

ROCK ISLAND ARMORY TACTICAL 45 ACP, \$499

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

The two Philippine 45s were enjoyable to fire, accurate, and comfortable due to their steel frames and full-length slides. Overall, much to make the 1911 man glad. The two handguns share the same homeland and are comparable in many ways. Attention to detail favors the RIA 45.

SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	8.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT	5.75 IN.
BARREL LENGTH	5 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS	7.2 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT	3.0 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT	3.75 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED	39 OZ.
CAPACITY	8+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.2 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX.)	1.2 IN.
FRAME	BLUED STEEL
BARREL	STEEL
SLIDE	BUED STEEL
GRIP	SMOOTH PHILIPPINE WOOD
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX.)	5.2 IN.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT	5.25 LBS.



WARRANTY	NONE WRITTEN
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The RIA pistol, left, features a well-designed grip safety that all of us found comfortable. The plain grips have been modified to accommodate an ambidextrous safety (arrow), and they seemed small for the frame. Our testers said they would probably change the grip panels.

The RIA pistol features a lowered ejection port. The finish of the Tactical pistol is parkerized, and the slide-lock safety is ambidextrous. The trigger appears adjustable, but it is not. The fit of the barrel, locking lugs and bushing seemed fine. The RIA 45 never failed to feed, chamber, fire, or eject.