

**SMITH & WESSON M&P 15-22 811030 22 LR, \$569**

**GUN TESTS GRADE: A**

The M&P 15-22 covers nearly all aspects of the AR-15 experience. The American military rifle just became America's all-round long gun.



**SPECIFICATIONS**

OVERALL LENGTH, MIN/MAX..... 30.5 in./33.75 in.  
 BARREL LENGTH/TWIST..... 16 in./1:16 in.  
 SIGHT RADIUS..... 15.6 in.  
 OVERALL HEIGHT W/O MAG..... 8.7 in.  
 LOP, MIN/MAX..... 10.4 in./13.6 in.

WEIGHT UNLOADED ..... 4.8 lbs.  
 CAPACITY ..... 25+1  
 ACTION FINISH ..... BLACK POLYMER

ACTION TYPE ..... BLOWBACK SEMI-AUTO  
 BARREL FINISH ..... PARKERIZED  
 MAGAZINE TYPE ..... SINGLE-COLUMN DETACHABLE  
 STOCK..... ADJUSTABLE  
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT..... 7.5 lbs.  
 WARRANTY ..... LIFETIME  
 TELEPHONE ..... (800) 331-0852  
 WEBSITE..... WWW.SMITH-WESSON.COM

**Right:** The variety of ways our carbines were fed was remarkable. The tall magazine held 25 rounds and belonged to the Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22. It had pull-down lugs on either side, so it was very easy to load. The big, round drum magazine was designed to stow 50 rounds of 22 LR for the Puma Wildcat. But it was difficult to load. We were able to load more rounds each time we tried, so we think some break-in was required. Ultimately, the most we were able to load was 30 rounds. We think some intermittent failures to feed were connected to the magazine, so our testers might opt for a lower-capacity unit. The little rotary box magazine in the foreground serviced the Ruger SR-22. This would be the first clue that the Ruger Carbine was essentially a model 10/22 in AR clothing.



**Left:** With four rails in place, the top rail can host an optical scope or a set of clamp-on sights. We were able to sharpen our low-light skills by applying an Insight M6X Tactical laser Illuminator and spending all day at an indoor range. The hearty M6X projects white light as well as a dot that is windage and elevation adjustable (from [www.insightlights.com](http://www.insightlights.com)).



**Above:** The supplied rear sight was windage and elevation adjustable with two apertures. The charging handle (arrow) worked flawlessly.