

era. The sight radius is very long. The rear unit is fully and easily adjustable. If you want finer adjustments, which you probably don't need unless you plan to shoot in competition, you can install a match rear sight. A thinner front post is available if you want one. We can easily place all shots into a 6-inch marker at near-rapid-fire rate at a full 200 yards with these sights. You don't really need a scope with the M1A/M14.

HK-91

Our recommendation: An original German HK-91 rifle will today set you back around \$1,800 if you can find one. For reasons stated below, we don't advise buying, though we confess they're great rifles.

H&K builds a law-enforcement-only "target" version of this battle rifle that sells for around \$11,000, so you can figure this is a pretty solid bit of machinery. Heckler & Koch personnel are masters at welding, and that is how this piece of ordnance is made. It will survive being dropped from aircraft to waiting troops. It was never available as a fully-auto rifle, so if you can find a German original, you've got the same thing that German troops used. This ingenious design is based on the roller-locked CETME, which was done in Spain by Germans shortly after WWII. This rifle action depends on a delayed blow-back operation to cycle the bolt. The chamber is fluted. The bolt and the brass actually slide rearward before the bullet leaves the barrel, when pressure is still quite high. Empty cases are flung a long distance from the shooter, and if you find any of them, you won't like what you see. In spite of grossly abusing the brass case, this design works extremely well. Yet it has one flaw. That bolt, blown back by gas pressure, hits the rear of the receiver a mighty blow. This rifle, even at

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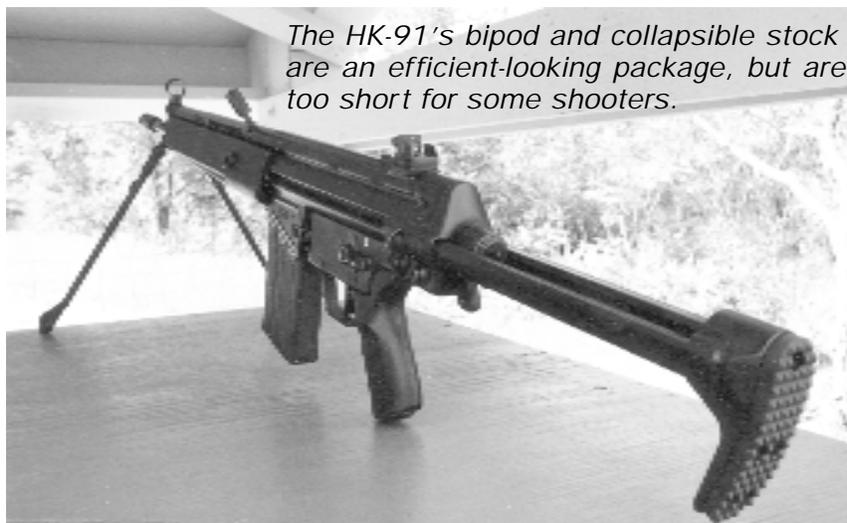
Retail Price...\$1,800



SPECIFICATIONS

METAL FINISH	Black	BIPOD COST	\$175
WEIGHT (EMPTY)	12 lbs.	MAGAZINE CAPACITY ...	5-20 rds.
SIGHT RADIUS	23.5 in.	CARRY SLING	Leather/Web
OVERALL LENGTH	40.1 in.	STOCK	Plastic or Wood
LENGTH (COLLAPSED)	30	PISTOL GRIP	YES
CARRY HANDLE	Optional	STOCK TYPE	Collapsible

Our Recommendation: If we had a chance to buy the other guns, we would pass on the HK-91.



The HK-91's bipod and collapsible stock are an efficient-looking package, but are too short for some shooters.



Left: The Australian stock on the HK-91 gave improved eye relief and a more gentle slope at the rear of the action. It was much easier on the shooters' faces than the shorter collapsible stock.