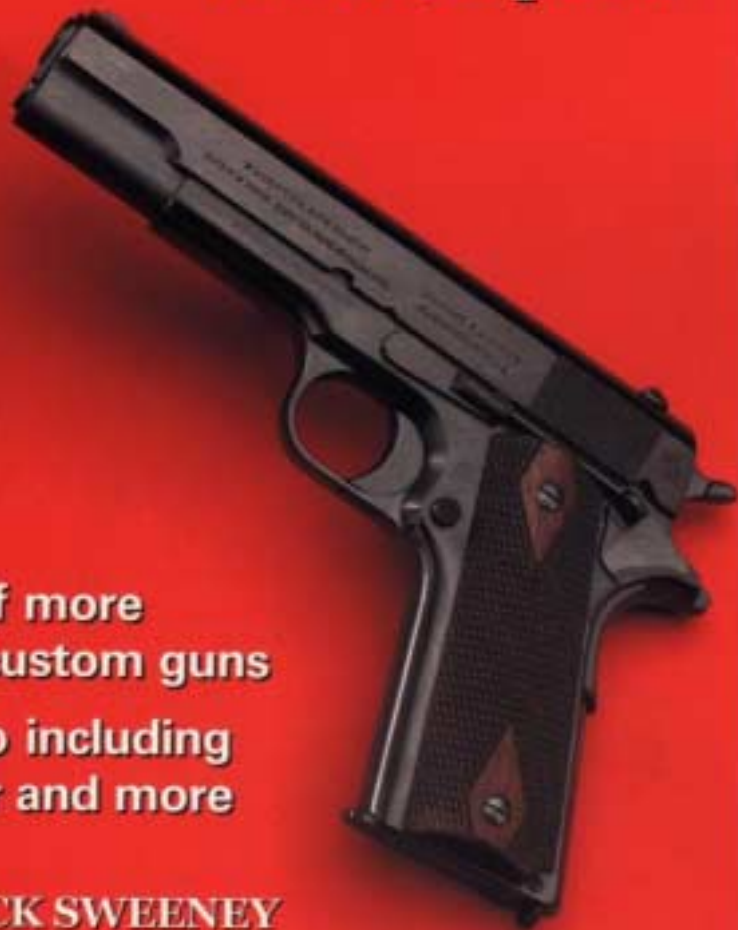


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HIGH STANDARD CAMP PERRY



The old High Standard company made rifles, shotguns and handguns for many years before going out of business while supplying firearms to Sears. Among their most popular models were the .22 target pistols they made. There are many High Standard target pistols still in use as plinkers and serious target guns on the line at matches across the country.

The new High Standard company started out by resurrecting the .22 pistols, and made them for several years before rolling up their sleeves and starting in on 1911s. The one they sent us is a basic pistol set up for target competition. For those who have been asleep for the last century, Camp Perry is the range where the National Championships are held, where men and women stand up and shoot handguns with one hand.

The Camp Perry model is a two-tone, blued and stainless single-stack Government Model. The slide has a tall staked

front sight with a vertical white line on its face. The rear sight looks like a Mec-Gar adjustable sight, with a white outline around the rear notch. It has rear cocking serrations, a lowered and scalloped ejection port that live-ejects, and nicely polished flats. On the left side the slide is marked "High Standard" and on the right "Camp Perry Model". The extractor is stainless, contrasting the blued slide. The barrel is marked "45 ACP NM" in the same font as barrels marked by Olympic Arms. Olympic makes good barrels. The standard-ramped barrel is secured at the front with a bushing. The barrel lockup is solid, with no play in the chamber. The slide-to-frame fit has play, and can be moved side-to-side and rocked as well.

The hammer is a 1911A1 spur hammer, and the grip safety is a 1911 unit as well. This was one of three pistols tested with the old-style safety. As it is a spur safety it lacks



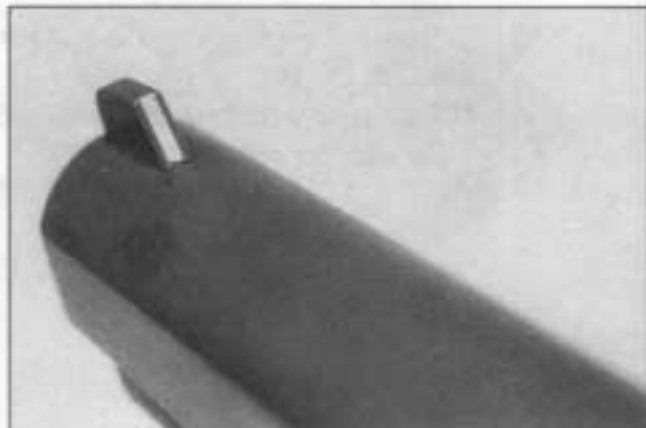
The Camp Perry Model in its hard case.



The rear is adjustable.



Two-tone, simple, solid.



The front has a white stripe.



Left side.



Right side.

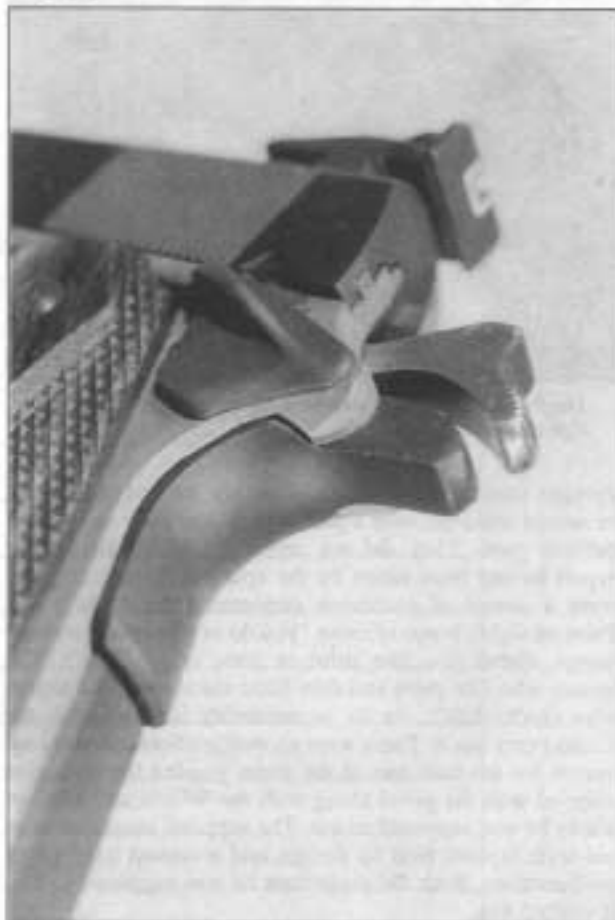


The barrel locks up nicely.

a speed bump at the bottom. The thumb safety is a copy of the old Colt Series 70-era safeties. The slide stop is a standard, blued and checkered part. The stainless frame is marked on the right side only, with "Firearms International Inc., Hou Tex USA" above the grip, and the serial number forward of the slide stop pin. The trigger is an extended aluminum one, lacking lightening holes but having an over-travel screw installed. The trigger pull is clean if somewhat heavy. The magazine catch is standard and grooved. The frontstrap is smooth, and radiused in the old style under the trigger guard. The mainspring housing is flat, grooved and black plastic. The magazine opening is beveled on the out-



Just as Browning invented it, bushing and standard recoil plug.



The 1911A1 spur hammer and grip safety, no speed bump.

side but not the rear. The grips are double diamond, nicely figured and held on with standard screws.

The Camp Perry model comes in a plastic storage case with one magazine. The magazine sent was an old-style tapered-lip magazine. Rather than test both pistol and magazine, I used the Chip McCormick Power Mags he sent me, plus my old Wilson magazines. Well, we used those magazines except for one tester. The testers liked the Camp Perry.



The trigger has an over-travel screw. The slide stop is checkered, the mag button serrated.



The mag well is beveled, despite the High Standard's plain appearance.



The frontstrap curve is standard, the mag catch button has a slotted head.



The stainless extractor in the blued slide. For those who like white-outline sights, the High Standard has them.

Perhaps they were overwhelmed by the tricked-out pistols, or waxed nostalgic over a pistol much like their early competition guns. They did not report any sharp edges, nor report having been bitten by the spur hammer. The sights were a source of comments concerning the white paint. Paint on sights is one of those "you do or you don't" sorts of things. Either you like paint or dots, or you don't. The testers who like paint and dots liked the sights. The testers who don't, didn't. As far as reliability is concerned, the Camp Perry has it. There were no malfunctions encountered except for the time one of the testers loaded the magazine shipped with the pistol along with the Wilson and McCormick's he was supposed to use. The supplied magazine is an old-style tapered feed lip design, and it caused a couple of malfunctions. With the magazines he was supposed to use, it worked fine.

In accuracy, the Camp Perry was the first pistol I clamped in the Ransom rest. No special reason, I had to start with one of them, and it was closest. I was not happy with the results. Unsure of the cause, I clamped one of my personal .45's in the Ransom rest, to see if the ammo, pistol or my technique was the fault. The Gunsite ATP with a Kart barrel shot an average of 1-1/2 inches with the first load tested.

I re-installed the Camp Perry and started over. It turns out the Camp Perry shows promise but needs tightening and tuning. The best load was the Oregon Trail, with an average



The testers were favorably impressed by the Camp Perry Model and gave it high marks.

of 2-1/2 inches. Second was a tie between the Sierra 230 JHP and the Montana Gold 185s, at 2-3/4 inches. Third goes to the West Coast 200-grain JRN's at 3 inches. As a basic gun, or a competition starter, the Camp Perry already has enough accuracy to be competitive for many shooters. It has the reliability. With a little tuning and some tightening, it could deliver cracking good accuracy along with its reliability. For someone who doesn't want a pistol festooned with the latest stylish parts, the looks of the Camp Perry are refreshing.



The 50-yard group ran just over 4 inches.

High Standard	
Trigger pull	7 lb
Extractor tension	40 oz
Chamber depth	0.899
.22 Conversion fit	
Kimber	Y
EAA	Y
Ciener	Y
Wilson	Y
Marvel	Y
Bar-Sto .400 Cor-bon fit	Y
Clark .460 Rowland fit	Rowland fit Y
Weight	36.3 oz.
Barrel length	5"
Three favorite loads	
1-Oregon Tr/Vihtavuori	2.5"
2-Sierra/Titegroup	2.75"
3-Montana Gold 185	3.0"