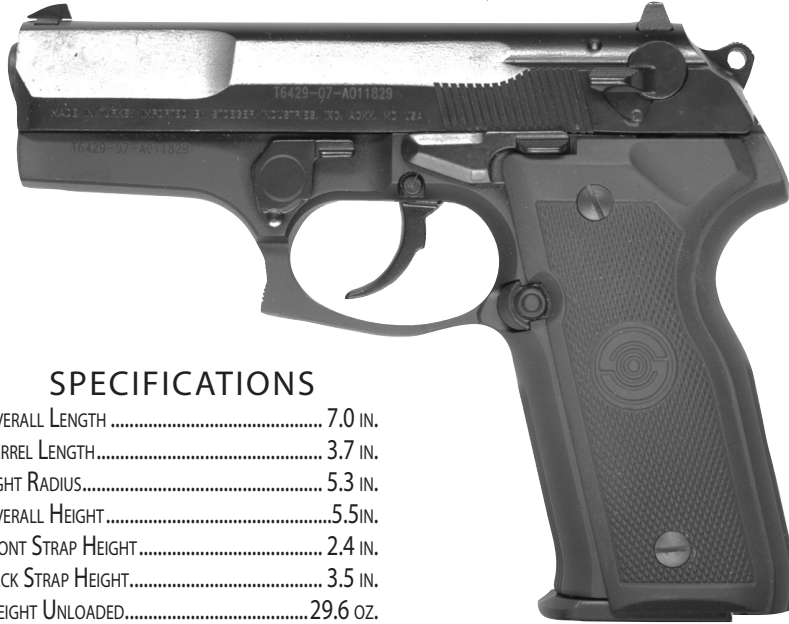


STOEGER COUGAR 8000 9MM, \$449

Gun Tests grade: A

Although we thought the Stoeger Cougar 8000 was a bit on the blocky side, we came to like it quite a lot. It was an interesting design with rotary-locking barrel. It never failed us, and despite its DA/SA mode, it worked very well.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	7.0 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	3.7 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	5.3 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	5.5 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.4 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.5 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	29.6 OZ.
CAPACITY.....	15+1 ROUNDS
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.5 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.4 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	5.6 IN.
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH.....	MATTE-BLACK ALUMINUM
BARREL.....	STEEL
SLIDE MATERIAL/FINISH.....	BLUED STEEL

GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH.....	CHECKERED BLACK POLYMER
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	6.0 LBS.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	9.8 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	3.0 IN.
TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION.....	3.7 IN.
WARRANTY	ONE YEAR
TELEPHONE	(800) 631-0722 OR (301) 283-6981

Here's a look at the rotary barrel and the cuts for it in the slide. The lugs on the barrel lock it to the slide like the bolt in a bolt-action rifle. Recoil spins the barrel, and its lugs then ride in grooves within the slide as the gun opens after firing. Note the wide cut for the extractor on the end of the barrel.

We found a potential problem in the misfitting of the Cougar's dovetailed front-sight blade. The unsupported ends could cause the blade to break off if the gun were dropped.

