

## Browning BuckMark Camper

Retail Price...\$219



the trio was a pretty good shooter, we found the finish to be substandard. Also, relying on the grip panels to retain small parts caused an unnecessary nuisance.

We've come to expect a lot from Browning, but we feel in the \$219.87 BuckMark Camper we've been let down. During our get-acquainted firing sessions, we were greeted by a dull click when we pulled the trigger. By the sound it seemed to us a round had failed to chamber. But when we racked the slide again a loaded round of perfectly normal appearance was ejected. No cause for the malfunction was apparent. This continued during our testing, leading to a malfunction rate of 3 percent.

Also, we conducted part of the test by shooting off a wooden bench that had been softened by a recent rainfall. We were disappointed to find that incidental contact with the bench wore the finish on each side of the barrel. This is a real shame because this pistol is certainly no ugly duckling, with a gold-accented trigger and sweeping lines commanded by the grip panels that make the Browning the most pleasant to hold.

The BuckMark Camper shoots pleasingly enough between malfunctions, but when we removed the rubber grips to inspect its innards, parts fell away from the gun. These included the mag catch and spring and the slide release. At this point we backed away from breaking the gun down to clean it for fear of spring-loaded snakes bursting forth from it. Maybe we're overreacting, but who needs the possibility of losing parts that could prove frustrating and embarrassing to order separately?

The BuckMark Camper came with one mag and a key-operated cable lock that is intended to be threaded through the muzzle and out the ejection port to render the gun inoperative.

### Gun Tests Recommends

While the Ruger 22/45 comes closest to being the perfect .22 in

### SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: 1 year

METAL FINISH .....	Blued	SIGHT RADIUS .....	8.25 in.
WEIGHT (EMPTY) .....	35 oz.	CAPACITY .....	10+1 rds.
OVERALL LENGTH .....	9.5 in.	GRIP MATERIAL .....	Rubber
OVERALL HEIGHT .....	5.25 in.	ACTION TYPE .....	SA
MAX. WIDTH .....	1.4 in.	TRIGGER PULL Wt. SA ..	4.8 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH .....	5.5 in.	TRIGGER REACH .....	2.6 in.

**Our recommendation:**  
**Don't buy. This gun wasn't particularly accurate overall, and we noted quite a number of malfunctions.**

*Inspecting the chamber of the BuckMark didn't give us any indication about why it had failures to eject and fire. We didn't note any burrs or other rough spots that would have caused the problems.*



weaknesses from a machine rest, the excellent sights and eager trigger allowed us to hit the steel silhouettes on our test range just as much, if not more often, than the others. All three guns have a hinged trigger, but the Smith's trigger was the most willing to reset. Whereas rapid fire in a Bullseye match is actually a slow (but continuous) endeavor, the 22A is capable of cycling like many custom guns built for genuine speed-shooting events.

Most shooters reported the grip generated a gap in some part of their hold. Normally, an unfilled hand reduces recoil control, but with the heavy top rib and the low recoil nature of the .22 LR round, it

becomes a minor issue. Since the grip is polymer, we felt it might be possible to reduce or recontour it to an individual hand, but its walls are too thin. Actually, the grips offer a measure of squeezability for comfort, which brought with it a concern that the mag release mounted on the front strap would be activated accidentally. We took turns applying death-grip holds on the grip, but couldn't activate the release in this manner. Otherwise, we saw no operational malfunctions throughout the test.

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