



**Springfield Armory XD45  
Service Model  
No. XD9661HCSP  
45 ACP, \$571  
GUN TESTS GRADE: A-**

We would complain about its loaded weight, but it is listed as a Service gun. Indeed, none of these guns were designed for comfortable discreet carry. But the XD45 with thumb safety, (we

can't seem to find another model name on Springfield's website), did everything it promised. This is a high-capacity 45 with suitable ergonomics for anyone with medium to large hands. It shot to point of aim with reliability and consistency. The thumb safety was eminently usable and should probably be on all the XD models. At this price there may not be a better value in a home-defense pistol.



**Smith & Wesson M&P45 No.  
109107 45 ACP, \$743  
GUN TESTS GRADE: B**

For a lot of dedicated 1911 fans this may be the gun they look to for higher capacity. It has a lot of 1911 attributes but some shortcomings, too. Yet, anyone who is a 1911 fan is used to refining and

customizing. The M&P45 shot well enough and was reliable. Most of our complaints could be cured with a file. Before long we may see aftermarket grip panels that make this gun really popular.



**Taurus OSS No. 24/7-  
OSSDS45B 45 ACP, \$623  
GUN TESTS GRADE: F**

Malfunctions and what we think was inconsistent lockup spoiled the show. But this is a design that properly executed could be very successful. For example, the STI 2011 modular pistols share some of its design, at least

in theory, and they are first rate. Given an improved trigger, adding steel rails and a precision slide-to-frame fit, an improved OSS pistol just might be worth the extra expense.