

KIMBER ECLIPSE II TARGET 45 ACP, \$1345

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

The Eclipse is a very distinctive pistol that Kimber takes great pride in. Consumers have reacted well to the Kimber Eclipse line, and it remains a popular choice. It features a classic 1911 look, but with serious improvements, including forward cocking serrations, frontstrap checkering, and the great sights. While it was the highest-priced pistol tested, most agreed it was worth the money.



SPECIFICATIONS

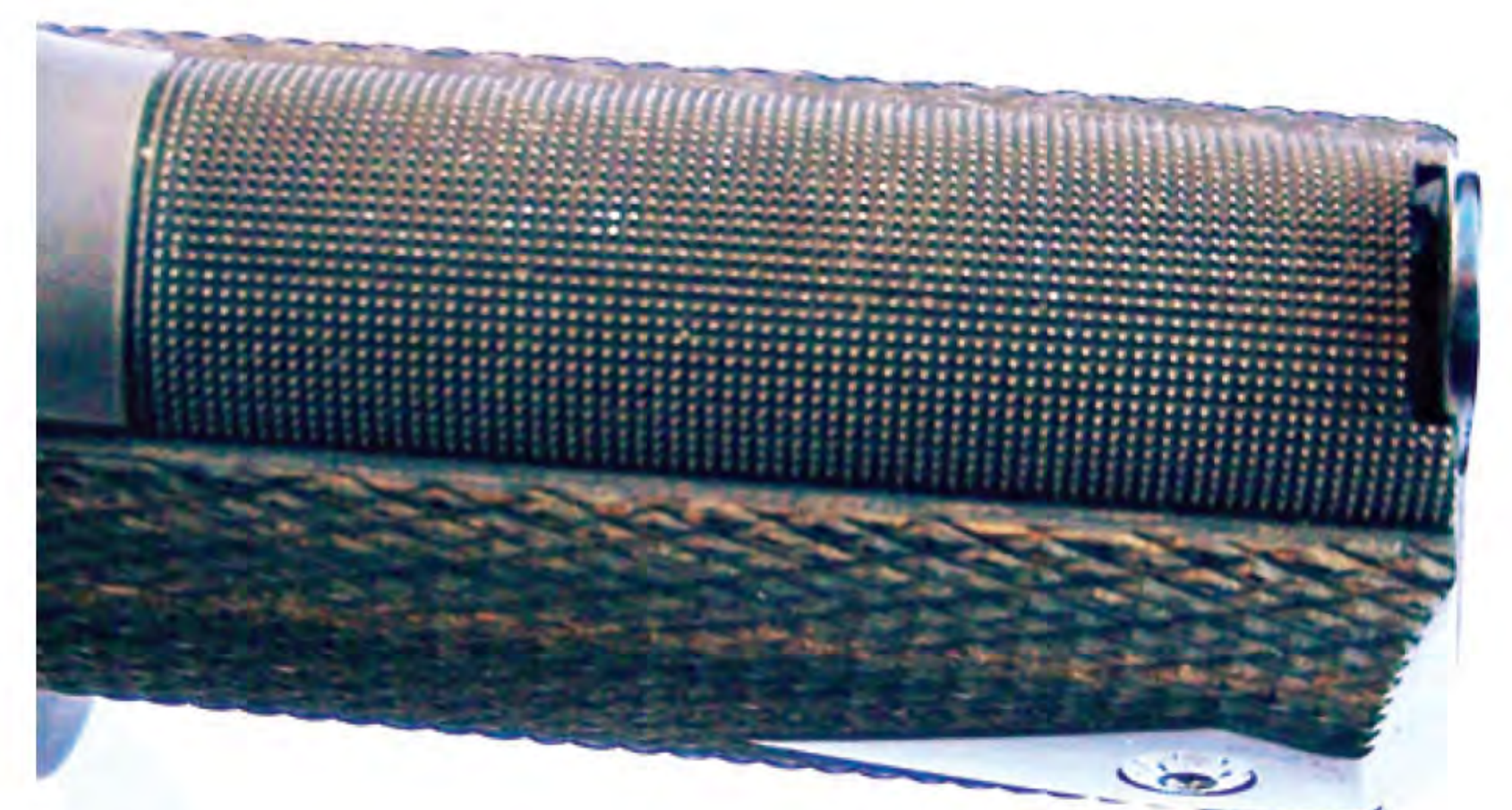
Overall Length	8.5 in.
Overall Height	5.7 in.
Barrel Length	5.0 in.
Sight Radius	6.8 in.
Front Strap Height	3.0 in.
Back Strap Height	3.5 in.
Weight Unloaded	41 oz.
Weight Loaded	46 oz.
Capacity	7 + 1
Maximum Width	1.5 in.
Grip Thickness (Max)	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (Max)	5.6 in.
Frame	Stainless Steel
Barrel	Stainless Steel
Slide	Stainless Steel
Grip	Wood
Trigger Pull Weight/Single Action	3.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action	3.6 in.
Warranty	1 year
Telephone	(914) 964-0771
Website	www.kimberamerica.com



The well-designed adjustable sights of the Kimber feature tritium inserts, appearing as a faint green color. We are not aware of another adjustable sight with tritium inserts.



The Eclipse is intended for personal defense. Modern adjustable sights are rugged enough for duty. The combination of polished stainless flats and dark top surfaces is striking.



The Eclipse was the only pistol tested with front-grip-strap checkering, which we think was an advantage in maintaining a consistent grip during long shooting strings. The single-best group we fired measured 1.25-inches with the Cor-Bon Performance Match ammo. Also, the Eclipse was the most consistent pistol with all loads tested.