

## WALTHER P22 NO. WAP22003 22 LR, \$379

### GUN TESTS GRADE: A

We liked just about everything about the P22 except for its accuracy. We wanted more, though what it provided is probably enough for most shooters. The gun ran well with a variety of ammo, but as its manual noted, it didn't cycle reliably with light match ammo.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	6.2 in.
Overall Height.....	4.9 in.
Barrel Length.....	3.4 in.
Sight Radius.....	5.2 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.3 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.0 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	16.8 oz.
Weight Loaded (10 rds.).....	18.0 oz.
Capacity.....	10+1
Maximum Width.....	1.21 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	0.98 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	4.7 in.
Frame.....	Black Polymer
Barrel.....	Blued Steel
Slide.....	Matte-Black Aluminum
Grip.....	Matte-Black Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	4.3 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action.....	9.3 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	2.9 in.
Trigger Span Double Action.....	3.5 in.
Warranty.....	One Year
Telephone.....	(800) 372-6454
Website.....	www.WaltherAmerica.com
Made in.....	Germany



Although it was very easy to get the P22 to this configuration, it required the use of an accessory to get the long recoil spring back in place. We suspect Walther could easily change this by redesigning the recoil spring. The slide stop is protected by a ridge on the frame just below it. This prevents objects like your shirt from getting under the slide stop.

Here's the Walther's recoil spring with its rod, and below that is the slave rod to permit easy assembly. The wrench allows the user to remove the barrel. There are also two spare sights of different heights, a blank sight to fill the hole for reasons that escape us, the gun's safety-storage key, and the rear grip piece that permits a flatter or rounder grip.

This is what you see when you line up the P22's sights. There's a lot of gap in the rear, so there's a lot of light on both sides of the front blade. That makes it fast to use, though for some it's less precise than the narrower Ruger rear sight. The sights are plastic. Three sights came with the gun, numbered 2, 3, and 4. The gun shot a touch low for us, so we elected to change the front sight. We chose number 2. Removing the original sight was easy by poking it out with a screwdriver.