

REMINGTON RAND 1911A1 45 ACP, ~\$1000

GUN TESTS GRADE: B

The Remington Rand has two things going for it — history and emotional attachment. The 1911A1 is the handgun that the Greatest Generation carried during World War II. Its performance cannot be faulted, especially when you consider the pistol has been refinished and probably been fired countless thousands of times. However, there are better choices for modern shooters. All of the other pistols were more accurate.



The Remington was a pleasant gun to fire, without the hammer bite or sharp tang the GI pistol is sometimes accused of having. The holster is from Hank's Gun Leather. All the 1911 handguns were fast from leather.



With clean lines and a recognizable profile, the hard use the Remington Rand has been put to simply adds character. Note the original plastic stocks are in excellent condition — if they are indeed original, but they appear to be.



SPECIFICATIONS

Action.....	Locked Breech Single-Action Semi-Auto
Overall Length.....	8.5 in.
Overall Height.....	5.3 in.
Maximum Width.....	1.5 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	.39 oz.
Weight Loaded (7 rds. 230 gr.).....	44 oz.
Barrel Length.....	5.0 in.
Barrel.....	Steel 1:16 twist
Magazine.....	7-Rd. Detachable Box
Slide.....	Originally Parkerized, Reblued Steel
Frame.....	Reblued Steel
Frame Front Strap Height.....	2.6 in.
Frame Back Strap Height.....	3.2 in.
Grips.....	Brown Checkered Plastic
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	5.5 in.
Sights.....	Fixed Iron
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	4.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	2.4 in.
Safety.....	Slide Lock Safety, Grip Safety
Warranty.....	None



Surprisingly, the Remington Rand ate everything we fed it. Modern JHP ammunition is very well designed for feed reliability, and the old GI guns sometimes feed such rounds better than their reputation suggests. This rugged old warhorse left the Remington Rand typewriter factory in 1943. Remington Rand is long out of the firearms business. The Remington Rand is all GI 45. Note scratches from the slide lock when the pistol has been disassembled. Note also the small grip safety and modest size of the controls.