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Moving Forward

Things are moving forward rapidly at our Regional Training Center. Electricians, HVAC Technicians, Plumbers and our contractor Red have been working tirelessly to complete the building. With every passing week the building looks better and better. Earlier this month our gunsmith, Chase Fisher, spent several days on a backhoe in order to carve out our pistol range and it looks great!

Training

Since its inception, MTFI has trained 292 people on how to defend themselves. Following on that, the past month has seen a surge in people looking for instruction on how to defend themselves. Due to this fact we had to increase the tempo in our instruction and have moved to teaching NRA Basic Pistol courses every Saturday! For a schedule of all our upcoming courses please visit www.mtfi.org.

To streamline our registration process we can now process your course application online! On the left side of our course pages you will see a target icon that asks you to click in order to register for courses. After clicking, you will be redirected to an online registration form.

Website/Social Media

We are working hard to provide you with the best information we can via our website at www.mtfi.org. In light of that, we have now included links on the front page that will give you great information on Cold Steel's Inferno Chemical Agent as well as a link to the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action's gun laws webpage. This is a great resource for anyone looking to travel out of state with a firearm or learn more about firearms laws here in Montana.

You will also find links to "like" us on Twitter (@MontanaTactical) or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MontanaTactical). If you use either of these social mediums, look us up. We hope to utilize them more and more as we grow to spread information to all our loyal customers.

We Still Have Openings For Our NRA Basic Pistol Course On Saturday March 17th. Spread the Word!



Gun Review; Kahr PM45

Ryan Finn reviews the Kahr PM45, a pint sized .45 ACP that's perfect for big bore concealed carry.

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Why You Should Wear Hearing Protection

Hearing protection is always a must for recreational shooting. Have you ever wondered about the science behind it?

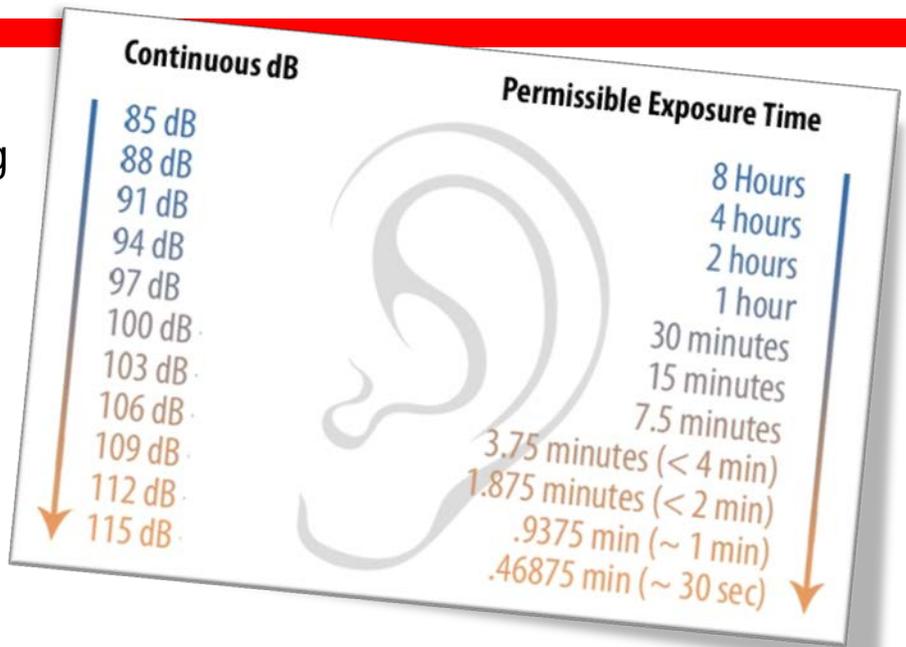
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Why You Should Wear Hearing Protection

by Ryan Finn

There is an article from the National Institutes of Health called *Don't Let Gun Sports Backfire on You: Use Ear Protection and Hang Onto Your Hearing*. The article highlights the experiences of one Dave Henderson, a writer and hunting expert who began shooting at 10. *Outdoors*. After taking an entrance physical for the military, Henderson discovered he was losing his hearing—at the ripe old age of 19 “When I walked out of the test booth, the tester said, ‘You’re a shooter. Typical pattern.’” Henderson’s hearing loss was primarily in the high-frequency range, with slight loss in the middle range. “I never used any hearing protection as a kid,” he admitted. “Nobody did . . .”

Also quoted: Dr. James Battey Jr., Director of the National Institute on Deafness and other Communicative Disorders. Dr. Battey states that “Loud noise, such as the 140-decibel blast of a rifle, can irreparably damage the specialized cells of the inner ear—called hair cells—that enable us to hear. So it is vitally important for us to protect our ears when we are repeatedly



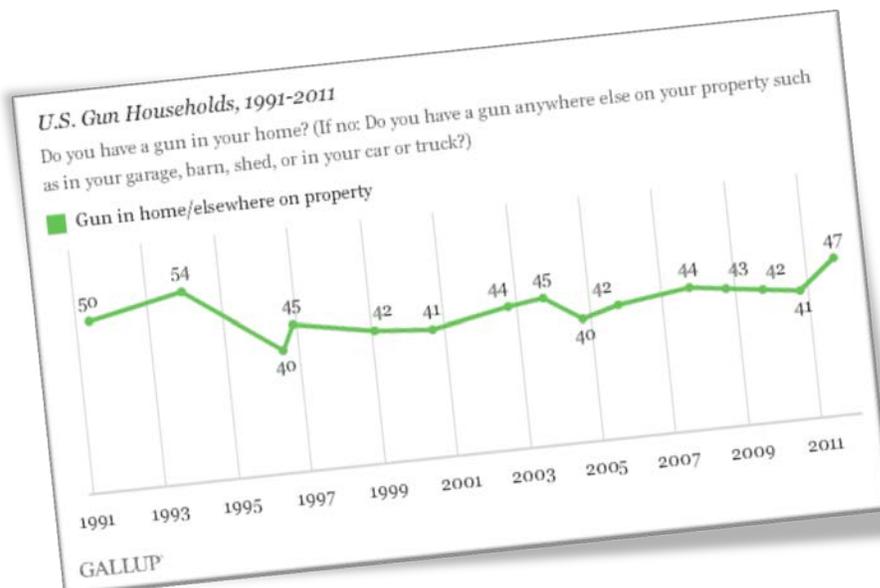
exposed to loud noise.” A quick trip to [Dangerous Decibels](#) website will tell you that any sound above 85 db can cause permanent hearing damage, dependent on exposure time. The permissible exposure time for loud noises is dramatically reduced for every 3 decibels you go above 85. The **permissible time** for 115 db is approximately 30 seconds.

By the time you reach around 130db, there is no permissible time limit. If you have reached that point then you will be doing damage to your hearing instantaneously.

The average 5.56/.223 round has a decibel rating of around 150; meaning that all 30 rounds you pump out of a magazine on your AR can and will do permanent damage to your hearing if you decide to shoot sans muffs.

So in short, any time you are planning on shooting, wear ear protection. It will be worth it 25 years down the road.

Gun Ownership Highest Since 1993



Gallup Polls reports that gun ownership is at an all-time high, with more Americans reporting that they own a firearm than we’ve seen since 1993. Results of the poll conducted in October of 2011 show an increase in gun ownership among men, women, Republicans and Democrats alike. Perhaps the most telling statistic culled from this study is that 1 in 3 Americans now own some type of firearm.

As Gallup states, “At 47%, reported gun ownership is the highest it has been in nearly two decades -- a finding that may be related to Americans' dampened support for gun-control laws.”



The Kahr PM45 is deadly accurate whether you're shooting slowly or practicing defensive rapid fire.



The PM45's size is comparable to the Ruger LCR.

FAST FACTS

2.6%

The Increase in Firearms Sales From 2010-2011

2.4%

The Decrease in Gun Crimes From 2010-2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.nssf.org



Kahr PM45 Review

by Ryan Finn

I always told my wife that when she finally made the decision to start carrying I would support her 100%. So when she decided that 2012 was her year of the gun I was ecstatic, until I found out that my beloved [Ruger LCR](#) wasn't really "mine" in the strictest sense of the word anymore. With my backup gun having left me for two X chromosomes, I was in dire need of a replacement. I decided to forgo the typical wheel gun route and investigate sub compact .45s for the sake of ammo compatibility with my main gun. After days of research and fondling at the local gun stores, I found myself with the opportunity to pick up a [Kahr PM45](#) for a deal I couldn't refuse. So naturally, I jumped into the world of "high end" DAO semi autos with both feet.

The PM45 came packaged in a no frills hard case with all the required paperwork, a useless trigger lock and extra magazine. The small box creates an optical illusion that belies the actual diminutiveness of this handgun. You don't actually appreciate how small this handgun is until you hold it. It's no LCP, but it's as close as you can get with a .45 ACP.

Nestled into my medium sized hand, it felt near perfect. I've held, shot and/or owned sub compact .45s from Glock, Taurus and Para-Ordnance, none have come close to the ergonomic glory that I felt the first time I picked up the PM45. With a magazine inserted in the gun I can fit all my fingers on the grip and not feel like I'm sacrificing concealability for the sake of ergos. Speaking of concealability, when compared to my usual pocket carry I found I wasn't really giving up that much. As you can see from the pictures, there's not a real noticeable size difference and the PM45 wins the width

competition at a mere 1.01" compared to the LCR's 1.283".

The trigger on the PM45 is a DAO that anyone who has ever shot a hammerless revolver will be familiar with. A long pull paired with an almost equally as long reset is par for the course. However, this isn't your S&W 642's trigger; Kahr sends their pistols out of the factory with a smoothness that would make silk blush with envy. No grit, no stacking, no nothing; just a predictable ~4.75lb trigger pull that surprisingly lends itself to some good accuracy from a pint sized powerhouse such as this. Fit and finish on the Kahr is good; no slop or rattle and tight tolerances are the name of the game. Lettering on the slide is beautifully done and the two tone finish is very easy on the eyes. It's a good looking firearm with a quality feel to it. But how does it shoot?

At 7 yards, the PM45 shot surprisingly well with 230gr FMJ, despite my ever present inclination to pull rounds low with a DAO pistol. The sights are a

white dot front sight placed over a white line on the rear. Some people really don't like this type of sighting system, but after a few pistols of mine coming with Big Dot sights I find them to be easy to use.

My first slow fired two mags resulted in the large hole to the left and low of the bullseye. My next, faster aimed mag resulted in the grouping two inches directly below the bull. Last, but not least, I ran 2 mags through the PM45 as fast as I could pull the trigger and point shoot. As you can see by the scattered



holes, accuracy at that level suffers, but not enough to be considered less than minute of bad guy.

Recoil is stout, as can be expected, but not punishing. After shooting a box of ammo you don't leave the range with a "what the hell was I thinking?" mood and sore hand that a .357 snub nose can cause in even the manliest of us. The aggressive stippling on the front and backstrap keep the pistol firmly in your grip. While I appreciate this feature in any defensive pistol, the PM45 definitely wins the cheese grater award in the pistol grip category. Any extended range session is going to leave your hand feeling a little raw, but for most practical applications of this pistol it won't be anything more than a slight annoyance as a byproduct of a secure grip.

There are plenty of reports of PM45s with a host of issues and multiple trips back to the mother ship for repairs to be found on the internet. I fired everything from TulAmmo to Hornady Critical Defense through the PM45 and it fired, fed and ejected without a hiccup. Kahr recommends that only the slide release be used when loading the pistol and discourages the practice of "sling shooting" the slide. However, with this PM45, both practices were equally effective and sling shooting the slide had no ill effects on feeding or loading.

When I got back from the range though, I found the one thing that I really don't like about this pistol; the takedown. To field strip the PM45, one must line up two small notches on the slide and frame. Then some sort of implement must be used to push the slide stop/take down lever out from left to

right. Unfortunately the recoil spring in this pistol is so stout that it requires 1.5 hands to keep the slide in the exact position needed for the slide stop to be pushed through. Basically you're going to need 3 hands to accomplish this without a struggle. Once you get past the struggle, you're golden. It comes apart like any other semi auto pistol and putting it back together is much easier than taking it apart. While this issue has nothing to do with the function of the pistol, I've been spoiled by the ease of take down that's commonplace with Glocks, XDs or Sigs.

All in all you get some serious bang for your buck with the Kahr PM45. Which is good, because with an MSRP of \$850 it better function as well as it works. As, if not more, concealable as a snub nosed revolver, the Kahr PM45 is perfectly at home in your pocket, an IWB holster, your wife's purse, your "European shoulder bag" or anywhere else you want to stick it. With 5+1 rounds of .45 ACP it's no slouch in the power or capacity department when it comes to sub compact pistols and makes the perfect back up to my full size .45. Let's just hope my wife doesn't like it as much as I do.

Specifications

Caliber: .45 ACP
Capacity: 5+1
Operation: Trigger cocking DAO; lock breech; "Browning - type" recoil lug; passive striker block
Barrel: 3.24"
Length O/A: 5.79"
Height: 4.49"
Slide Width: 1.01"

Weight: Pistol 17.3 oz., Magazine 2 oz.
Grips: Textured polymer
Sights: Drift adjustable, white bar-dot combat sights
Finish: Black polymer frame, matte stainless steel slide

RATINGS (out of five)

Style * * * * *
 Attractive two tone "paint job" and looks that make other polymer pistols self-conscious

Ergonomics * * * * *
 Feels very comfortable in my hands and points naturally

Reliability * * * * *
 Went through 200 rounds without a hiccup or a cleaning.

Customizable * * * * *
 Night sights are all that's on the menu for this little guy

Carry * * * * *
 Its diminutive size makes it easily to conceal in any setting

Overall Rating * * * *

Lack of aftermarket options and an annoying takedown procedure are the only things holding this pistol back.

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