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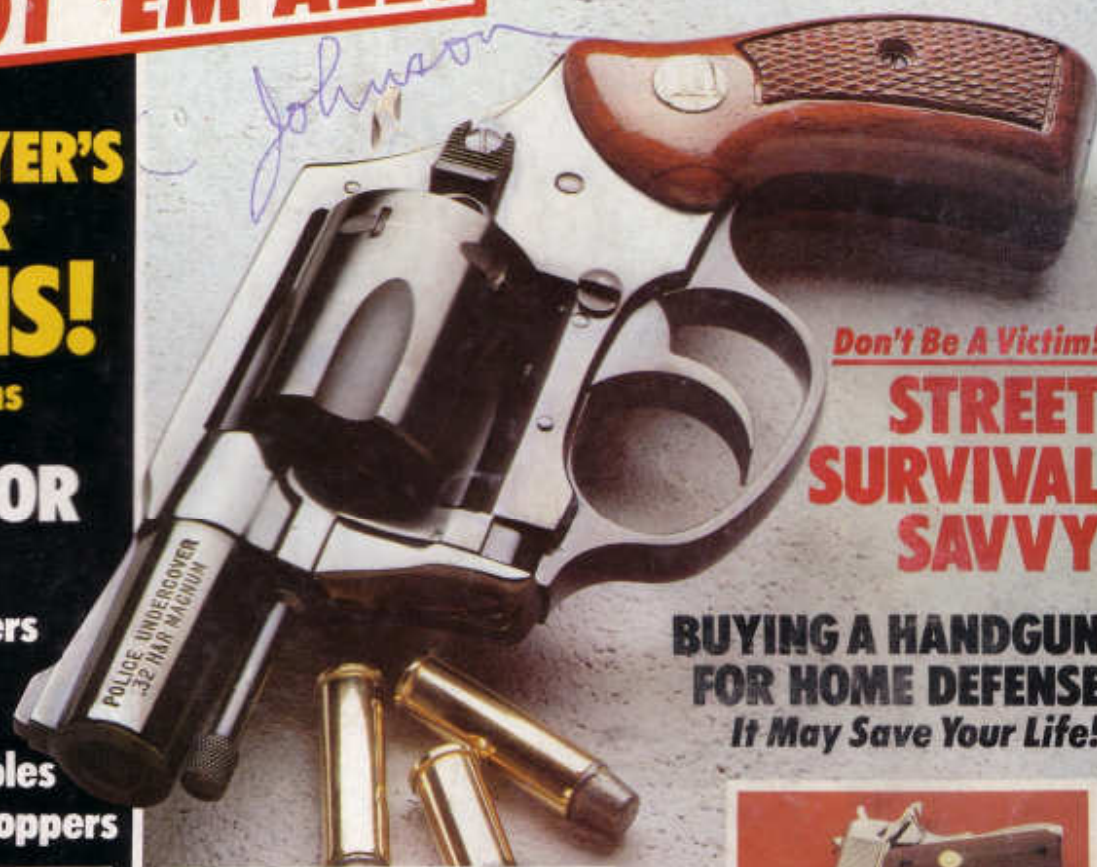
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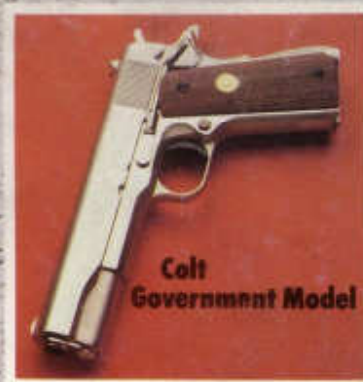
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AMT'S STAINLESS LIGHTNING: BORN-AGAIN CLASSIC

By Hal Swiggett



Vern Taylor, northern California rancher, tries his hand on a ground squirrel.

A remake of the venerable Ruger 22 auto, this AMT version has updated the original with today's latest innovations.

Lightning, according to Roget's Thesaurus, can be described as a thunderbolt. Webster says it's a flash of light in the sky caused by the discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or from a cloud to the earth. I'm not at all sure how either fits but I have here, on my desk, a stainless steel Lightning 22 pistol from Arcadia Machine & Tool, Inc. (AMT).

Whatever the reason for the name I have discovered, over a period of several weeks, that AMT's Lightning could be named mud dauber, hyena, striped skunk or most anything and it would still be a top performing, accurate shooting, easy handling 22 pistol. You know the routine, a rose by any other name...

My test AMT Lightning wears a 6-1/2 inch tapered barrel, Pachmayr wrap-around grip, Micro fully adjustable rear sight, a beautiful undercut 1/8-inch front sight and a grooved receiver, should a scope be desired.

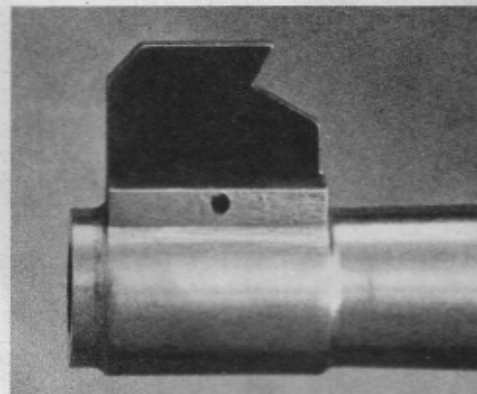
Could be Harry Sanford is right. This pistol truly is a flash of light because, how often can all of those refinements be found along with as crisp a four pound trigger as any shooter could want? Right out of the box. And for a suggested list price of \$230.

Still another plus is a trigger guard designed with a finger rest for the two-handed shooter which now makes it possible for both index fingers to be comfortable. The trigger finger finds an



AMT's Lightning wears Micro rear sight but is also grooved for scope mounting. The

AMT logo quickly indicates what it is and where it is made.



Undercut front sight provides an excellent sight picture.



Bolt stop keeps action open when last shot in magazine is fired.

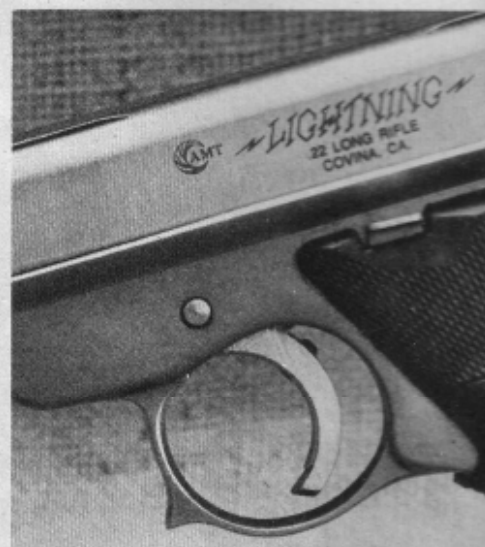
easy no-slip surface on the wide grooved trigger.

Field Testing The Lightning

Close to 2,500 rounds have been fired through this Lightning. Mostly Federal Long Rifle solids because much of the shooting has been strictly for fun at targets of opportunity at distances varying from 10 steps to right at 150 yards "just to see if I could hit it." Whatever it was. Inanimate targets all. Up to this point only a few California ground squirrels have stood before the Lightning's onslaught and none of them were tried beyond about 60 yards.

Some were hit out there too. I had a witness. More were missed. I had a witness to that also.

I still haven't settled down to seeing what this AMT Lightning will do on paper. From all appearances, hollow point Federal Hi-Power and Winchester Dynapoint are running neck and neck. I do know that with Federal solids, Hi-Power, that same load in hollow point and the Winchester Dynapoint all shoot close enough to the sight setting that the end of a soft drink can can be hit with regularity at 35 to 40 steps. Shooting off-hand with two hands. More than 57 years ago my grandfather told me to use both hands when shoot-



Finger rest on front of trigger guard, trigger stop screw high in trigger, bolt release at top of Pachmayr wraparound grip, safety easy for thumb to activate.

ing handguns. His exact words were (I'll never forget them), "God gave you two hands, use them both." To this day I've never seen any reason to turn away from that advice.

Some folks are probably thinking the AMT Lightning looks enough like an east coast made pistol to maybe be a twin. Don't fret over it because you are right. The Lightning is a direct copy of Ruger's great little 22 autoloading pistol. The one on which Sturm, Ruger & Company founded their empire. Time catches all of us. In this case it was the Ruger 22. Once it became part of the public domain through longevity of patent, any and all are free to "borrow" everything but the name.

AMT did exactly that except that they did add a few improvements here and there. Items like the Micro sight. Items like the Pachmayr wraparound grip. Items like the finger rest on the trigger guard. Items like the grooved receiver for scope mounting. And yes, items like the flattened receiver sides giving the pistol a more streamlined look.

The Lightning does retain all Ruger's

inner works. Takedown procedures are identical.

Barrel Variety

The stainless steel AMT Lightning is available with both tapered or bull barrels in 6-1/2, 8-1/2, 10-1/2 and 12-1/2-inch lengths. With either 6-1/2-inch barrel, suggested list price is \$230. Both configurations in the middle two lengths list at \$240, while the longer 12-1/2-inch, tapered or bull, suggests \$250 as the going price.

Barrels are interchangeable, or at least appear to be. The only problem is that barrels and receivers are a single unit. This means the serial number is on the barrel/receiver which places it under Federal Firearms License control. Each must be purchased from a licensed dealer and a 4473 filled out for each purchase—same as with a complete gun.

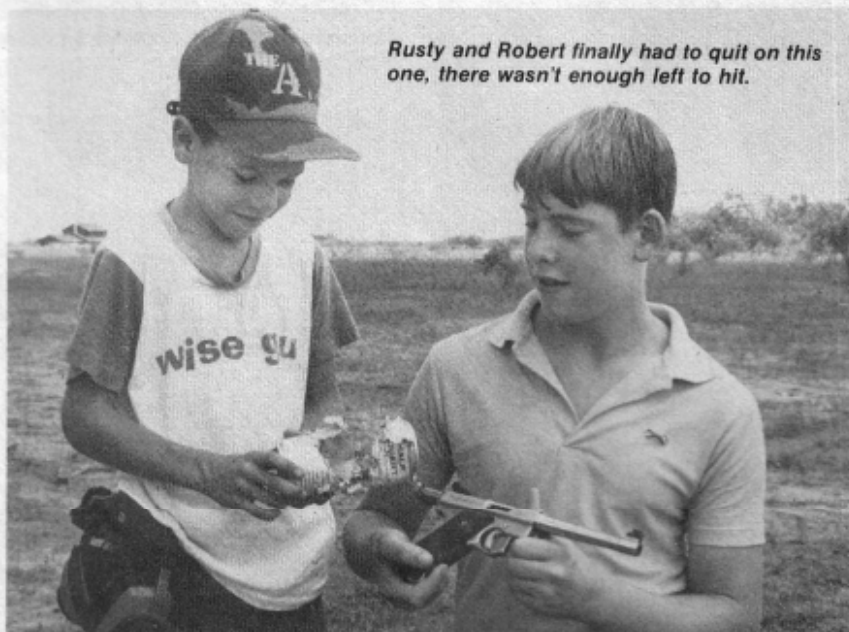
If your dealer doesn't stock the AMT Lightning the company can be contacted at: Arcadia Machine & Tool, Inc.

536 N. Vincent Avenue, Covina, California 91722.

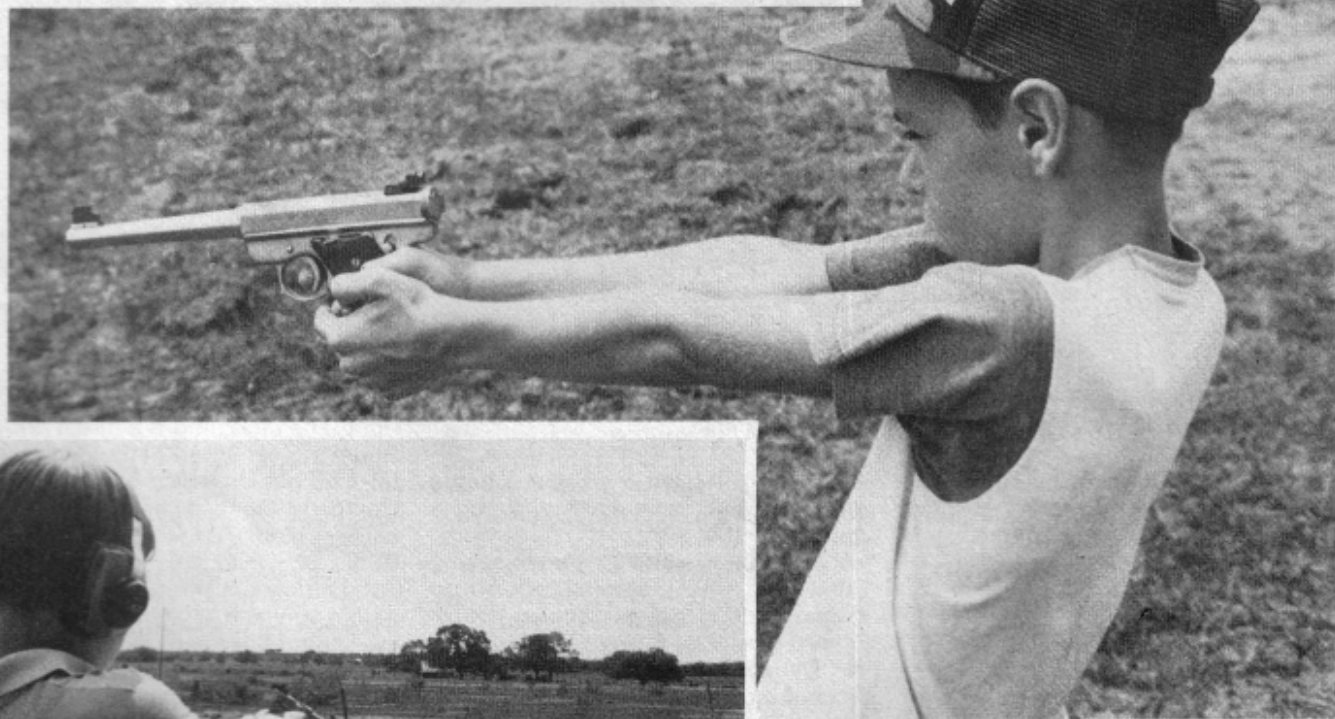
I promised myself this wouldn't be mentioned but here goes anyway. The first day of firing with the Lightning was spent on a range sighting in. No real effort made to shoot for a group. Shoot a shot or two then move the sight a little and do it over again. This was at 15 yards. With only five rounds of Winchester High Velocity Dynapoint left the decision was made to see how close together holes could be printed. A single shot was fired into a clean area on the paper, as an aiming point. The last four were ever so carefully squeezed off.

When that last case ejected there were four 22 caliber holes in an evenly spaced group measuring the tiniest of fractions less than 3/4-inch. True, it was only 15 yards. Also true, that same hold at 25 yards would have produced a group measuring slightly less than 1-1/4 inches. Extending this on to 50 yards would have produced a group only a little over two inches. That's not bad. Come on now—admit it.

I may never do it again, but I did it once and it was with AMT's Lightning.



Rusty and Robert finally had to quit on this one, there wasn't enough left to hit.



Rusty Condra takes his turn with the AMT Lightning.



and Robert Stengel is plinking at a can.

CENTERFIRE: AUTOLOADERS



AMERICAN DERRINGER AUTO

Caliber: .25 ACP, .250 Magnum. **Barrel:** 2.1". **Weight:** 15.5 oz. (Baby Model 12.5 oz.). **Length:** 4.5". **Stocks:** Rosewood. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Baby Model is 3-shot; standard, 6-shot and Magnum 7-shot. Available in polished stainless steel or blued 4140 ordnance steel. **Price:** Stainless: \$212, blue: \$200.

AMT 380 BACKUP

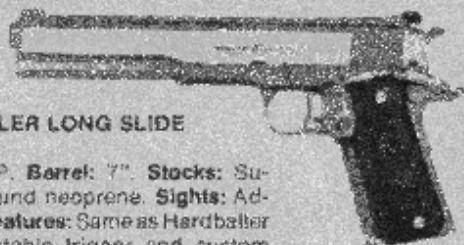
Caliber: 380 ACP, .22 Long Rifle. **Barrel:** 2 1/2". **Weight:** 17 oz. **Stocks:** Lexon. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Stainless steel, 6-shot in 380 ACP, 8-shot .22 LR. **Price:** \$225.

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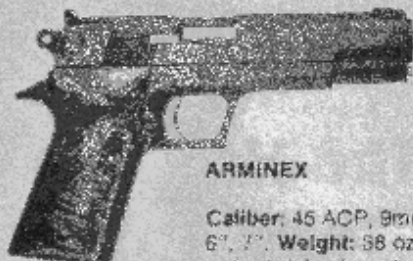
AMT HARDBALLER

Caliber: .45 ACP. **Barrel:** 5". **Weight:** 39 oz. **Stocks:** Supreme wrap-around neoprene. **Sights:** Combat adjustable. **Features:** Extended combat safety, wide adjustable trigger, serrated mottle rib, beveled magazine well. Stainless steel. **Price:** \$550.



AMT HARDBALLER LONG SLIDE

Caliber: .45 ACP. **Barrel:** 7". **Stocks:** Supreme wrap-around neoprene. **Sights:** Adjustable sight. **Features:** Same as Hardballer plus wide adjustable trigger and custom fitted barrel bushing. Stainless steel. **Price:** \$625.



ARMINEX

Caliber: .45 ACP, 9mm, .38 Super. **Barrel:** 5", 6", 7". **Weight:** 38 oz. (5"). **Stocks:** Smooth walnut (checkered optional). **Sights:** Dual pinned front, adjustable rear. **Features:** Calibers interchangeable. Extended slide stop easily reached by right or left handed shooters. Blue steel. **Price:** Standard Model, any caliber, \$396 (8" barrel add \$16). Presentation Model, any caliber, \$452. Target Model, any caliber, 6" slide/barrel, \$424 (7" barrel add \$16).



ASTRA MODEL A-80

Caliber: 9mm Parabellum, .38 Super, .45 ACP. **Barrel:** 3 1/4". **Weight:** 36 oz. **Length:** 7". **Stocks:** Hi-impact plastic, checkered. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Double action, all steel construction, loaded chamber indicator, combat-styled trigger guard, optional right-side slide release lever for left-handers, automatic internal safety, decocking lever to lower hammer without contacting firing pin, 15-round magazine 9mm and .38 Super, 9-round .45 ACP. **Price:** Blue \$425—chrome \$485.



ASTRA CONSTABLE

Caliber: .380 ACP, .22 LR. **Barrel:** 3 1/4". **Weight:** 26 oz. **Length:** 8 1/2". **Stocks:** Plastic, moulded. **Sights:** Adjustable rear, blade front. **Features:** Double action, quick takedown with no tools, blue or chrome, 7-shot magazine, .380 ACP, 10-shot .22 LR. **Price:** .22 LR, blue: \$299 .22 LR, chrome: \$324. .380 ACP, blue: \$279. .380 ACP chrome \$309. Engraved models available: \$379 to \$439.

BAUER AUTOMATIC

Caliber: .25 ACP. **Barrel:** 2 1/4". **Weight:** 10 oz. **Length:** 4". **Stocks:** Walnut or simulated pearl. **Sights:** Recessed fixed. **Features:** Stainless steel. **Price:** \$136.40.



BERETTA MODEL 92 SB COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm Parabellum. **Barrel:** 4.29". **Weight:** 21 oz. **Stocks:** Walnut or plastic. **Sights:** Windage adjustable rear, blade front. **Features:** Double action, magazine catch release reversible for left-hand operation, ambidextrous safety, 13-round staggered magazine, smaller, lighter version of the Model 92 SB. **Price:** Walnut stocks: \$635. Plastic stocks: \$620.





TP-70 A.A.I.

Caliber: .25 ACP. **Barrel:** 2.6". **Weight:** 12 oz. **Length:** 4.6". **Stocks:** Checkered composition. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Double action, stainless steel, 7-shot. **Price:** \$220.



WALTHER PP

Caliber: .380 ACP, .32 ACP, .22 LR. **Barrel:** 3.8". **Weight:** 23.5 oz. **Length:** 6.7". **Stocks:** Plastic, checkered. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Double action, loaded chamber indicator on .32 and .380, supplied with two magazines, one standard, one finger-rest, 7-shot, made in West Germany. **Price:** .22 LR: \$520. .32 ACP, .380 ACP: \$500.00.



WALTHER'S PPK/S "AMERICAN"

Caliber: .380 ACP. **Barrel:** 3.2". **Weight:** 23 oz. **Length:** 6.1". **Stocks:** Plastic, checkered. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Made in the United States under an exclusive licensing agreement with Carl Walther, double action, a stainless steel model in the near future, blue, 7-shot. **Price:** \$459. Stainless steel: \$499.



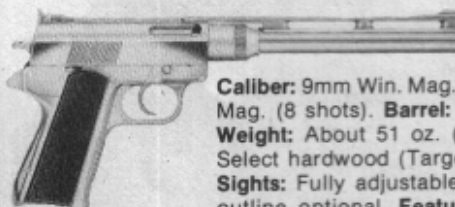
WALTHER P-38

Caliber: 9mm Parabellum, .22 LR, .30 Luger. **Barrel:** 5". **Weight:** 28 oz. **Length:** 8.5". **Stocks:** Plastic, checkered. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Double action, chamber loaded indicator, safety blocks firing pin, matte finish, made in West Germany, 8-shot. The P38IV is 1/2" shorter, has strengthened slide, steel reinforced frame, windage adjustment rear sight. **Price:** .22 LR \$690. 9mm Parabellum, .30 Luger: \$650. P38IV 9mm Parabellum: \$650.



WALTHER P-5

Caliber: 9mm Parabellum. **Barrel:** 3.5". **Weight:** 28 oz. **Length:** 7". **Stocks:** Plastic, checkered. **Sights:** Windage adjustable rear, blade front. **Features:** Same basic double action mechanisms as the P-38 but with Walther's latest designs. **Price:** \$790.



WILDEY

Caliber: 9mm Win. Mag. (15 shots), .45 Win. Mag. (8 shots). **Barrel:** 5", 6", 7", 8", 10". **Weight:** About 51 oz. (6" barrel). **Stocks:** Select hardwood (Target stocks optional). **Sights:** Fully adjustable. Red insert, white outline optional. **Features:** Gas operated, double-action, selective single or autoloading capability, stainless steel, vent rib, fixed barrel, 5-lug rotary bolt, patented hammer and trigger block, rebounding firing pin. **Price:** \$1,295.00

RIMFIRE: AUTOLOADERS



ASTRA CONSTABLE

Caliber: .22 LR, .380 ACP. **Barrel:** 3-1/2". **Weight:** 26 oz. **Length:** 8-1/2". **Stocks:** Plastic, moulded. **Sights:** Adjustable rear, blade front. **Features:** Double action, quick takedown with no tools, blue or chrome, 10-round magazine, .22 LR, 7-round .380 ACP. **Price:** .22 LR, blue: \$299. .22 LR, chrome: \$344. .380 ACP, blue: \$270. .380 ACP, chrome: \$309. Engraved models available: \$399 to \$439.



AMT 22 LONG RIFLE BACKUP

Caliber: 22 Long Rifle **Barrel:** 2-1/2". **Weight:** 17 oz. **Stocks:** Lexon. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Stainless steel, 8-shot magazine. **Price:** \$225.



AMT LIGHTNING

Caliber: 22 Long Rifle. **Barrel:** 6-1/2", 8-1/2", 10-1/2", 12-1/2". **Stocks:** Custom rubber wrap around. **Sights:** Windage adjustment, grooved for scope mount. **Features:** Stainless steel, button rifled diamond finished barrel, interchangeable barrels, Clarke trigger with adjustable stop. **Price:** 6-1/2", \$230; 8-1/2", 10-1/2", \$240; 12-1/2", \$250.



AMT LIGHTNING TARGET & SILHOUETTE

Caliber: 22 Long Rifle. **Barrel:** 5", 6-1/2", 8-1/2", 10-1/2", 12-1/2". **Stocks:** Custom rubber wrap around. **Sights:** Adjustable. **Features:** Stainless steel, Clarke trigger with adjustable stop, diamond finished button rifled barrel, interchangeable barrels. **Price:** 5", 6-1/2", \$230; 8-1/2", 10-1/2", \$240; 12-1/2", \$250.



BEEMAN/AGNER

Caliber: 22 Long Rifle, 5-shot. **Barrel:** 5.9". **Weight:** 36 oz. **Stocks:** Adjustable French walnut. **Sights:** Fully adjustable target. **Features:** Made in Denmark the Beeman/Agner is a limited production precision target pistol. The B/A has a "dry fire" switch allowing the exact same trigger pull as firing but without cocking effort or strain on the gun. The security key lock makes the pistol absolutely safe for travel or storage. Stainless steel. **Price:** Right hand, \$1,295; Left hand, \$1,395.



BEEMAN/FAS 602

22 Short, 22 Long Rifle (both 5-shot). Barrel: 22 Short, 5.5"; 22 Long Rifle, 5.6". **Weight:** 22 Short, 30 oz.; 22 Long Rifle, 37 oz. **Stocks:** Adjustable or wrap-around match. **Sights:** Target, fully adjustable. **Features:** Very low lines of sight, 19/32" above center of bore. Muzzle jump reduced because center of bore lined exactly with shooter's forearm. Magazines insert from top. Disassemble into main components by simply turning a lever on left side 180°. **Price:** There are 35 options from \$995 to \$1,140.



BEEMAN/UNIQUE DES/69

Caliber: 22 Long Rifle—5-shot. **Barrel:** 5.9". **Weight:** 35.3 oz. (with 260 gm. counterweight). **Stocks:** Adjustable French walnut. **Sights:** Adjustable target. **Features:** Trigger adjustable for position as well as pull weight, and there is a dry firing safety device. Trigger adjustable from 2.5 lbs. to 3.2 lbs. **Price:** Right hand, \$799; Left hand, \$849.



BEEMAN/UNIQUE DES/823-U

Caliber: 22 Short—5-shot. **Barrel:** 5.9". **Weight:** 22 Short, 43 oz. (with 340 gm. counterweight). **Stocks:** Adjustable French walnut. **Sights:** Adjustable target. **Features:** Trigger adjustable for position as well as pull weight, and there is a dry firing safety device. Trigger pull weight 8 oz. **Price:** Right hand, \$945; Left hand, \$998.



BERETTA MINX

Caliber: .22 Short. **Barrel:** 2-1/2". **Weight:** 10 oz. **Length:** 4-1/2". **Stocks:** Plastic, black checkered. **Sights:** Fixed. **Features:** Can be loaded without pulling back the slide, two safeties (external hammer and external thumb), can be field stripped in seconds, 6-shot, blue only. **Price:** \$189.95.



BERETTA MODEL 70S

Caliber: .22 LR. **Barrel:** 3.5". **Weight:** 18 oz. **Stocks:** Plastic. **Sights:** Adjustable rear, blade front. **Features:** Single action, thumbrest grips furnished, optional grips without thumbrest available. **Price:** \$274.