

GUN TESTS REPORT CARD

Charter Arms Pathfinder 72224 22 LR, \$350 **GUN TESTS GRADE: C**

Compared to the other two, the Charter falls short in several areas. It has less capacity, it's heavier, its sights are flawed. But it did go bang, which in this test the Taurus didn't, and its hammer didn't tenderize the shooter's thumb like the Smith, and it didn't take as much effort to shoot double action. Its accuracy was okay, and the grip was very comfortable. In the judgment of our testers, this an average gun, and for casual shooting on a budget, we might buy it ahead of the S&W 317, which costs \$200 more.



Taurus 94B2UL Ultra-Lite Nine 22 LR, \$370 **GUN TESTS GRADE: F**

The lighter S&W 317 is a better carry choice, if you have to carry a rimfire, but the Taurus is solid otherwise, assuming yours works. Ours didn't, thus the failing grade. We wouldn't mind seeing this gun with an aluminum cylinder and crane, which would probably shave 8 ounces from its weight.



S&W Model 317 Air Lite No. 160222, \$535 **GUN TESTS GRADE: B, 'OUR PICK'**

The gun worked perfectly and had decent accuracy. It was well made and had a great SA trigger pull, even if the spur made cocking the gun painful after a while. The DA pull was too heavy. It could be carried anywhere, and would fit nicely in a pocket. At 10 yards, it had reasonable accuracy and shot a little high, which was preferable to the Charter's too-low point of impact. If this gun had an adjustable sight or laser grips, it would be hard to beat. As it is, it's a solid **B** gun, and **Our Pick** in this matchup.



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