

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: CARBINES

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Hi-Point Model 4095 40 S&amp;W, \$225</b>	May 2006	<b>Grade A:</b> Best Buy. Outshot two other guns in the test by a good margin.
<b>CMP-2 Inland Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$495</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> This was our first choice of all the carbines, especially in light of its lowest price.
<b>Olympic Arms K9 9mm Parabellum, \$834</b>	Oct 2006	<b>Grade A:</b> Best Buy. The K9 gets the job done with FMJ or expanding FMJ ammunition. Extra mags pricey.
<b>Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$1300</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> We could not fault the Fulton, despite its high price.
<b>CMP-1 Underwood Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$565</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> Overall, we thought it would satisfy anyone short of the most stringent collector.
<b>Ruger K-Mini Thirty-P/20 No. 5853 7.62x39mm, \$966</b>	July 2010	<b>Grade B+:</b> Liked the 20-round mag, but would keep the flush fit five-round magazines on hand.
<b>Olympic Arms K40 40 S&amp;W, \$834</b>	May 2006	<b>Grade B+:</b> Easily adjustable buttstock, flash hider, easy controls, familiar package.
<b>DPMS Panther 16-Inch No. RFA2- 762-16 7.62x39mm, \$850</b>	July 2010	<b>Grade B+:</b> The gun can be delivered with options to suit the owner. Pay attention to the quality of the mags.
<b>57Center AR57 PDW 5.7X28mm Upper, \$696</b>	March 2011	<b>Grade B+:</b> Our shooters liked the PDW Upper. There was nothing functionally wrong with the design or execution.
<b>Steyr AUG/A3 SA USA Bullpup Rifle 5.56x45mm NATO, \$2000</b>	Sept 2010	<b>Grade B:</b> This gun is expensive, and our test gun gave us a lot of trouble that the others didn't.
<b>Bushmaster Carbon 15 9mm Car- bine No. AZ9-C15R16FT, \$1050</b>	Oct 2006	<b>Grade B:</b> Light weight adds to portability, with some penalty in recoil.
<b>MSAR STG-556 Bullpup Rifle 5.56x45mm NATO, \$1750</b>	Sept 2010	<b>Grade B:</b> The MSAR was much more accurate with our test ammos, and we've seen it selling for less.
<b>SKS Standard Type 56 w/Fiber- force Stock, \$510</b>	July 2010	<b>Grade B:</b> Found in good condition, these guns are utterly reliable and not at all fussy about ammunition.
<b>FN FS2000 Tactical 5.56x45mm NATO, \$1995</b>	Sept 2010	<b>Grade B-:</b> We're hard pressed to recommend that you spend around \$2000 for this gun.
<b>Auto-Ordnance AOM130 M1 Car- bine 30 US Carbine, \$899</b>	Dec 2009	<b>Grade B-:</b> Slightly misfitting and unsmooth bolt. Very poor magazine, lacked a sling, relatively high cost.
<b>Rock River Arms CAR A4 15 9mm Carbine, \$1035</b>	Oct 2006	<b>Grade C:</b> Reliability and accuracy were tops with defense rounds, but lacking with common FMJ rounds.
<b>Beretta Cx4 Storm 40 S&amp;W, \$800</b>	May 2006	<b>Grade D:</b> Fussy accuracy, poor stocking, Controls largely inaccessible to the shooter.

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