

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD



Marlin Model 60 22LR, \$179
GUN TESTS GRADE: A

We all liked the Marlin. Its Micro-Groove rifling has stood the test of time, and clearly works very well. We liked the wood stock with its nice finish, and the overall feel of this rifle. We admit the 14-shot capacity was popular with the dedicated plinkers in our group. There was lots of tradition to this rifle, and when you combine that with decent accuracy and a very low price tag, we thought this was the rifle to beat of these three.



Remington 597 SS No. 26565 22LR, \$283
GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

After several days in the field and on the range with the Remington, we came to like the rifle quite a lot. It felt good, looked good, and with the right ammo it performed well also. Its moderate price will put it into lots of gun cabinets, and we predict its robust construction and good materials will keep it there for many years. If we had chosen the blued version for \$188, we'd have had a difficult choice between it and the Marlin.



Ruger 10/22 Camo Model 1163 LZ 22LR, \$526
GUN TESTS GRADE: C

The laser might solve some problems for those with questionable vision. We were able to use the laser easily in bright sunlight up to about 25 yards. We could barely see it at 50, and at 100 yards it was simply useless in broad daylight. On the other hand, we could tell the laser would sometimes be helpful shooting into a darkened area where the iron sights just disappear, even though we could see the target easily. Our only objection to the addition of a laser and the nice camo finish was the cost, and that's a big objection here. The Ruger, set up this way, cost almost twice the price of the Remington and three times that of the Marlin. That put most of us off. The Ruger without the camo stock and laser may be bought for as low as \$261, but we'd probably choose the Remington over the specific Rugers that money would buy. But if you want the extras and are willing to pay for them, the laser sight and camo stock worked very well.

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