

than the 19 in rapid-fire drills of five shots in 10 seconds. In fact, it matched the more expensive H&K pistol with average groups of 3.2 inches. The Tactical S&W was only a tick behind at 3.3 inches.

During our testing, we noticed some oddities worth mentioning. Both the Smith & Wesson pistol and the Arcus 94 feature a magazine disconnect that renders the gun unusable with the magazine out. Pushing the mag button on the Arcus will leave the mag in place but slightly ajar. Pressing the mag release on the TSW causes the magazine, loaded or empty, to shoot out abruptly. Still, the chambered round will not fire.

Standing and shooting rapid fire, in the manner we feel these guns were intended to be used, the P7M8 and Glock 19C produced the best results, in our view. Reason: The way they handle recoil. The P7 features an internal piston that reacts with each shot to dissipate energy. But with this comes a price. The friction from the piston produces heat that becomes quite noticeable after as little as 60 rounds. We felt this increase in heat was also affecting accuracy, as earlier stand-and-shoot sessions promised better groups than we achieved from the bench. While superior from a bench rest, the P7 was equaled in the offhand drills because of Glock's effective porting of the barrel. This gave the 19C a marked advantage over the other guns. Each shot had little effect on the original sight picture. This made it noticeably faster to regain sight alignment. In fact, we were able to look through the shot and completely track the sights from shot to shot.

Other details and insights about the products follow below:

Miltex Makarov

Our recommendation: We got a glimpse of a really fun pistol to shoot at a very low price, \$225.

MILTEX ARCUS 94

Price....\$280



SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: None

FINISH	Matte Black	SIGHT RADIUS	6 in.
WEIGHT	36 oz.	CAPACITY	10+1
OVERALL LENGTH	7.75 in.	GRIP MATERIAL	RUBBER
OVERALL HEIGHT	5 in.	ACTION TYPE	Single
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.3 in.	TRIGGER PULL	7.75 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH	4.7 in.	TRIGGER REACH	2.5

Our recommendation: We found it difficult to ascertain the true accuracy potential of this pistol without refining the trigger. But it did prove reliable with a variety of ammunition beyond our selection of designated test ammo. We simply emptied our closet of odd-lot rounds into it and each time it cheerfully went bang. It's hard to fault an all-steel full-capacity 9mm pistol at a bargain price when all it ever does is operate faithfully as intended. Haggle for the lowest price, and buy it, but don't forget you won't have any support for it after the sale.



The Arcus 94's low-cost appeal is strengthened by the guns being full-sized copies of the Browning High Power. The grip is rubber and a little clunkier than the original, but felt quite good in the hand with a knurled finish and finger grooves that wrap around the frontstrap.

The thumb safety was easily disengaged as Browning designed it, but it was too stiff to be reset without the use of the weak hand. The trigger needed work. It seems to have been installed without polishing any of the contacting parts.

