

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: SELF-DEFENSE RIFLES (EXCLUDING 223 REM)

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
Springfield Armory SOCOM 16	May 05	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> If you can afford the AA9626, buy it.
DPMS Panther Arms LR-308B	Aug 05	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> Better trigger, obvious accuracy.
Fulton Armory Service Garand	Sept 05	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> Probably the best M1 available today.
JLD Enterprises PTR-91 308	Jan 05	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> 308 makes sense in this system.
Olympic Arms K9 9mm	Oct 06	<b>Grade A (Best Buy):</b> Gets the job done with FMJ ammo.
DS Arms SA58 FAL 308	July 00	<b>Grade A (Buy It):</b> This was a very well-done rifle.
Springfield M1A SOCOM II 308	Nov 08	<b>Grade A-:</b> The AA9627 is expensive, but very good.
Fulton Armory Titan FAR-308	April 09	<b>Grade A-:</b> Ate everything we fed it; easy-to-shoot package.
ArmaLite AR-10A4 308	July 00	<b>Grade A- (Buy It):</b> A much better value than the Stoner.
Springfield M1 Garand	Sept 05	<b>Grade B+ (Buy It):</b> Any of the CMP rifles are worth having.
Bushmaster Carbon 15 9mm Carbine No. AZ9-C15R16FT	Oct 06	<b>Grade B+ (Buy It):</b> Lighter weight adds to portability, with some penalty in recoil. Runs reliably on 115-grain JHPs.
Stag Arms 5L 6.8 SPC	Jan 09	<b>Grade B+:</b> Match trigger would make this gun superb.
Stoner SR-25 308	July 00	<b>Grade B+ (Don't Buy):</b> Functioned great, but expensive.
ArmaLite AR-10A4 308	Aug 05	<b>Grade B+ (Buy It):</b> Reliable. Needed National Match trigger.
ArmaLite AR-10T 308	April 09	<b>Grade B:</b> Niggling issues knocked its score down.
CMP Greek Service Gr. Garand	Sept 05	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> CMP rifles are well worth having.
Ruger KMINI-6.8/5P, 6.8 SPC	Nov 08	<b>Grade B-:</b> Needs a better trigger and high-cap mags.
Rock River Arms CAR A4 9mm	Oct 06	<b>Grade C (Cond. Buy):</b> Trigger needed refinement.
ArmaLite AR-10 A4C Carbine 308	Nov 08	<b>Grade C:</b> Good looks, but it didn't satisfy us.
Bushmaster 20 IZ 308	Aug 05	<b>Grade C (Cond. Buy):</b> Hated the trigger, good accuracy.
Remington R-25 308	April 09	<b>Grade D:</b> Mediocre accuracy, failures to fire.
Rock River Arms LAR-6.8 A4 SPC1238X 6.8 SPC	Jan 09	<b>Grade F:</b> Several times during our tests the Rock River failed to eject the spent case. Had double feeds, too.
DPMS AP4 Panther Carbine 6.8 SPC	Jan 09	<b>Grade F:</b> Early in bench session the DPMS carbine doubled. Also, the trigger would not reset.

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