

PERFORMANCE TABLE

	Winchester 9422	Henry H001
CCI 40-gr. Mini-Mag		
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	1,240 fps	1,175 fps
Standard Deviation	17 fps	18 fps
Average Muzzle Energy	137 ft-lbs	123 ft-lbs
Smallest Group at 50 yds.	2.25 in.	1.82 in.
Largest Group Size	3.47 in.	2.83 in.
Average Group Size	2.73 in.	2.44 in.
Rem. 40-gr. High Velocity		
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	1,195 fps	1,155 fps
Standard Deviation	32 fps	31 fps
Average Muzzle Energy	127 ft-lbs	119 ft-lbs
Smallest Group at 50 yds.	1.09 in.	2.14 in.
Largest Group Size	2.70 in.	3.60 in.
Average Group Size	1.85 in.	3.03 in.
CCI 40-gr. Green Tag		
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	1,050 fps	1,020 fps
Standard Deviation	11 fps	16 fps
Average Muzzle Energy	98 ft-lbs	92 ft-lbs
Smallest Group at 50 yds.	0.63 in.	0.97 in.
Largest Group Size	1.27 in.	2.53 in.
Average Group Size	0.97 in.	1.70 in.

fps=feet per second. ft-lbs=foot-pounds. in.=inches

slightly wider rear notch. One of our testers noted that the top of the rear sight was slanted toward the rear. (The part was manufactured by being blanked out on a stamping machine and bent at less than a right angle.) The rear-slanting portion reflected light so badly that it was nearly impossible to get a clear sight picture. The fix for this problem would require a few minutes of work with a small file, and the same file could be used to slightly widen the rear notch and ensure it had a flat, non-glare bottom in the notch as well.

just about any purpose to which one could put them. Both had enough accuracy for small game hunting, and were picky enough of their ammunition that the shooter will have lots of enjoyable testing to select the types of ammunition that work best in the individual rifle. A scope could be mounted temporarily to ease this task, though we feel scopes are out of place on lever guns.

There is a significant difference in price, though. The Henry lists for \$230 and the Winchester for \$407, so we have to assess what you get for the

THE BOTTOM LINE

WINCHESTER MODEL 9422 WALNUT: Most of our shooters felt this rifle was a bit too heavy for all-day carrying, but its weight helped in steady holding on target. The sights were good enough, but could be improved. The trigger's pull got better as we shot the gun. We really liked the fine and even finish of the metal on this rifle, and its all-steel construction. The rifle felt very solid. Nobody disliked anything about the Winchester, though some commented on the loose-feeling forend. Considering the large number of shooters who tried it, this was a very positive statement about its feel and overall quality. We can recommend this .22 lever-action rifle.

HENRY MODEL H001: The Henry's sights could have used a bit of work. The potential use of .22 Short ammunition was an advantage. All of our test shooters commented on the pleasure of handling such a smooth-functioning and lightweight rifle. The wood on the Henry was quite attractive. (The Henry Co. seems to pay attention to wood selection as we've seen other Henrys that also have good-looking wood.) We don't like plastic on rifles. However, we have to concede that the limited use of plastic parts in uncritical areas contributed to the low cost and light weight of this rifle without sacrificing its integrity. We felt this model was a good low-cost alternative.

Our Picks

Both of these rifles were entirely suitable for

additional \$177. With the Winchester, you get all-steel construction, including the beautifully machined and finished action; a 1-3/4-inch longer barrel; checkered walnut; slight additional weight; a bit more accuracy (with our test gun); and, some say, a slightly better sight picture. If you have only \$230 to spend, you can buy the Henry and know that you're not missing a lot without the Winchester. Most of our shooters said they'd probably buy the Winchester, but all agreed that the lighter weight, smooth function and sound construction of the Henry made that rifle more than adequate. The Henry would save the shooter lots of money. ■

Head to Head: .22 LR Lever-Action Rifles

Advantage... Winchester

Winchester vs Henry Repeating Arms

Appearance. Each rifle looked good. The wood on the Henry was better looking than that of the Winchester, but the metal finish on the 9422 was nicer than that of the Henry. Advantage: **Winchester.**

Workmanship. The fit and finish of the Winchester was better than that of the Henry. The grain of the 9422's stock was precisely quarter-sawn, providing the best stability and strength. The Henry's receiver had a slightly wavy exterior, and its alloy construction afforded the least durability. Advantage: **Winchester.**

Capacity. Both held an equal number of rounds. The Henry accepted .22 Short, Long and Long Rifle ammo, while the Winchester worked with all but Shorts. Advantage: **Henry.**

Comfort/Feel. Both rifles felt the same on the shoulder, and in their shooting and all functions. For smoothness, the Henry took the cake. Advantage: **Henry.**

Reliability. There were no problems with either rifle when held upright. The Winchester fed when inverted, but the Henry didn't. Advantage: **Winchester.**

Accuracy. The Winchester's best five-shot groups averaged 0.97 inch at 50 yards, while the Henry's smallest groups measured 1.70 inches. Advantage: **Winchester.**

Price. At \$230, the Henry was much less expensive than the \$407 Winchester. Advantage: **Henry.**

Intangibles. Neither rifle came with a written warranty. Advantage: **None.**