

# KIMBER COMPACT STAINLESS II 45 ACP, \$1009

## GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

We liked the simple, clean lines and absence of non-essentials on the lightweight Kimber Compact Stainless II. The checkered rubber grips helped control the gun in recoil, but we would have liked checkering on the front strap. The fixed sights did not have tritium inserts, and some will want them.

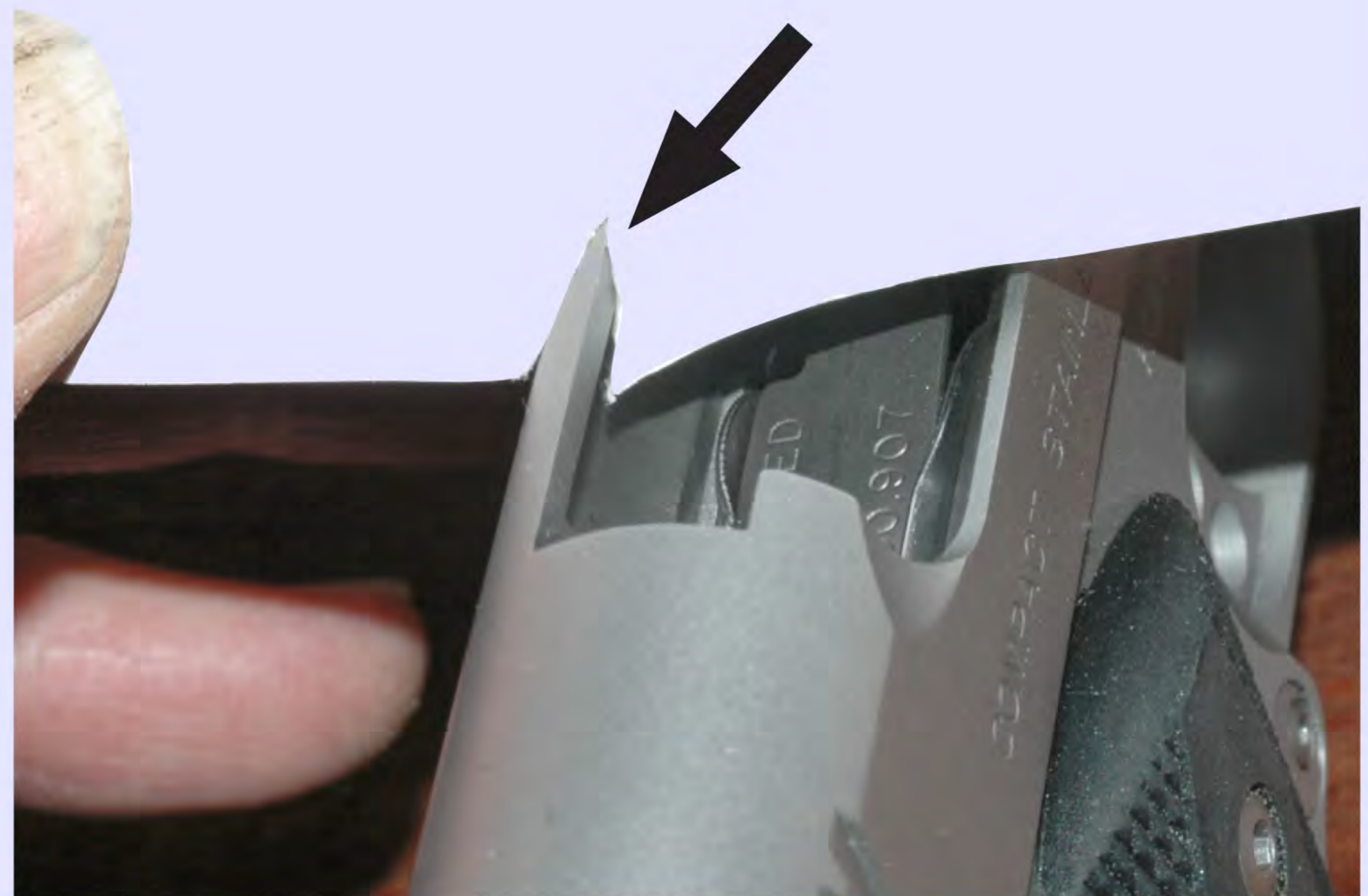
We liked the feel of the single-side safety as well. We didn't like the takedown procedure, which requires a small bent pin, easily made from a paper clip if you lose both of those provided with the gun. Do you carry paper clips in the field?



### SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH .....	7.7 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT .....	5.0 IN.
BARREL LENGTH .....	4.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS .....	4.6 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT .....	2.2 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT .....	2.9 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED .....	28 OZ.
WEIGHT LOADED .....	33 OZ.
CAPACITY .....	7+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH .....	1.34 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX) .....	1.26 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX) .....	5.3 IN.
FRAME .....	ALUMINUM ALLOY
BARREL .....	STEEL
SLIDE .....	MATTE STAINLESS STEEL
GRIP .....	BLACK RUBBER
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION .....	4.6 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION .....	3.2 IN.
WARRANTY .....	ONE YEAR
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**Below:** Here's the Kimber torn down. You can see the takedown tool, a small bent wire, extending to the left of the captured spring. We noted some apparent very mild battering on the feed ramp. It didn't get any worse but we'd keep an eye on it and polish it if necessary. Feeding was perfect throughout our testing.



**Above:** We particularly did not like the knife edges around the ejection port. We were able to slice a piece of paper on the upper edge (arrow). This is not the way to build a fighting handgun. You drag your hand hard over that area to clear a stovepipe jam, which can occur from mishandling the gun.