

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY MIL-SPEC STAINLESS 1911A1 PB9151LP 45 ACP, \$785

Gun Tests grade: A-/B

Two grades? Yes. We give it an 'A-' as a retro gun, but grade it a 'B' for lack of modern conveniences, such as higher-visibility sights and a memory groove beavertail.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	8.5 IN.
BARREL LENGTH	5.0 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	6.4 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT	5.6 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.6 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.0 IN.

WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	36.5 OZ.
CAPACITY.....	7+1
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.3 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.3 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	5.5 IN.
FRAME.....	BRUSHED STAINLESS STEEL
BARREL.....	STEEL
SLIDE.....	BRUSHED STAINLESS STEEL
GRIP.....	CHECKERED WOOD
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	10.0 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.55 IN.
WARRANTY	LIFETIME
TELEPHONE	(800) 680-6866

Hornady Custom 45 ACP
185-gr. JHP/XTP #9090

Average Velocity	944 fps
Standard Deviation	14 fps
Muzzle Energy	366 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	2.3 in.
Largest Group	3.3 in.
Average Group	2.8 in.

Right: The flat surface of the grip safety did not match up well with the arched mainspring housing. We think most shooters will have difficulty keeping it compressed. But you can order your Mil-Spec with the flat mainspring housing.



Black Hills 45 ACP

230-gr. Jacketed Hollowpoint +P

Average Velocity	954 fps
Standard Deviation	5 fps
Muzzle Energy	465 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	2.8 in.
Largest Group	3.9 in.
Average Group	3.4 in.



Below: The old-fashioned rear sight was adequate. But you can't beat today's variety of available combat sights. Note the full-tang hammer.

Magtech 45 ACP
230-gr. FMC

Average Velocity	805 fps
Standard Deviation	7 fps
Muzzle Energy	331 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	3.8 in.
Largest Group	4.1 in.
Average Group	4.0 in.

To collect accuracy data, we fired five-shot groups from a sandbag rest using open sights. Distance: 25 yards. We recorded velocities using an Oehler 35P chronograph, with the sky screens set 10 feet from the muzzle.

Above: We could turn the bushing by hand, so no tools were necessary to remove the top end. Note the low front sight. Today's low-mount front sights are more visible.

