

COLT DEFENDER 07000D 45 ACP, \$910

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

The Defender is a great little 1911, reliable and more accurate than expected. One of our raters remarked that the pistol is as accurate as his personal Colt Commander, a larger and heavier piece. While the Springfield was outmatched due to the Defender's superior sights and trigger action, you do pay a lot more for these features. The Defender also outperformed the Glock by a wide margin, our team said.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	6.7 in.
Overall Height.....	4.75 in.
Barrel Length.....	3.0 in.
Sight Radius.....	5.0 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.75 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.25 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	22.5 oz.
Weight Loaded.....	28.5 oz.
Capacity.....	6+1
Maximum Width.....	1.5 in.
Grip Thickness (Max).....	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (Max).....	5.6 in.
Frame Material/Finish.....	Aluminum, anodized finish
Barrel.....	Stainless Steel
Slide Material/ Finish.....	Stainless Steel
Grip Material/ Finish.....	Rubber
Trigger Pull Weight/Single Action.....	3.5 oz.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	3.6 in.
Warranty.....	Lifetime
Telephone.....	(800) 962-COLT
Website.....	www.Coltmfg.com
Manufactured in.....	USA



Above: The Defender as issued gave good results. Once we fitted a set of Ahrends grips to the Defender, left, we felt better about control, and the looks are also much better, in our opinion.



This is a Badger Backup holster from Rhome DesBiens. This is a fine choice for the compact 45.



A slight disadvantage of an aluminum frame is that they are easier to damage than a steel frame. Do not allow the slide stop to snap into place after reassembly, but rather baby the frame when disassembling aluminum-frame 1911s.