

TAURUS PT 1911 STAINLESS NO. 1-191109 45 ACP, \$900

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

Stainless steel and ambidextrous safeties are the obvious possible advantages to the Taurus PT 1911. We liked the slim grips, but to our surprise the grip circumference was identical to that of the Remington. We liked this gun, but it needed lots of deburring everywhere. We had one problem with the trigger that was traced to dirt left inside after its manufacture. The pull was a bit creepy and a pound heavier than that of the Remington, but still useable.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	8.5 in.
Overall Height.....	5.7 in.
Barrel Length.....	5.0 in.
Sight Radius.....	6.4 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.9 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.4 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	39.9 oz.
Weight Loaded (9 rds. 230-gr.).....	46.6 oz.
Capacity.....	8+1
Maximum Width.....	1.48 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.22 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	5.5 in.
Frame.....	Matte Stainless Steel
Barrel.....	Stainless Steel
Slide.....	Matte Stainless Steel
Grip.....	Checkered Black Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	5.1 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	3.5 in.
Warranty.....	1-Year Limited
Telephone.....	(800) 327-3776
Website.....	www.TaurusUSA.com
Made in.....	Brazil



Note that we tore into the Taurus extensively to find the source of an occasionally balky trigger. The mainspring housing is missing from this photo, and we strongly recommend not taking any 1911 down this far unless you fully understand what you are doing. Once inside, we saw this nice touch: The frame and slide are machined from forgings.



Now, this is what we call a proper front sight. Remington, please take notice! Like that on the R1, the Taurus PT 1911's front sight was in a dovetail, and had a vertical pin to retain it (arrow). The front edge of the slide was razor sharp as we found it. That can be easily fixed by the owner, though the rounded or beveled edges will be shiny. The Taurus's finish is matte stainless. There is nice machining on the serrations, and elsewhere as well.



A Novak sight graces the rear of the Taurus. It was not adjustable for elevation itself. To adjust elevation, the shooter would have to change the front blade. The rear was easily changed for windage by loosening a screw (arrow) that binds it in the dovetail. The forward edge of the sight was again razor sharp, as were the edges of the ejection port. That black thing on top of the hammer is the security lock. When the lock is engaged, the hammer cannot be cocked.