

MILTEX MAKAROV

Price.....\$225



SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: None

FINISH	Blue	SIGHT RADIUS	5.2 in.
WEIGHT	30 oz.	CAPACITY	8+1
OVERALL LENGTH	6.2 in.	GRIP MATERIAL	PLASTIC
OVERALL HEIGHT	4.8 in.	ACTION TYPE	Double
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.4 in.	TRIGGER PULL	16.5 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH	3.5 in.	TRIGGER REACH	3.0

Our recommendation: If you are familiar with the Makarov design and are a gunsmith, you might try this Miltex-branded version. Otherwise, stay away. Just as you may wonder why Ford doesn't bring back the original Thunderbird convertible, you might wonder why this design can't be improved as well. We wish some company would do so.

good representation of 9X19 ammo. The PMC Starfire is an aggressive 95-grain jacketed hollow point. The P7M8 was the only pistol that could tame it, producing groups that ranged from 2.2 to 2.6 inches from 25 yards off a sandbag rest. One group featured four of five shots inside 0.70 inches. The NATO 124-grain jacketed round ball ammo also shot best in the P7M8, but group size varied as much as 1 inch. Since this was a variation from 1.7 to 2.7 inches, maybe we shouldn't complain. The Arcus 94's group sizes also varied by 1 inch, from 4.2 to 5.2 inches. Glock's Model 19 held this round between 2.4 to 3.3-inch groups. Its compensated brother, the 19C, was more erratic. The other guns put up sub 2-inch groups one minute and 3-inch+ groups the next with this standard round. The 115-grain Remington JHP was perhaps the most consistent in each gun, favoring the Tactical Smith & Wesson with consistent groups averaging just under 2.1 inches.

Some of the factors affecting accuracy had to do with the characteristics and idiosyncrasies of each pistol. The Arcus 94's trigger was just too rough to offer the kind of accuracy we expect from a High Power design, even if it is a cheap clone. The S&W gun's trigger is just too heavy even if it is smooth. With the Arcus you seem to get worn out mentally, with the Smith physically. The Glock 19 and 19C were very different, in our view.

From the rest under a tin roof cover, we felt the compensated 19C's effect on the air around us in our upper plates. Furthermore, its accuracy was less consistent than its non-compensated brother. The ports on this model are placed well before the muzzle. We theorized that its blast was pushing down on the gun and changing the point of aim before the bullet could exit the barrel. But shot standing at 15 yards, the 19C was an inch better



The firing pin and de-cocker decided to exit the slide after only 25 shots.



The trigger is double action only with a very heavy pull and long reach. Superb grip ergonomics made the gun very easy to shoot, however.