

PARA USA GI EXPERT GI45 45 ACP, \$600

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

In the GI Expert, Para included essential features and avoided the pitfall of adding bells and whistles that would only inflate the price of a competent, reliable pistol.

SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	8.6 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	5.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	6.2 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	5.4 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT	2.5 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.0 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	35.2 OZ.
CAPACITY	8+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH.....	1.3 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX).....	1.2 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	5.4 IN.
FRAME.....	COVERT-BLACK PARA KOTE STEEL
BARREL.....	STEEL
SLIDE	COVERT-BLACK PARA KOTE STEEL
GRIP MATERIAL	CHECKERED POLYMER
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	4.7 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.7 IN.



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To disassemble, after removing the spring and guide rod we rotated the Para's barrel bushing (left arrow) counterclockwise and pulled it from the slide. Then rotate the barrel link (right arrow) out of the way so the barrel can be slid through the front of the slide. No tools were required.

The simplicity of the 1911 action was obvious. But the GI Expert did include a firing-pin block deactivated whenever the trigger was pressed. The lever hiding in the relief shown to the right of the disconnecter (arrow) released the firing pin by pushing upward on a plunger mounted on the bottom of the slide.

