

TAURUS ULTRA-LITE MODEL 445B2UL 44 SPECIAL, \$508

GUN TESTS GRADE: B-

Though it looks great and was very comfortable to shoot with the hottest loads, the 2-inch-barrel Ultra-Lite was basically a small handgun with huge grips. The grips could have been a lot smaller, but as yet no maker has offered aftermarket grips for this fine handgun.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	7.1 in.
Overall Height.....	5.1 in.
Barrel Length.....	2.0 in.
Sight Radius.....	4.0 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.1 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.6 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	21.2 oz.
Weight Loaded.....	25.4 oz.
Capacity.....	5
Maximum Width.....	1.53 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.25 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	5.4 in.
Frame.....	Black Aluminum
Barrel.....	Steel
Grip.....	Black Rubber
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	3.4 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action.....	11.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	3.2 in.
Trigger Span Double Action.....	3.7 in.
Warranty.....	Lifetime
Telephone.....	(305) 624-1115
Website.....	www.TaurusUSA.com
Made In.....	Brazil



The well-checked hammer was easy to use, though not any more so than the Bulldog's, we thought. That button on the hammer's base is a security lock.

The Taurus, like the Charter, had a steel barrel with integral front sight. We didn't think much of this sight picture on the Ultra-Lite. The rear notch was too narrow, or the front blade too wide. Also, the rear notch was too shallow, we thought, for good work. It was difficult to align the short front blade, and there was almost no light on the sides of the front blade.



This was an excellent trigger design, we thought. The smooth surface was easy to control DA or SA. The hammer and trigger were case colored, a nice touch.



The arrow points to a tiny beveled, spring-loaded button that is the only "lock" at the Ultra-Lite's crane. It slips into a tiny notch. We thought it needed to be much more secure there. We later took the rear rod detent out of the cylinder and found it took only a slight push to overcome the latch.