

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD



Ruger KMini-14/5 223 Rem., \$894
GUN TESTS GRADE: C+

This is the rugged little brother of the M-14, and grandson of the famous Garand. It was easy to learn and operate for novice shooters. The rifle had excellent iron sights, and that is how we would use it if we owned it, especially in a self-defense role. But some shooters like a scope because of poor eyesight or small targets. We thought the Ruger was attractive, fully functional, and a viable option for the shooter who wants a semiauto .223.



Arsenal Inc. SLR-106FR 223 Rem., \$925
GUN TESTS GRADE: B

If it were our money, we would buy this gun first, despite its shortcomings. It was fun to shoot, and we'd gladly spend the time training to learn how to reload it faster. The Arsenal was robust, simple, and worked great. We understand why soldiers in many countries know that after the engagement is done, they can retire from the battlefield, clean their AKs, and know that the next day, the rifle will take care of them.



Century Arms C15 Sporter 223 Rem., \$795
GUN TESTS GRADE: C

In many ways, this test showed that one of the cheapest AR-15s outperformed one of the most expensive AKs in a lot of areas that count: shooter comfort, accuracy, familiarity, to name three. And the Mini-14 hovered in the middle. We have to admit the C15 provided a lot of bang for the buck, and we liked it, save for its reliability. The stoppage we had was bad—it's the kind of problem where you raise your hand for help if you're at the rifle range. Perhaps if this gun were kept scrupulously clean, we'd never have a problem. But this type of gun needs to run better with not-the-best care, in our view.