

CROATIAN PHP MODEL MV 9MM, \$200

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

Looking at first glance like a P-38 Walther, the big double-action PHP will most likely not win any prizes for beauty. However, it shot well and was reasonably reliable. We came to like it, much like one loves an ugly dog, once we figured out its obscure takedown procedure.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	8.7 in.
Overall Height	5.3 in.
Barrel Length	5.25 in.
Sight Radius	7.5 in.
Front Strap Height	2.4 in.
Back Strap Height	3.4 in.
Weight Unloaded	34 oz.
Weight Loaded (16 rds. 124-gr.)	40.8 oz.
Capacity	15+1
Maximum Width	1.46 in.
Grip Thickness (max)	1.24 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	5.9 in.
Frame	Matte Blued Steel
Barrel	Blued Steel
Slide	Matte Blued Steel
Grips	Black Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action	4.4 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	14 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action	3.4 in.
Warranty	n/a
Telephone	(800) 944-4867
Website	www.SouthernOhioGun.com
Made in	Croatia



Despite the mangled recoil spring, which we easily straightened, the remainder of the PHP's parts were highly machined. We found no stampings anywhere, rather odd for a gun dating to only 1991. The takedown lever is just to the left of the breech block, which is right above the mangled spring. Note the tiny coil spring and the broken wire spring.

The pencil points to the takedown lever, which has been turned downward (clockwise) 90 degrees. Note that the slide must be locked rearward before you can move this lever. The next step is to bring the slide back to battery, even with the rear of the frame, and drop the hammer. Then the slide may be removed, but not all the way yet. The PHP was a very clever and intricate design, which we grew to like over time.