

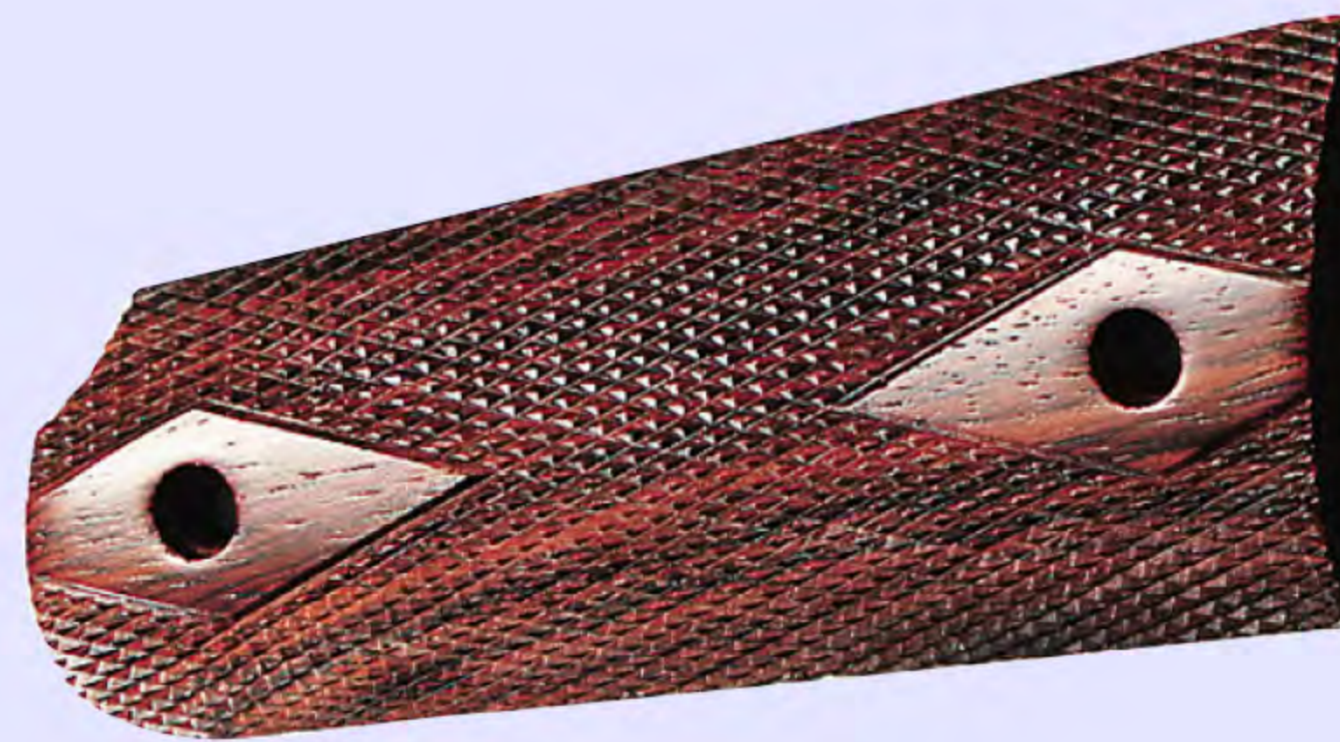
KIMBER CUSTOM II 45 ACP, \$828

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

The Kimber Custom II came out of the box running, delivering good performance, with a combination of features at a good price that make for a recommended buy. However, its rubber grips aren't SASS legal and have to be replaced with wooden panels. This was our team's favorite gun, so if you're willing to swap the grips, then consider it an A+.



Right: A closer look at the Smith & Alexander replacement grip panel that makes the Custom II legal for SASS Wild Bunch shooting.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	8.5 IN.
BARREL LENGTH	5.0 IN.
OVERALL LENGTH	5.3 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT	2.6 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.2 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	38.5 OZ.
CAPACITY	7+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.5 IN.
MAXIMUM GRIP THICKNESS	1.3 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE.....	5.5 IN.
FRAME.....	KIMPRO-FINISH STEEL
BARREL.....	STEEL
SLIDE	KIMPRO-FINISH STEEL
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	4.25 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.5 IN.
WARRANTY	LIFETIME
TELEPHONE	(800) 880-2418
WEBSITE	WWW.KIMBERAMERICA.COM

Right: The Kimber Custom II has been available for more than a decade and remains an excellent buy among 1911 handguns. We found our test gun more than \$100 below list, at \$740. The gun measures 5.25 inches high and has a matte black finish, which on our test gun has been worn. The serrations provided a good gripping surface on the slide, even with sweaty hands. Inside, the gun comes from the factory with a 16-pound recoil spring and full-length guide rod. The barrel is a match-grade unit with a stainless steel match grade bushing, and it spins the bullet with a 1:16 inch left-hand twist. The fixed low-profile sights have a 6.8-inch radius.

