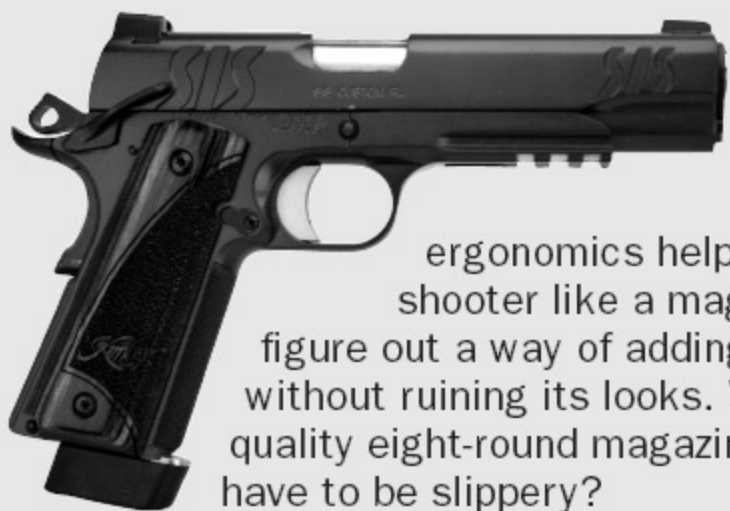


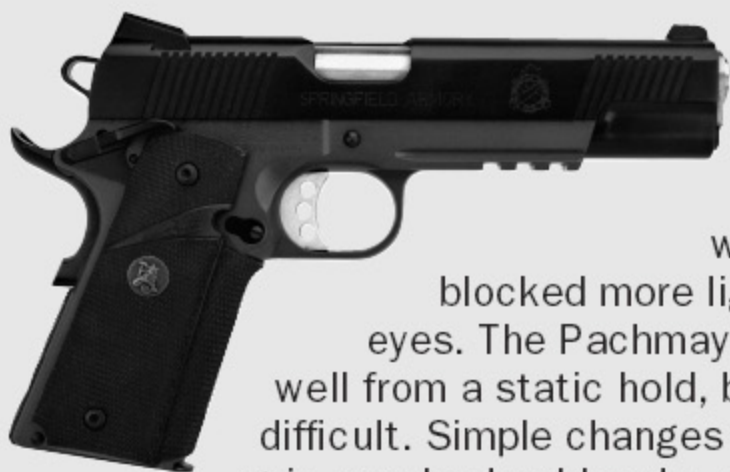
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Kimber SIS Custom RL .45 ACP, \$1421 GUN TESTS GRADE: A-



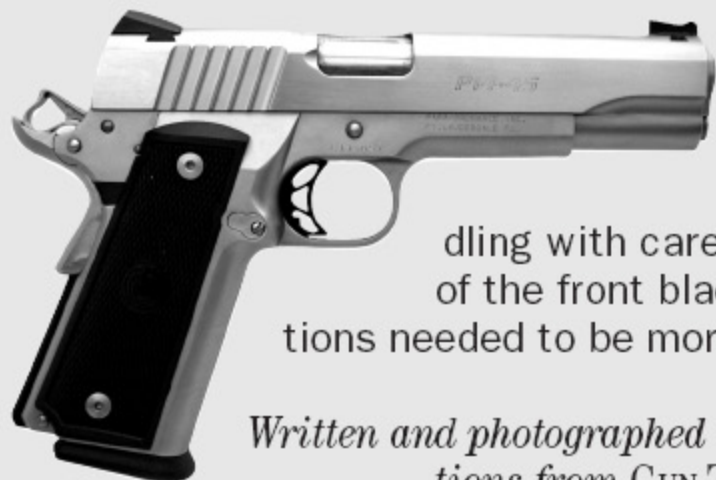
We're sold on the looks and the performance of the SIS. Its sights were some of the best we've found, and its well-coordinated ergonomics helped the gun respond to the shooter like a magic wand. But we'd have to figure out a way of adding real cocking serrations without ruining its looks. We do appreciate the high quality eight-round magazines, but why does the finish have to be slippery?

Springfield Armory Loaded Operator MC PX9105MLP .45 ACP, \$1332 GUN TESTS GRADE: B+



Simple, effective features such as the cocking serrations and a minimized slide stop help make this gun combat ready. But we'd prefer a rear sight that blocked more light and was easier on the eyes. The Pachmayr Wraparound grip worked well from a static hold, but often made fast handling difficult. Simple changes such bolting on your favorite grip panels should make a big difference.

Para Ordnance P14-45S GR .45 ACP, \$1129 GUN TESTS GRADE: B-



High capacity can be a big plus, but a wide grip is not for everyone. We think a more precise rear sight would improve overall handling with care taken to matching the height of the front blade. Also, the cocking serrations needed to be more functional, in our view.

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