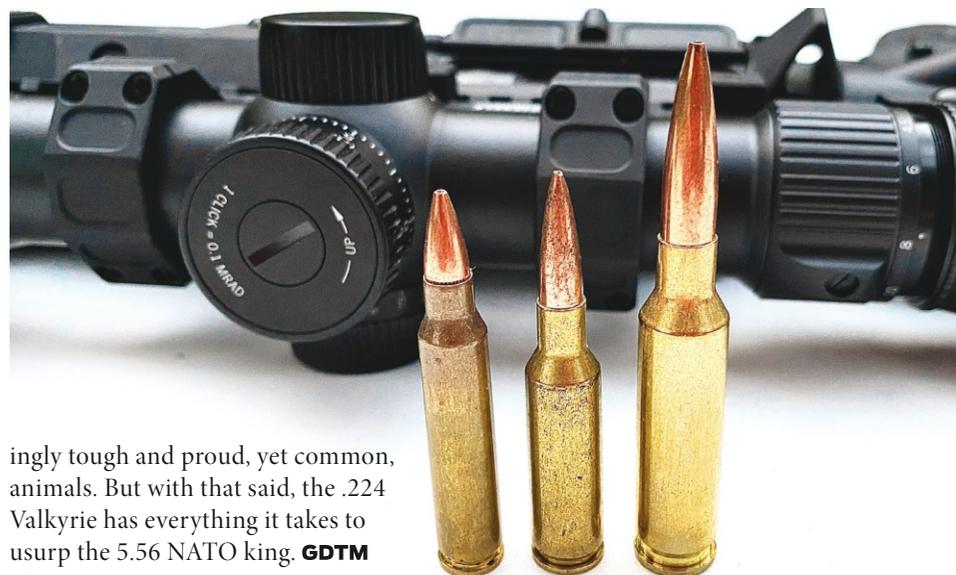
The .224 Valkyrie uses 6.8 SPC mags, here from PRI. Capacity is reduced compared to 5.56mm, but larger mags are available.

because I've also made more mistakes than most hunters ever do in their lifetime as a result. The biggest mistakes I've made have been centered on underestimating my game and overestimating my bullet. I have, for the most part, become a fan of big, heavy bullets in calibers that start with .45 inch and end with .45 inch. I like a Keith bullet, even in rifle rounds like 450 Bushmaster.

I'm of the impression now, having had trouble with lighter, faster bullets, that it's nearly impossible to bring too much mass—regardless of speed. A 255-grain bullet at 900 fps has never failed to put a deer down for me, but I've certainly had an undeniable amount of trouble from small-bores at any speed, including rounds like 6.5 Creedmoor.

For me, the jury is out on the effectiveness on deer using the Valkyrie. Everything I've read from Federal on the round has been proven true, down to how close to their listed velocities are compared to my chronograph readings, so I've no doubt that it'd, in fact, perform well.

In perfect honesty, I'll probably never take it out for deer. I've just not had a positive experience with small-bore rifles, in general, on these surpris-



ingly tough and proud, yet common, animals. But with that said, the .224 Valkyrie has everything it takes to usurp the 5.56 NATO king. **GDTM**

The .224 Valkyrie (middle), as compared to the 5.56 NATO (left) and 6.5 Creedmoor (right). The .224 is a remarkable round, offering recoil like the 5.56 and trajectory akin to the 6.5.

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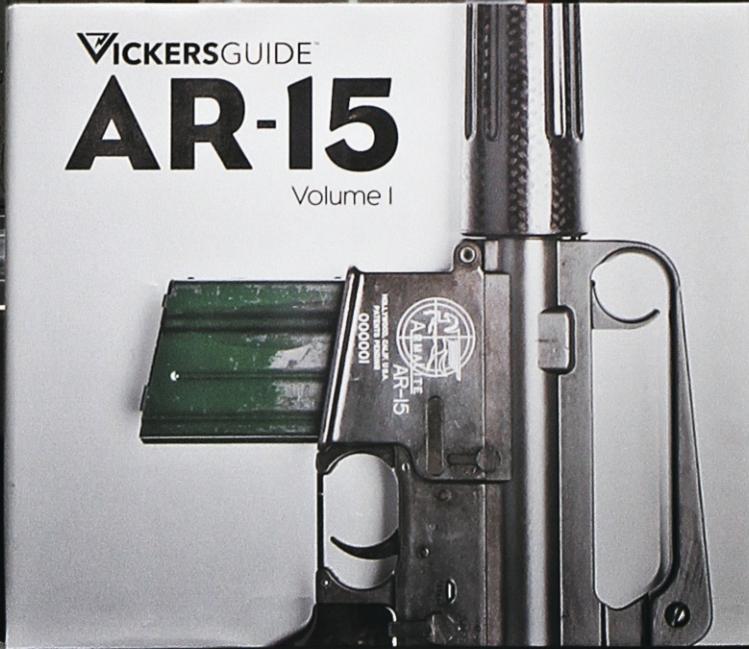
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The AR-15 has truly become “America’s Rifle,” modern-day muskets that are integral to the fabric of life for American gun owners. Whether wielded by warfighters and law enforcement, or in the hands of civilians for home defense, hunting, competition or target shooting, ARs are literally everywhere. It’s reported that one of every four rifles made in the U.S. is an AR. And it’s a uniquely American story—with ingenuity and innovation, missteps, continuous improvements and refinements, and its eventual ascendance to firearms behemoth.

Today, one might think of Hollywood, California, with some amount of disdain when it comes to firearms. But back in the late 1950s, Armalite’s small workshop in that very town gave birth to the most adaptable and longest-lasting standard U.S. service rifle of all time. The AR-15 was based on Eugene Stoner’s 7.62mm AR-10 design, utilizing the latest in materials as well as manufacturing processes. Precise manufacturing tolerances combined with steel, aluminum and synthetic materials to create a weapon system that has become a model of modularity, versatility and effectiveness.

After a rough start in service during

the Vietnam War, the U.S. military officially adopted the AR-15 platform as the M16A1 service rifle by the end of the decade. Chambered in 5.56x45mm, it’s a direct impingement gas-operated rifle. Both of these facts have generated a great deal of debate and internet butt-hurt over the years, but the truth is that the AR platform is extremely effective and has been refined to a mirror finish. There are many very lethal 5.56mm rounds on the market now, and the modularity of the platform allows you to easily switch to many other alternative calibers. The direct impingement operating system can deliver great accuracy and shootability, but many short- and long-stroke gas piston systems and conversions are also available. The AR platform features largely unparalleled ergonomics, with well-positioned controls, conveniently configured sighting systems, amazing aftermarket triggers, and the ability to accommodate different types and sizes of shooters. And there’s an enormous ecosystem of products and services supporting the huge installed base of AR-platform rifles in the U.S. and the world. ‘Merica, indeed.

Last year in Issue 22, we brought you a special look at some amazing 1911s courtesy of the *Vickers Guide: 1911*. If there’s

something even more closely associated with Larry Vickers than the 1911, it might just be the AR-15 platform. Vickers spent over two decades in special operations, including 15 years with Delta Force, deploying with different varieties of the AR platform. He’s also renowned for his encyclopedic knowledge of firearms, gunsmithing and firearms instruction.

Vickers Guide is back, with another beautiful coffee table book dedicated to the AR-15. With all the modern-day wonder guns, bristling with optics, accessories, and race parts, folks today might not be as familiar with early incarnations of the AR platform. So flip the page and enjoy some fascinating and historic rifles from the earliest days of the AR-15, with commentary from Vickers as well as industry experts C. Reed Knight Jr. of the Institute of Military Technology and Dr. Earl Burress of Tactical Applications Group. Please try not to drool on the magazine.

XAR1501

This is the first AR-15 ever made. We’ll repeat that—this is the very first AR-15, ever. Patient zero. The granddaddy of them all. Built by Armalite before 1958, this is Experimental AR-15 Number 1,



Left: The first AR-15 ever made. Behold its glory. Note the charging handle on the top of the upper receiver and non-adjustable rear sight.



Right: One of the five original AR-10 prototypes. It was built in Armalite's workshop in Hollywood, California.

prior to Colt's involvement in the AR-15 program. On the orders of General Willard Wyman, Commanding General of the U.S. Continental Army Command, approximately 15 to 20 guns were built for initial testing.

Knight relates that the serial number, XAR1501, was derived from the following formula: eXperimentalAR-15number01. Note that this particular rifle is missing the front sight and is equipped with a non-adjustable rear sight, as requested by General Wyman. The furniture was also painted with the same speckle paint used on the Armalite AR-10s.

If you look carefully at the left side of the rifle's magwell, you'll see something that's practically invisible to the naked eye in person. "AR-15 Exp. Prototype" is handwritten on the magwell. It all started here, folks.

"Hollywood" AR-10 Serial Number 1003

Five original prototypes of the Armalite AR-10 were built, with serial numbers 1001 through 1005. The one shown here is the third, serial number 1003. The serial numbers for these initial guns were derived as follows: ar10number03. So number 1003 here is the third rifle built, not the 1,003rd.

Knight explains that they were all hand-built in Armalite's workshop in Hollywood, California, thus earning the moniker, "Hollywood AR-10s," and differentiating them from AR-10s later manufactured in other locations such as the Netherlands.

All five prototypes were inscribed with the large "ARMALITE" marking on the left side of the receiver. They were all used for demonstrations and originally had aluminum composite barrels. Serial number 1001 was sold to Sam Cummings at Interarms and remains with only minor modifications to its original configuration. Serial number 1002 was used in the Springfield Armory testing performed in 1957 and sports Mathewson's replacement barrel. Serial number 1003, shown here, was at Fairchild (Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation,

the parent company of Armalite) and is virtually unaltered. Serial number 1004 was also tested at Springfield, fired extensively at the same time as number 1002, and later had the upper receiver replaced with a quick-change heavy barrel. 1005 was retrieved out of Europe, received additional modifications and was the test rifle for the Dutch to build their original guns. These five guns were the very first batch of prototype hand-built guns with the unique-looking front sight tower.

COLT ACR

In the latter half of the 1980s, the U.S. Department of Defense funded the Advanced Combat Rifle program to develop a successor to the M16 platform. A primary objective of the program was to improve the hit probability of the average U.S. soldier employing the weapon, as compared to M16 variants in use at the time. Colt was one of six companies selected to participate, and the Colt ACR shown here (in its more rare carbine-length form) was their entry.

The Colt ACR experimented with a number of ergonomic changes to the M16 and is closely associated with the development of so-called “duplex” ammunition—a single cartridge containing two nested bullets, which would both be discharged down the barrel of the rifle with a single trigger pull and single recoil impulse, with the intent of increasing hit probability.

Vickers explains that the Colt ACR ultimately demonstrated that duplex ammunition fired from an M16 is nearly worthless due to unacceptable accuracy at reasonable combat distances. The effort to stabilize two relatively lightweight projectiles, each under 40 grains, out of a barrel designed to fire much heavier projectiles like the 62-grain M855 and 64-grain M856 tracer proved hopeless without a change of the barrel twist rate.

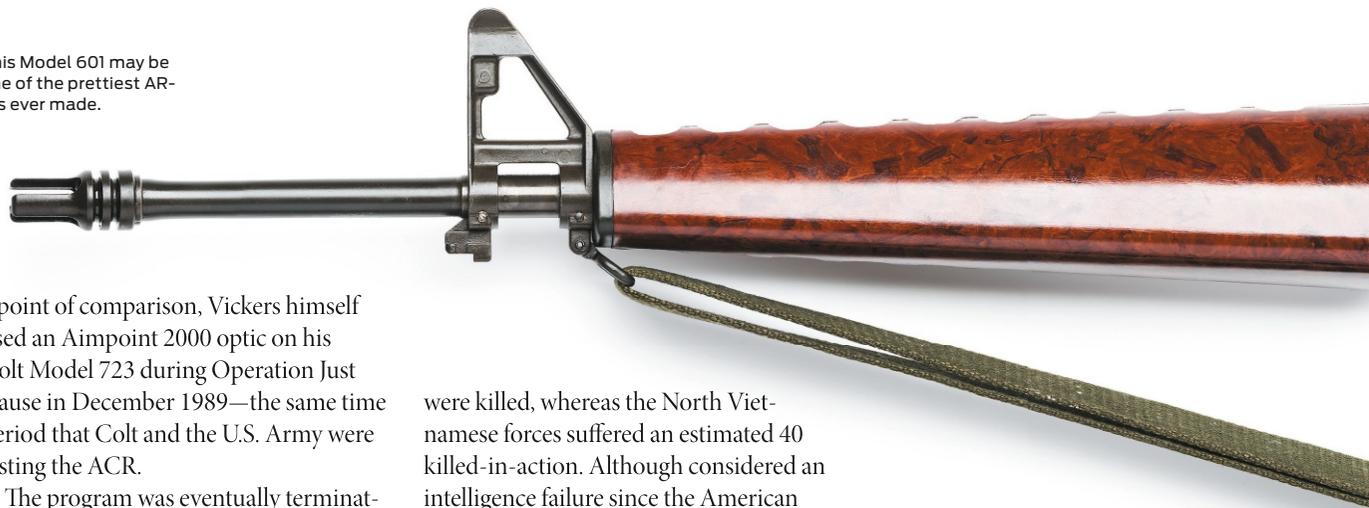
Additionally, the shotgun-style sighting plane on top of the handguards also wasn't sufficiently effective, with any such advantages as a rapid sighting system being completely outclassed by developments in red-dot optics to come later. As

A rare carbine-length Colt ACR, with enhanced buttstock and shotgun-style sighting plane. Pictured to the right is a cutaway of the unique but ill-fated duplex ammunition.



This is a reproduction of the Colt GAU-5A/A carbine used in Operation Ivory Coast, the Son Tay raid.

This Model 601 may be one of the prettiest AR-15s ever made.



a point of comparison, Vickers himself used an Aimpoint 2000 optic on his Colt Model 723 during Operation Just Cause in December 1989—the same time period that Colt and the U.S. Army were testing the ACR.

The program was eventually terminated in 1990, with none of the unique entrants progressing further. Vickers notes one particularly useful realization from the program—that an enhanced multi-position retractable buttstock would be advantageous. Indeed, the ACR-style buttstock lives on through a variety of manufacturers such as Lewis Machine & Tool, Knight's Armament Company and B5. Alas, beyond that the Colt ACR has been relegated to history, with none of its other distinctive features making it past the developmental stage.

SON TAY COLT GAU-5A: A REPRODUCTION

The Son Tay raid, code-named Operation Ivory Coast, was a groundbreaking American special operations mission conducted to rescue U.S. prisoners of war at the Son Tay camp on the night of November 21, 1970.

Dr. Bursess explains: 65 American prisoners were believed to be held at the Son Tay camp, located 21 miles from the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. During the operation, a team of 56 Army personnel were inserted by helicopter and assaulted the camp. In just 29 minutes, the assault team secured the objective, cleared the prison facility, determined that there were no American prisoners present and completed an extraction of all U.S. personnel. Though they encountered heavy resistance, no Americans

were killed, whereas the North Vietnamese forces suffered an estimated 40 killed-in-action. Although considered an intelligence failure since the American prisoners had already been moved out of the camp, the raid was an operational and tactical success. Moreover, it had a strategic impact on the Vietnam War, demonstrating America's will and capability to conduct a deep strike into North Vietnam.

During the operation, American forces primarily used two versions of the GAU-5 (the Air Force designation for the Colt XM177), many of which were equipped with a Normark Singlepoint Occluded Eye Gunsight (OEG) scope. It's believed that Air Force GAU-5s were selected in lieu of Army XM177s because the mission was rehearsed near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; thus, it may have been easier to procure Air Force weapons through the local logistics system. Though today these weapons would be considered carbines, during this period the GAU-5 and XM177 family were classified as submachine guns. The 10-inch barreled GAU-5A carbine was assembled using partial fence lowers, and the 11.5-inch barreled GAU-5A/A was constructed using full fence lowers. The lower was fitted with a slick side upper devoid of a forward assist, a barrel with a 1 in 12-inch twist rate, an XM177 moderator and an aluminum buttstock on a two-position buffer tube.

During the mission rehearsal period between September and November 1970, the rifles were fitted with OEG red-dot optics to improve the nighttime capa-

bilities of the ground assault force. This model Singlepoint scope (as pictured) presented the shooter with a closed black tube punctured by a 16 MOA pinhole, illuminated by a red fiber optic filament, which appeared to the shooter as a single red-dot. The weapon was aimed using the shooter's binocular vision to superimpose the red-dot, viewed by the shooter's dominant eye, over the target as viewed by the shooter's non-dominant eye. The Singlepoint was attached to the upper receiver's carrying handle using a mount that incorporated steel strap retention bands, similar to those used on the German WWII G43 ZF4 scope mount—reportedly reinforced with black electrical tape. The Son Tay Raid was the first documented example of a U.S. SOF team using a red-dot type optic in combat.

The reproduction of the Colt GAU-5A/A used in 1970 shown on the preceding page was constructed using an early 1970s upper, a barrel and lower from a mid-1990s Colt R6520, and a solid replica flash suppressor serving as a substitute for an XM177 moderator. A genuine moderator is classified as a sound suppressor/silencer by the BATFE, despite its minimal sound reduction. The replica flash suppressor is constructed to appear to be fitted with a grenade ring, designed to be used as a mount for the experimental XM148 40mm Grenade Launcher. The barrel length is a bit longer



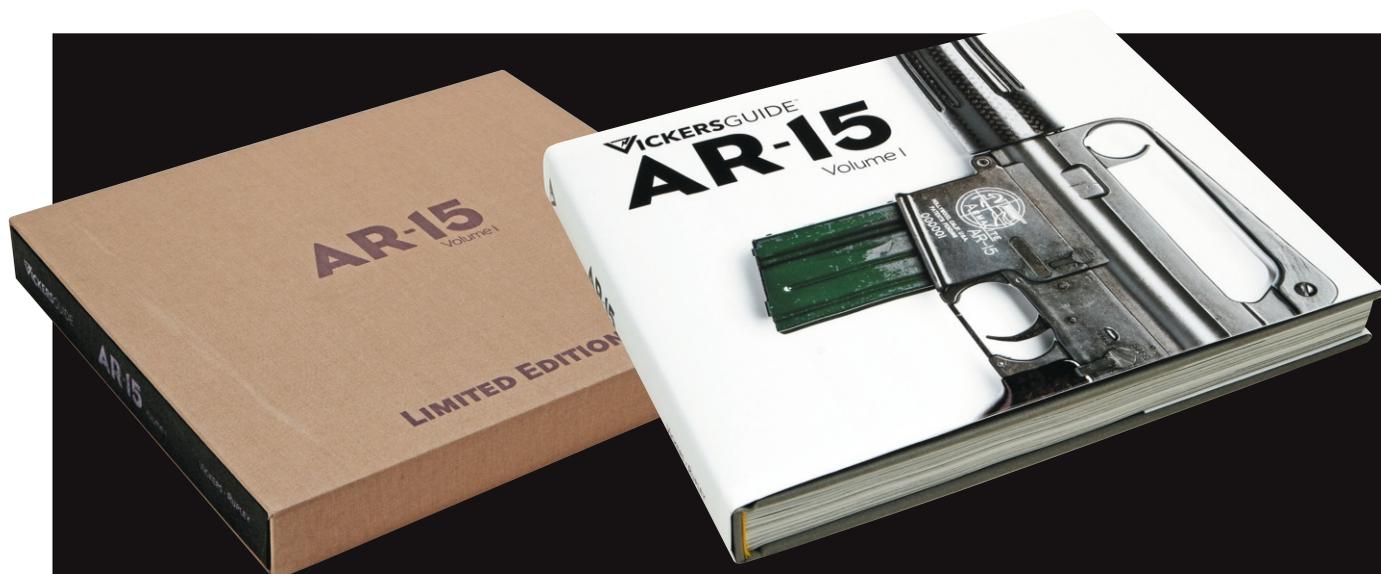
than 11.5 inches to achieve a 16.1-inch overall length with the moderator permanently attached, avoiding classification as a short-barreled rifle.

**COLT AR-15 (MODEL 601)
SERIAL NUMBER 000112**

This Model 601, serial number 000112,

features absolutely beautiful, unpainted bakelite furniture. This is very unusual, and the fact that this rifle is the 14th Colt AR-15 Model 601 ever made just adds to the appeal. When it comes to aesthetics, Vickers considers this rifle to be at the top of the list for ARs.

The scope attached to this rifle is very rare in the U.S.; it's an adaptation of the same Delft scope used on the Dutch-built AR-10s. Different versions of this optic were also used on the unique Dutch variant of the FN FAL, which served as the standard service rifle in the Netherlands throughout most of the Cold War, before being replaced by Diemaco-made AR-style rifles. **GDTM**



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The new bolt-action rifle series replaces the CZ 527 and 557 series.

CZ may be best known for their handguns in the United States, but for years their bolt-action rifles have been extremely popular with hunters as well. Offered in a wide variety of centerfire cartridges, these previous-generation models like the CZ 527 and CZ 557 have been discontinued in favor of the new CZ 600 series.

Featuring several upgrades and improvements throughout, the CZ 600 series is available in five distinct configurations and ten different chamberings (model dependent).

BUT, WHY?

CZ claims that nearly every aspect of their bolt action rifles has been improved in the CZ 600 series. The redesigned action now features a 60-degree bolt throw with controlled-round-feed capabilities, resulting in not only faster potential cycling but also greater reliability. The extra clearance provided by the 60-degree throw accommodates larger scopes now as well, and all CZ 600 series rifles have an enlarged bolt knob to provide better control.

The safety of the CZ 600 series has also been improved, as it can now be unloaded while the safety is still engaged. By pressing the new bolt release button, the bolt can be manipulated even while the safety is en-

gaged and the trigger is locked, providing greater ease of mind while unloading a hot gun. The safety is now silent to use as well, eliminating the worry of scaring off game right before a critical moment.

Among rifles with the same action size, replacing the barrel, magazine and bolt face will also allow for easy caliber conversions. These kits will be sold separately but should enable shooters to have greater versatility with the same rifle.

Some models of the CZ 600 also have easily adjustable triggers and the ability to reload the magazine through the top of the action.

NEW CZ 600 MODELS

The five new CZ 600 series models can be seen below, and their appearance and names make their intended roles quite obvious. CZ describes the Alpha as their do-it-all model, and it's the only one in the CZ 600 series that is available in all chambering options, including .223 Rem., 7.62×39, .224 Valkyrie, .308 Win., 6 Creedmoor, 6.5 Creedmoor, 6.5 PRC, 30-06 Springfield, .300 Win. Mag. and 8×57 IS.

All other models in the 600 series

are offered in only a selection of these calibers, with the trail model having the fewest options.

The Alpha, Lux, Ergo and Range models all prioritize accuracy and are guaranteed to produce sub-MOA, three-shot groups at 100 meters. The Range model is the most accurate of the bunch, guaranteeing a sub-0.75-inch, five-shot group at the same distance—using match-grade ammo, of course.

Whatever you need a centerfire bolt-action rifle for, the CZ 600 series has you covered. Between the available models and chambering options, there's something there for everybody. Whether you're a hunter who appreciates precision and the traditional look of wood or a backpacker looking for a modern, compact trail rifle, there's a 600 series gun worth looking at.

MSRPs for the CZ 600 series are not yet available as the rifles will not hit store shelves until early 2022. So, add it to your wish list for now ... and watch *Gun Digest* for a full review in an upcoming issue. **GDTM**

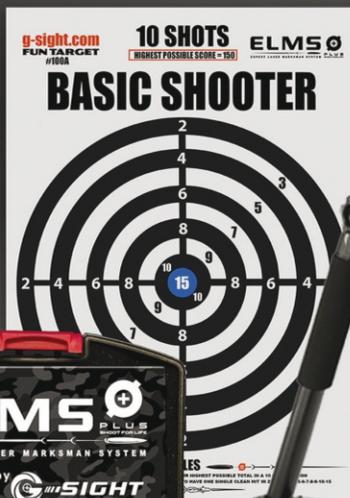
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