

STEYR AUG/A3 SA USA BULLPUP RIFLE 5.56X45MM NATO-223 REM., \$2000
GUN TESTS GRADE: B

Steyr adherents love this gun, but our team was underwhelmed with it. It is a unique and well-made product, and its best uses—entry, or close-quarters battling—might give it a boost if we had those day-to-day duties. But for most of us, it's too expensive to be a plinker or ranch rifle.



Above: Here's how the AUG looks dressed out with an optional full front-rail package, detachable grip, and a flashlight.

The stock version of the gun at right, which we tested, has just a short rail on the right side, and the built-in frontgrip.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH, MIN/MAX.....	28.2 IN.
BARREL LENGTH/TWIST.....	16.0/RH 1:9 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	NA
OVERALL HEIGHT W/IRON SIGHTS.....	NA
OVERALL HEIGHT W/30-RD. MAG & MRDS.....	12.1 IN.
LENGTH OF PULL.....	15.0 IN.
MAXIMUM THICKNESS.....	3.0 IN.
WEIGHT W/O MAG OR OPTICS.....	8.15 LBS.
WEIGHT W/LOADED 30-RD. MAG & MRDS.....	9.6 LBS.
MAGAZINES.....	2 DETACHABLE CLEAR SYNTHETIC 30-ROUND STAGGERED BOX
ACTION TYPE.....	SEMI-AUTOMATIC, GAS-OPERATED, 7 LUGS, FIXED BOLT, GAS REGULATOR
RECEIVER.....	CAST ALUMINUM W/STEEL REIN. INSERTS
TOP RAIL.....	10-IN. MIL-STD 1913
SIDE RAIL.....	2-IN. MIL-STD 1913
BARREL.....	PHOSPATE-COATED QUICK-DETACH, CHROME LINED, INCL. CHAMBER, 8 LUGS
STOCK.....	BLACK FIBERGLASS-REINFORCED POLYAMIDE, FRONT FOLDING GRIP
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....	10.1 LBS.
SAFETY.....	2 POSITION, LATERAL PUSH THROUGH
FLASH HIDER.....	YES, W/REMOVABLE CHECK NUT
WARRANTY.....	1-YEAR LIMITED
TELEPHONE.....	(205) 655-8299
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Above: At the bench, the AUG didn't impress us. It had a sluggish, heavy trigger with an indistinct release—a bullpup design issue that fans are apparently willing to overlook. Also, the action cycled underneath the shooter's nose, transmitting vibration as noise into the shooter's head. And the gun's flash hider spit hot bits of stuff out of the vents. We didn't notice that the other rifles spit quite as badly as the AUG.