

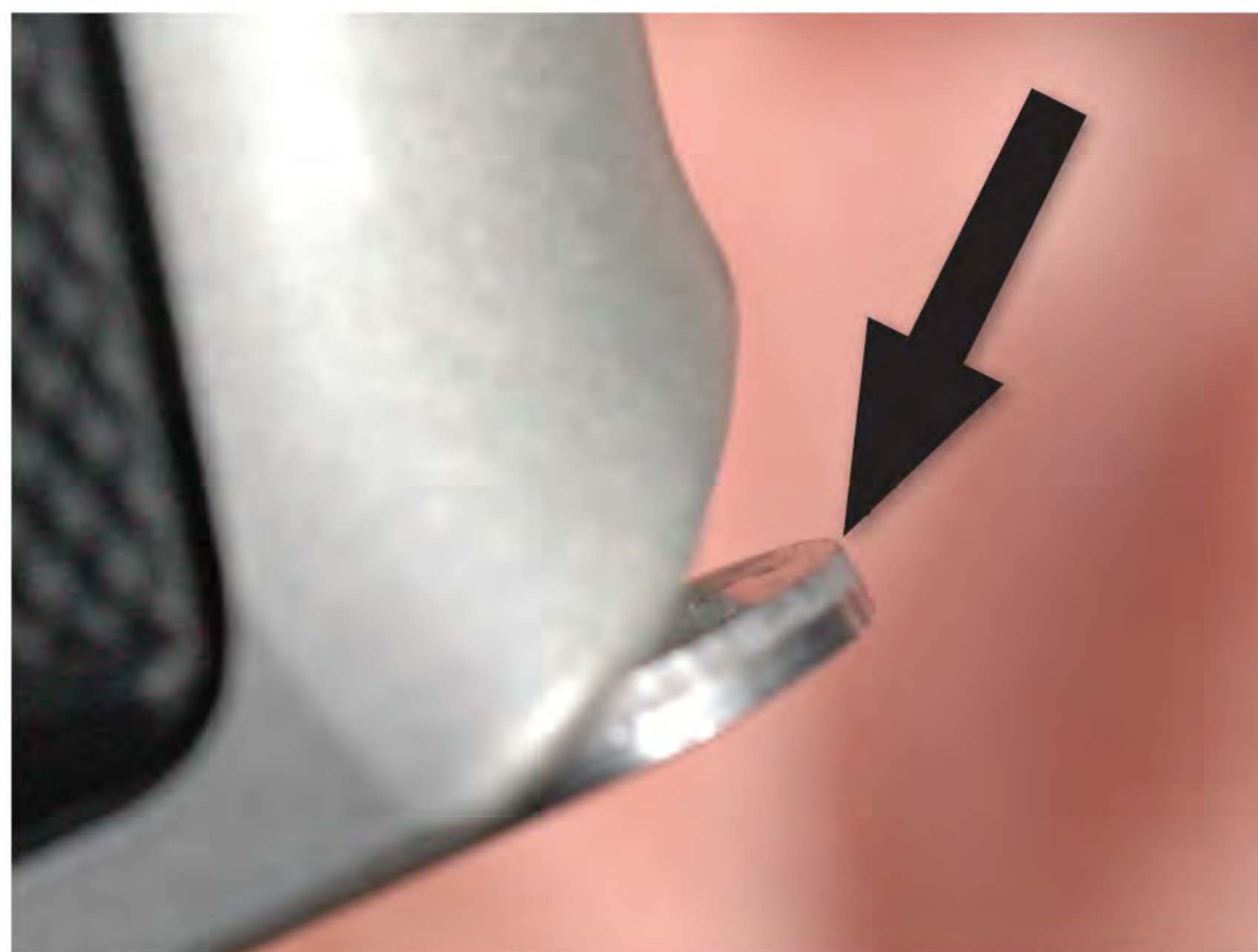
KIMBER SOLO CARRY STS 9MM PARABELLUM, \$747

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

The 9mm Kimber Solo was an attractive small handgun that had an excellent finish and an excellent trigger pull. Our only problems were getting cut by the magazine front and great trouble exerting enough force to draw the slide fully rearward. The great trigger made first-shot hits easy, but the follow-up sometimes required repositioning the hand because of the smooth grips. Yet, these also helped make the gun comfortable to shoot.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	5.4 in.
Overall Height.....	3.9 in.
Barrel Length.....	2.7 in.
Sight Radius.....	4.4 in.
Front Strap Height.....	1.5 in.
Back Strap Height.....	2.4 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	17.3 oz.
Weight Loaded (7 rds. 147-gr.).....	20.8 oz.
Capacity.....	6+1
Maximum Width.....	1.15 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	0.96 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	4.1 in.
Frame.....	Matte-Silver Aluminum
Barrel.....	Stainless Steel
Slide.....	Stainless Steel
Grip.....	Black Plastic
Trigger Pull Weight (Single Action).....	7.5 lbs.
Trigger Span (Single Action).....	2.7 in.
Warranty.....	1 Year
Telephone.....	(800) 880-2414
Website.....	www.kimberamerica.com
Made In.....	USA



Left: The front edge of the magazine cut into our Tech Editor's finger. He didn't like it, and recommends taking a file to the magazine front. Kimber needs to defang that edge (arrow, right).

Kimber's Solo, top, has a slightly similar design appearance to the Kahr, but the barrel lockup of the two are worlds apart.



The Kimber's barrel locks much like that of a 1911-type pistol. Both guns are striker fired.

Takedown of the Kimber Solo was easy, revealing these few well-machined parts. The manual recommends replacing that big recoil spring, or perhaps both springs, every 1000 rounds. That'll probably take a long time for most shooters. Note the barrel locks up like that of a 1911. Two 6-round mags came with the gun.