

KEL-TEC SU-16CA 5.56 NATO/223 REM., \$770, \$890 AS TESTED

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

Our initial qualms over the Kel-Tec's heavily plastic construction were soon replaced with appreciation for its light weight and nimble construction. While not a target rifle, it ate everything we fed it and delivered reasonable accuracy in the process. Its minimalist iron sights and creaky trigger brought its score down somewhat.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH MIN/MAX.....	31.8/35 IN.	WEIGHT UNLOADED	5.4 LBS.	STOCK.....	ADJUSTABLE
BARREL LENGTH/TWIST.....	16 IN./1:9	ACTION.....	ZYTEL, PARKERIZED STEEL	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	7.1 LBS.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	15.5 IN.	ACTION TYPE	SEMI-AUTO, GAS-OPERATED PISTON	WARRANTY	LIFETIME
OVERALL HEIGHT W/O MAG.....	7.0 IN.	BARREL.....	PARKERIZED STEEL, CHROME-LINED	TELEPHONE	(321)631-0068
LOP MIN./MAX.....	10.6/13.8 IN.	MAGAZINE	10 RD. DOUBLE-COLUMN DETACHABLE	WEBSITE.....	WWW.KEL-TEC-CNC.COM



Above: We replaced the standard fixed stock on the Kel-Tec SU-16CA with an optional adjustable model (\$129.90). Note that the trigger assembly is part of the stock replacement unit.



Above: The barrel of the SU-16CA was threaded, but was only covered by a cap. The lack of a flash hider was a real drawback in our tests.



Left: The forend of the SU-16A opens up to become a bipod.



Above: The peep sight on the Kel-Tec was marginal, in our view.