

OVERVIEW: GUN TESTS' .45 ACP HANDGUN PICKS AND PANS

To the best of our knowledge, these three guns are among the smallest incarnations of the 1911 design. In the last few years, however, we've tested many compact .45 ACPs, as the table below shows. Here's what we thought of them:

Product	Dimensions L/H/W in.	Weight (oz.)	Finish	Best Accuracy	Capacity	Pros/Cons	Bottom Line	
Colt's CCO	7.9/5.1/1.4	28	Stainless/ Matte Black	2.2 in. @ 15 yds.	7+1	Light weight/ Edges need smoothing.	Conditional Buy \$813	
Springfield Champion	7.5/5.1/1.4	30	Matte Blued	3.0 in. @ 15 yds.	7+1	Good features/ Not too accurate, needs edge work.	Don't Buy \$629	
Kimber Compact Custom	7.6/5.1/1.4	34	Matte Blued	1.5 in. @ 15 yds.	7+1	Accurate, reliable/ Heavy.	Buy \$677	
Glock 30	6.9/4.8/1.4	27	Tenifer Black	1.8 in. @ 15 yds.	10+1	Light, reliable/ Spongy trigger.	Buy \$668	
H&K USP45C	7.1/5.5/1.2	28	Black	1.7 in. @ 15 yds.	8+1	Big grip, good fit and finish. Reliable. 1998 Gun of the Year	Buy \$716	
EAA Witness P Compact	7.8/5.1/1.1	26	Blued	2.9 in. @ 15 yds.	8+1	Good handling/ Poor accuracy, unreliable	Don't Buy \$336	
Brolin L45C	7.5/5.5/1.3	36	Blued	2.2 in. @ 25 yds.	7+1	Good price, accurate/ Some malfunctions	Conditional Buy \$389	
Para-Ord P10RR	6.5/4.6/1.3	24	Black	1.7 in. @ 15 yds.	10+1	Accurate/ Short grip, unreliable	Don't Buy \$705	
Colt Officers ACP Ltwt.	7.4/5/1.3	26	Stainless	1.9 in. @ 15 yds.	6+1	Well made, reliable/ Teflon frame coating wasn't a hit	Buy \$696	
Springfield Ultra Compact	7.1/5.1/1.3	27	Blued/ Stainless	2.3 in. @ 15 yds.	6+1	Well made/ Feeding problems, poor finish	Don't Buy \$629	
EAA Witness Compact	7.5/5/1.4	35	Blued	2.9 in. @ 7 yds.	8+1	Pointed well/ Poor workmanship	Don't Buy \$523	
Taurus PT-945	7.5/5.6/1.1	30	Stainless	2.3 in. @ 7 yds.	8+1	Accurate enough, no malfunctions/ Trigger overtraveled	Buy \$646	
S&W 4516	7.25/5.4/1.1	36	Stainless	2.4 in. @ 7 yds.	7+1	Well assembled, fairly accurate/ Heavy; minor manufacturing faults	Buy \$774	