

GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: HISTORICAL RIFLES

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
Polytech M14/S Customized 308 Win., about \$1900	Dec 2010	Grade A: It didn't look new, but it had it in spades where it counted.
Fulton Armory M14 308 Win., \$2755	Dec 2010	Grade A: It had accuracy. It had a gorgeous, well fitted and finished stock. All those little things justified its cost.
Vector V-53 223 Rem., \$1350	Jan 2005	Grade A: This rifle had authenticity, excellent barrel, and acceptable wood.
Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Garand 30-06, \$1400	Sept 2005	Grade A: High degree of authenticity because of the use of original G.I. actions in its makeup.
JLD Enterprises PTR-91 308 Win., \$1395	Jan 2005	Grade A: The power of the 308 makes lots of sense in this locking system.
Springfield Armory SOCOM 16 308 Win., \$1727	May 2005	Grade A: The high price gave pause to most shooters. Everyone who saw the SOCOM 16 wanted one.
Springfield Armory M1A AA9627 SOCOM II 308 Win., \$2090	Nov 2008	Grade A-: The SOCOM II is expensive, but you will be boss of the block.
MAS 1949 7.5x54mm, \$850	March 2011	Grade A-: We were taken with the accuracy of this one, despite its trigger, and also by its reliability.
Springfield M1A 308 Win., \$1739	Dec 2010	Grade A-: The M1A was not as accurate as we would like. However, it might provide sufficient accuracy for you.
FN Model 1949 (SAFN) Argentine Navy 308 Win., \$695	Feb 2004	Grade A-: Good looks, attractive wood, fine balance, outstanding sights, historical significance.
Early Winchester M1 Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$550	Jan 2003	Grade B+: If you can find a good original Winchester-made M1 carbine, expect to pay a premium for the name.
Yugoslav Mauser 8mm M24/47 SLG-M24/47, \$110	April 2006	Grade B+: We ended up with a clean VZ 24 Preduzece 44 Mauser, with straight (unbent) bolt, that looked decent.
Ljungman AG 42B 6.5x55mm, \$800	Feb 2004	Grade B: This was a pleasant rifle, one that encouraged lots of shooting. Surprisingly accurate.
Tokarev M1940 (SVT) 7.62 x 54R, \$750	Feb 2004	Grade B-: Nothing remarkable, other than its being an important footnote in the development of USSR battle rifles.
MAS 1949-56 7.62mm NATO/308 Win, \$650	March 2011	Grade C: It needed sighting work, had several failures to feed, and most likely needed a new firing pin.
1903/38, SLG-T03 8mm \$90	April 2006	Grade C: Good enough to do a whole lot of inexpensive shooting, and that's probably its best use.
German K98 Mauser SLG-K98 SB 8mm, \$140	April 2006	Grade D: SOG will take rifles like this one back and will either give a full refund, or replace it with a similar product.

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