

**57CENTER AR57 PDW UPPER PISTON-DRIVEN 5.7X28MM, \$550 USED, \$696 NEW
GUN TESTS GRADE: B**

We liked a lot of the features of the well-made replacement upper from 57Center. The unit was easy to swap out with an AR upper, and we enjoyed shooting the 5.7x28mm FN round. It doesn't have a loud report or a harsh recoil, and staying on the gun shot to shot was easy. With an Insight MRDS on board, we would have confidence that we could shoot the eyes out of zombies at 50 meters with it. At 100 yards, we could put 10 rounds into 2- or 3-inch circles with the 27-grain and 40-grain bullets. Our objections will rile folks, but here they are: The 5.7 ammo isn't widely loaded, and it's expensive on a shot-by-shot basis, so we're not going to jump up and give it an A. But if you got the jingle, buy one.



SPECIFICATIONS

Upper Overall Length, w/Barrel 24.9 in.
Receiver Length..... 17.75 in.
Receiver Height..... 2.77 in.
Action (Upper) Forged 7075-T6 Anod. Aluminum
Action Type..... Blowback

Barrel Length/Twist..... 16 in./1:8.5
Barrel Length w/Flash Hider 17.25 in.
Flash Hider A2
Overall Gun Height w/MRDS..... 10 in.
Weight Unloaded 7.9 lbs.

Weight Loaded w/50-rd. Mag 8.7 lbs.
Magazines..... 1 50-Rd. Polymer
Buttstock Magpul 6-Pos. Collapsible,
Pistol Grip..... Checkered Plastic
Trigger Pull Weight 6.5 lbs., Single Stage
Warranty Limited Lifetime
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Looks odd, but works great. Here's how the business end of the polymer magazine fits onto the action. With the front end inserted, the shooter snaps the circular end of the magazine down. The arrow points to one side of an ambi handle that, when pulled rearward, releases the catch on the magazine. It's a fast, simple system. Also, the chamber is exposed, and the bolt slides forward to meet it. It's easy to see a round in the chamber, and remove it if needed.

The right side of the CMMG/AR57 unit shows the bolt handle underneath the chamber and the feed end of the magazine. Bullets are oriented in the magazine with the points forward, and the bolt strips off a round as it moves forward. It's very simple. The translucent magazine is easy to check capacity on, even when it's on the gun. Because the FN ammo comes packed 50 to the box, keeping round counts in loaded mags is easy as well. We'd like 10 mags if we owned the gun.