

FN FS2000 TACTICAL RIFLE NO. 3830000000 5.56X45MM NATO-223 REM., \$1995

GUN TESTS GRADE: B-

Our action team said the FN was harder to shoot than the AUG designs—the FN’s sloping front end wasn’t as good as the others’ built-in vertical grips. Ambi handling a big plus, though.



Right: The rifle consists of two main assemblies: the barreled receiver group and the frame, coupled together by means of an axis pin located above the trigger guard (arrow). The barrel group has an integral MIL-STD-1913 rail (black arrow) used to mount optical sights. The frame or lower receiver contains the trigger group, the bolt and bolt carrier assembly, return mechanism and magazine well. A removable handguard is installed in front of the trigger which completes and encloses the trigger guard. The disassembled view shows an optional handguard with rail in place, with a detail image of the rail above. As priced, our gun didn’t include the rail, but the addition of the rail and a front grip would improve the gun’s handling.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH, MIN/MAX.....	29.3 IN.
BARREL LENGTH/TWIST.....	17.4 IN./RH 1:7 IN., 6 GROOVES
SIGHT RADIUS (MAX).....	10.9 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT W/IRON SIGHTS.....	10.2 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT W/MRDS.....	11.0 IN.
LENGTH OF PULL.....	15.0 IN.
MAXIMUM THICKNESS.....	3.2 IN.
WEIGHT W/O MAG OR OPTICS.....	7.9 LBS.
WEIGHT W/LOADED 30-RD. MAG & MRDS.....	9.2 LBS.
MAGAZINES.....	M16-STYLE METAL, VARIABLE CAPACITIES
ACTION TYPE.....	SEMI-AUTOMATIC, GAS-OPERATED; CLOSED ROTARY BOLT; FORWARD EJECTION; SHORT-STROKE PISTON SYSTEM, 2-POSITION GAS REGULATOR
RECEIVER.....	MATTE-BLACK ANODIZED, RIGHT-SIDE FORWARD-FIRED CASE EJECTION
TOP RAIL.....	10-IN. MIL-STD 1913
FRONT OR SIDE RAIL.....	OPTIONAL
BARREL.....	HAMMER-FORGED MIL-SPEC, 7 RADIAL LOCKING LUGS, CHROMED BORE, MATTE-BLACK
STOCK.....	BLACK SYNTHETIC THUMBHOLE
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	10.4 LBS.
SAFETY.....	PIVOTING MANUAL SAFETY SWITCH IN TRIGGER GUARD
FRONT SIGHT.....	ELEV. ADJUSTABLE/DETACHABLE FRONT POST
REAR SIGHT.....	WINDAGE ADJUSTABLE FOLDING APERTURE
FLASH HIDER.....	ANGLED-FACE MUZZLE BRAKE, FIXED
WARRANTY.....	LIMITED LIFETIME
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Right: One of the design elements our team favored was the FN’s wide polymer buttpad. Its ribbed surface was tacky enough to provide a good shoulder mount, but wasn’t sticky.



Below: Here’s the view of the left side of the gun, with the charging handle in the open and locked position. The long rail provided



plenty of mounting surface for the Insight MRDS optic.