

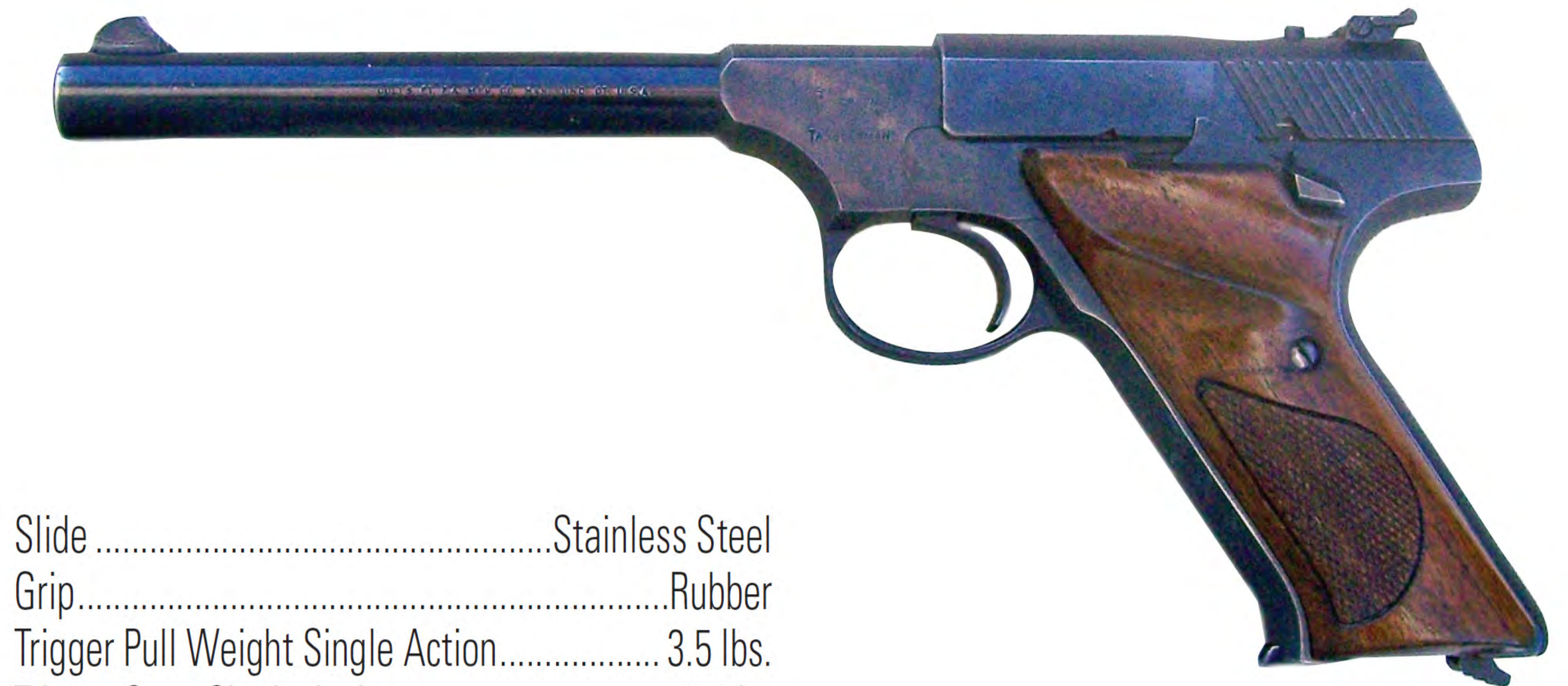
COLT TARGETSMAN 4.5-INCH 22 LR, \$600

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

The Colt is a great pistol. Many shooters like the idea of actually racking a slide, and they like the smoothness of the controls. While the Colt is a good pistol, spare parts and the age of the pistol make it a second-place choice compared to the Ruger 22/45. It is also pretty expensive, which means you could purchase two new Ruger 22/45s for the price of one nice Targetsman.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	9.9 in.
Overall Height.....	4.6 in.
Barrel Length.....	4.5 in.
Sight Radius.....	8.75 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.4 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.4 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	31.5 oz.
Weight Loaded.....	33 oz.
Capacity.....	10
Maximum Width.....	0.8 in.
Grip Thickness (Max).....	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (Max).....	4.5 in.
Frame.....	Anodized aluminum
Barrel.....	Stainless Steel



Slide.....	Stainless Steel
Grip.....	Rubber
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	3.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	2.4 in.
Warranty.....	30 days (used gun warranty)
Telephone.....	(800) 962 COLT

Website..... www.ColtMfg.com
Made In..... USA



Most raters prefer cocking the slide using these serrations over the Ruger's simply 'ears' on the bolt, but just the same neither pistol was difficult to use. The Colt adjustable rear sight is OK at best, and while similar to others of the age, is smaller and more difficult to adjust than we like. The Colt exhibited an excellent deep-blue finish and was smooth in operation.



The grips of the Colt were comfortable enough but were not rated highly for the checkering. It is almost amateurish compared to other Colt pistols.

The Colt's front post is pretty ordinary and hardly in the target category.



The combination safety and slide lock acts as a safety only when the pistol is cocked.