

to include a hammer-blocking safety. But the older style design like that found in the 102 offers easy replacement if the nose pin should break. However, on the 102 this fitting, much like the attachment of the mainspring, looks like it is fastened with a part that is not reusable.

Firing this gun double action made us doublecheck our eye protection was in place. At a rapid-fire pace, we tracked the front sight and were rewarded with a fireworks show streaking from the cylinder gap. The poorly fitted cylinder was launching lead and unburned powder. As you might expect, this affected how well the gun shot. Our accuracy tests were conducted single action at 15 and 7

yards. Fired single action from a sandbag rest indoors, the best Winchester group we recorded was 1.25 inches at 21 feet. In comparison, many a good used Smith & Wesson revolver, even old ones, will shoot 2 inches at 15 or even 25 yards. The Master brand ammunition seemed to tumble and produce a distorted group on the paper measuring 2 to 3 inches at 7 yards, and the 3D HBWC printed clearer, but not much better, with 1.7-inch groups at the close distance. The 3D's best group at 15 yards ballooned to 3.6 inches, while the Master 158-grain SWC tumbled its way to a 2.9-inch group average. The Winchester 130-grain FMJs printed 3.1 inches at 15 yards.

### Hi-Point Model C 9mm

**Gun Tests Doesn't Recommend:** *The 9mm round is the most prolific cartridge in the world today. You can buy it in dozens of models that used will cost only \$125 to \$150. In our view, there are simply too many good Nines on the market to bother with the \$99.95 Hi-Point Model C. However, it beats a*

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Retail Price...\$99.95



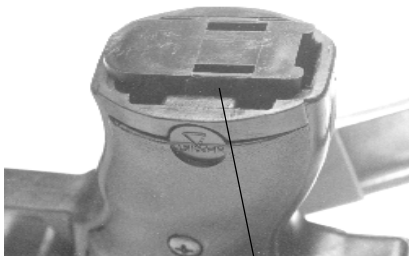
**Our Recommendation: Avoid.** *This gun functioned okay, but its top-heavy balance made it almost unshootable, in our view.*



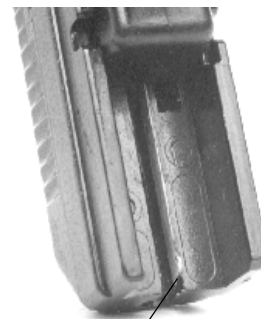
#### SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: 90 days

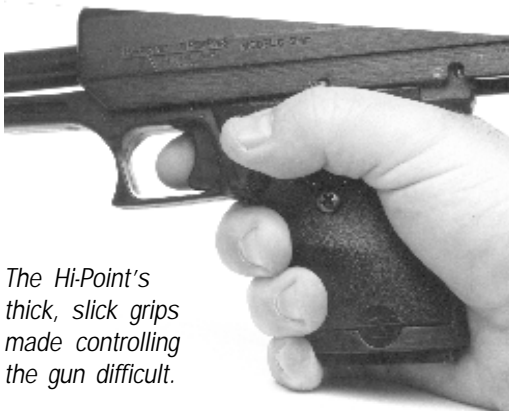
FINISH .....	Black Paint	SIGHT RADIUS .....	5.5 in.
WEIGHT (EMPTY) .....	29 oz.	TRIGGER PULL Wt. (SA) ...	7 lbs.
OVERALL LENGTH .....	6.7 in.	FRAME .....	Polymer
BARREL LENGTH .....	3.5 in.	SLIDE .....	Steel
MAXIMUM HEIGHT .....	4.9 in.	CAPACITY .....	8+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH .....	1.5 in.	GRIPS .....	Acetal Plastic



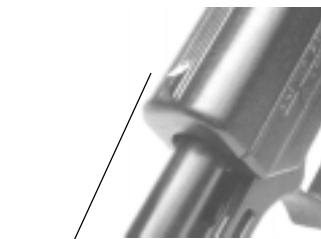
*The Hi-Point's magazine had very sharp edges.*



*The area between the metal slide and polymer frame was lubricated with a gob of white grease.*



*The Hi-Point's thick, slick grips made controlling the gun difficult.*



*We had to add a dab of WhiteOut to make the Hi-Point's front sight visible.*