

GUN TESTS RANKINGS



Best Buy

This is our highest accolade. A gun with this rating functions well, shoots accurately, and costs less than others in its class.



Our Pick

In a given test, we may prefer one gun over others based on its unusual accuracy, superior performance, unusual features, or nice cosmetics. We recognize such a gun for these traits without regard to its cost.



Buy It

In a given test, we give this ranking to a gun that functions appropriately for its category.

I Conditional Buy

In a given test, we may have reservations about some aspect of a gun's performance or pricing. We express those reservations clearly so that the reader can decide if he agrees with our concerns, and can buy or not buy the gun as a result.

8 Don't Buy

In a given test, some aspect of a gun's performance — in particular, safety, function, or accuracy — doesn't meet our standards. As a result, we alert readers to these problems and recommend they not purchase the product. Also, we may believe a gun is substantially overpriced compared to other products in its class, and we may not recommend it for that reason as well.