

GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: NON-45-ACP SINGLE-ACTION PISTOLS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
CZ-USA ST 40 S&W, \$995	Feb 2001	Grade A (Best Buy): This is a legitimate threat to 1911 dominance within Limited 10 competition. We had to adapt to the odd thumb safety.
Guncrafter Industries 50 GI No. 1, \$2895	Jan 2006	Grade A (Our Pick): Perhaps the most reasonable approach to the most power in a 1911-size package. Also, the Guncrafter Industries 50 GI Conversion, \$595, which consists of a slide, barrel, captive slide spring, and magazine, is worth a look (July 2009).
Para Ordnance P16 40 S&W, \$899	Feb 2001	Grade A (Buy It): We'd thin the front sight for fast acquisition, pack Winchester's 165-grain FMJs, and go racing.
Kimber Stainless Target Polished 38 Super, \$1059	Nov 2007	Grade A-: When chambered for 38 Super, the 1911 should be more popular—it's consistent and controllable.
Browning HP40 40 S&W, \$608	Sept 2000	Grade A (Buy It): The Hi-Power, despite its low market profile, is a satisfying gun to own, and with its history, there are enough aftermarket parts to hold your interest.
Kimber Pro Carry HD III 38 Super, \$1010	Sept 2008	Grade B+: Had to tune the recoil spring ourselves. But its performance afterward was A-rated all the way.
Springfield Armory Mil Spec 38 Super 1911A1, \$682	April 2002	Grade B+ (Buy It): Room for improvement, but for most, just matching it with the right ammo would be enough.
STI International Tactical 4.15 100-41400001-00 40 S&W, \$1999	Nov 2009	Grade B: The uncomfortable grip angle made it the harder to enjoy.
CZ 75 B SA 9MM, \$576	Aug 2008	Grade B+: The single-action CZ 75 B was one of the finer 9mms we've tried. Needed trigger work.
High Standard Crusader 38 Super, \$679	April 2002	Grade C (Conditional Buy): With better sights and a lower price, we'd think about buying the Crusader.
Arm Scor 1911A1 FS Two Tone 40 S&W, \$430	June 2002	Grade C (Conditional Buy): There were many options on this gun, but the quality was questionable, in our view.
Springfield Armory 1911A1 40 S&W, \$812	June 2002	Grade C (Conditional Buy): The GT reader who supplied the gun said it needed warranty work right off the bat.
STI International Trojan 40 S&W, \$1024	June 2002	Grade C (Conditional Buy): You may be better off with a slightly more expensive gun built by a custom gunsmith.
Browning Hi-Power Mk III No. 051002393 9mm, \$979	Sept 2009	Grade D: We didn't like the ergonomics, tactical limitations, sights, accuracy, trigger, nor price.
Arm Scor 38P FS 38 Super, \$499	April 2002	Grade F (Don't Buy): Our sample needed to have the breechface and/or slide replaced to ensure reliable ignition.

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