

ROCK RIVER ARMS LAR-15 VARMINT A4 AR1520X 223 REM./5.56MM, \$1639

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

The basic version of this rifle runs \$1245; our as-tested price includes \$65 Gas Buster with Big Latch Charging Handle, \$230 for the Magpul PRS stock, and \$99 for the hydraulic buffer, which is no longer available. This was the most accurate rifle in the test with two of the three ammo selections. However, it choked on the TulAmmo, registering several failures to feed.



Action	Semi-Auto Direct Gas Impingement	Forend	Hogue Overmolded Free Float Tube, Black, Rifle Length
Overall Length	37.0 in.	Grip	ERGO Pistol Grip, Ambi, Black
Overall Height (w/o Sights)	6.6 in.	Trigger-Pull Weight (1st Stage)	2.6 lbs.
Barrel	223 Wylde Chamber, 20 in. Long, 1:8 Twist,, Free Floated Stainless Steel, .920 Bull Profile	Trigger-Pull Weight (2nd Stage)	4.3 lbs.
Weight w/out Mag	10.5 lbs.	Rear Sight	NA
Weight w/Loaded 30-Rd. Mag	11.6 lbs.	Front Sight	NA
Length of Pull	12.6 in.	Sight Radius	NA
Magazine	(1) Mil-Spec Alum. 30-Rd.	Warranty	Limited Lifetime
Upper Receiver	Flat-Top Picatinny Rail	Telephone	(866) 980-7625
Lower Receiver	7075-T6 Aircraft Grade Aluminum	Website	RockRiverArms.com
Stock	Magpul PRS, Black w/ Enidine Hydraulic Buffer	Made In	USA
		CA Compliant	No
		MA, NJ, NY, CT Compliant	Model Available



The stainless barrel is a hoss, and it accounts for some of the sizable weight penalty the RRA operates under. The 223 Wylde chamber allows it to shoot both 223 Rem. and 5.56mm NATO rounds interchangeably. Rifles with .223 Rem. chambers often don't shoot 5.56 NATO rounds well, and the practice should be discouraged. 5.56 NATO chambers can shoot 223 Rem. without incident. Below: The weighty rifle-length handguard.



The Enidine Hydraulic Buffer is housed in the excellent PRS stock. The buffer makes the recoil pulse noticeably softer and smoother when shooting heavier loads. However, the manufacturer warned that functionality might be affected with lighter loads. We never experienced function problems prior to shooting the Tulammo. The buffer is no longer offered, and it is easy to exchange the hydraulic buffer with a standard buffer if the shooter wishes.