

REMINGTON MODEL 51 380 ACP, ABOUT \$500 GUN TESTS GRADE: B

Though this Model 51 showed its age with missing bluing and a rough barrel, it still shot well and reliably. This was the best-pointing handgun any of us have handled. Recoil was low, too. It features a floating breech block and both a grip and thumb safety. The gun worked well, but its trigger pull was terrible.



Overall Length	6.6 in.
Overall Height	4.1 in.
Barrel Length	3.5 in.
Sight Radius	5.0 in.
Front Strap Height	2.2 in.
Back Strap Height	3.0 in.
Weight Unloaded	21 oz.
Weight Loaded (8 rds. 95-gr.)	23.7 oz.
Capacity	8
Maximum Width	0.9 in.
Grip Thickness (max)	0.9 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	4.8 in.
Frame	Blued Steel
Barrel	Steel
Slide	Blued Steel
Grip Panels	Checkered Plastic
Trigger Pull Weight	8.2 lbs.
Trigger Span	3.2 in.
Warranty	n/a
Telephone	n/a
Website	n/a
Made In	Ilion, NY



Though of good pattern and actually part of the slide, these sights were microscopic. The gun pointed so well it could be argued you don't need sights, but serious handgunners do. These were not adjustable, nor did they need adjustment. The cross-filing on the slide top cut glare very well.

Don't try this disassembly at home! The Remington M51 may look like a simple design, but if you don't know exactly what you're doing, we don't recommend field stripping this old pistol. Note the small firing pin and its spring. The new R51 9mm design keeps these within the floating breech, preventing their accidental loss.