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MAKE: Zero Tolerance Knives
MODEL: Model 0920
OVERALL LENGTH: 9 inches (closed): 5.1 inches
BLADE LENGTH: 3.9 inches
BLADE THICKNESS: 0.156 inch
WEIGHT: 5.4 ounces
MSRP: \$300
URL: zt.KAIUSALtd.com

This knife approaches perfection in an EDC knife. This flipper is made very well: The blade is secured in place with no play, and with one flip of the finger, the blade opens smoothly—thanks to the KVT ball-bearings—and locks in place with a satisfying *thunk*. The blade is held firmly open with a titanium frame lock that is reinforced with a hardened steel lockbar insert. The blade is made of Crucible Industries' CPM 20CV steel—an excellent choice for edge retention and wear resistance, with very good corrosion resistance and toughness. The handle is made of titanium, with weight-saving recesses machined out of the inside. It fills the hand nicely for comfortable carry. (The only downside is that in cold weather, the metal handle gets very cold when carried against the skin—it's like a blast from a cold-water shower.) On top of all this, the 0920 is a looker. Its blade is given a stone-washed finish; the handle is bead-blasted; it uses bronze-anodized aluminum tube spacers; and it features a bent titanium ambi pocket clip.

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MAKE: Pocket Shot
MODEL: The Pocket Hammer (full kit)
INCLUDES: Pocket Shot, Hammer handle, three arrow pouches, pro and standard pouches, one arrow cap/rest and four nock covers.
MSRP: \$100
URL: www.ThePocketShot.com

At first glance, The Pocket Shot looks a little like a gimmick, but we're impressed with how well it works. It would make a great survival/backpack tool. The lower flight path axis makes it more intuitive to shoot than standard slingshots, and instinctive shooting is more accurate. The powerful pocket also provides more power, with shorter pull than conventional slingshots. It's also easier to keep the projectile in the pocket, properly aligned, and it doesn't fall out as easily. In addition, ammo can be stored inside the pocket with the cap in place. One-quarter-inch steel shot is fired at 275 fps with the standard pouch; 300 to 350 fps for the pro pouch. Using the arrow pocket, it launches 30-inch arrows at up to 140 fps. It works well—and it is loads of fun.

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MAKE: NovX
MODEL: 9mm 65-grain ARX and RNP models (tested)
MSRP: \$26–\$27 (ARX, ARX +P); \$29–\$30 (RNP, RNP +P)
URL: www.NovXammo.com

We got to train with the NovX at The Site in Mount Carroll, Illinois, before it released—10 gun writers/editors and more than 3,000 rounds; not one malfunction. The patent-pending ammunition uses a PolyCase ARX/RNP bullet loaded into a Shell Shock Technology two-piece case that features a 7078 hardened-aluminum base/primer pocket and stainless steel wall. Published velocities are a scorching 1,575 to 1,655 fps, depending on the model, generating 347 to 395 foot-pounds of energy. The ARX flute design spins at an astounding 120,000 rpm, making it like a miniature flying blender. The NovX is advertised as 30 percent higher velocity and 48 percent less in weight. Our testing showed reduced recoil and good accuracy. Coming later in 2017 are .223 and .308/7.62, while .45 ACP, 40 S&W, .380 Auto, 300 BLK and 6.5 Grendel are tentatively planned for 2018.

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MAKE: Savoy Leather
MODEL: Outside the Waistband, "We the People" Patriot (tested)
MSRP: \$160
URL: www.SavoyLeather.com

Savoy Leather does things a little differently. While other holster companies focus on the holster models, Savoy Leather focuses on the art. First, the art, then the handgun model and then the carry style. And Savoy does have some incredible holster art. That's not to say the holsters aren't well made or are gimmicky. On the contrary, they're very well made. Handcrafted from fine American heavy leather (0.15 inch thick, as tested), they are hand molded to fit the gun model. They are then dyed in the color chosen by the buyer. After that, the artwork is stamped and colored. The edges are burnished for comfort, and the stitching is heavy-duty thread. Savoy uses a 15-degree cant in its holsters, which are available in OWB, IWB and a combo of both. Custom options are available. These holsters are made well—and they look great.



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MAKE: Copper Creek Cartridge Co.
MODEL: Custom Ammunition (6.5 Creedmoor tested)
MSRP: \$36–\$53 (46.5 Creedmoor tested). Price varies with caliber and component choices
URL: www.CopperCreekAmmo.com

For those who don't want to reload but want the performance, there's Copper Creek. You choose each component to your specs, and this company then loads it for you. To really get the best out of your rifle, start with the development pack stage 1—five rounds each of five incrementally charged loads. With your best group, order stage 2—incrementally seated bullets of different depths. Once done, you have your perfect load. Copper Creek will keep that data for you, and you can order as much or as little ammo as you need. If you don't want to go through all that, ship Copper Creek your rifle, and it will develop your best load for you. We were banging steel easily out to 600 yards and hitting moving targets at 500, eight for eight, with this ammo.

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MAKE: 5-Star Firearms
MODEL: Speed Loader & Bedside Block (Tested J2-357/38, Ruger LCR)
MSRP: \$30 (tested) to \$35 for Block kit. Speed loader (sold separately): \$20–\$25
URL: www.5StarFirearms.com

This bedside block kit includes the block and one speedloader. The speedloader is machined from solid billet aluminum for specific revolver models. It's lightweight (5/8 ounce), yet very rugged. It has internal O-rings that make for ultra-smooth operation and reduced need for lubrication. The bedside block is machined from a 4x2x3/4-inch piece of aircraft aluminum with holes machined to accommodate two speed loaders. It weighs 6 ounces and has a solid feel. Two threaded holes on the underside allow it to be more permanently attached. It works as a loader, too, by putting the rounds in the block and then placing the speedloader over the rounds and locking them in place. This kit is available in raw aluminum or seven anodized colors.

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MAKE: Streamlight
MODEL: Protac Rail Mount HL-X
OUTPUT: (High) 1,000 lumens, 1.25 hours, 332 meters; (low) 60 lumens, 23 hours, 80 meters; (strobe) 2.5 hours
SPECS: 5.43 inches long, 6.4 ounces
MSRP: \$200
URL: www.Streamlight.com

This rifle light kicks out 1,000 lumens, which, if shined in someone's eyes, is practically a weapon in itself. Point it at a bright-white or mirrored surface, and you'll be looking at stars for a while. This light is dual fueled for versatility: It takes two CR123A batteries or one rechargeable 18650 Li-Ion battery. Three different operating programs can be accessed using the patented TEN-TAP feature. The rail clamp base is machined into the tube, making it extremely secure. A knob with a knurled surface makes for fast detach/attach. It's machined from aluminum, so it's light and tough. The included remote pressure switch features "momentary" or "constant on" operation. Double-tap the switch, and it's a strobe. Also included is a push-button tailcap switch, remote retaining clips, zip ties and double-sided tape. This is Streamlight's best weapon light to date.

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MAKE: Q-Series Holsters
MODEL: Stealth
AVAILABLE: Glock (Standard, G42, G43), SIG P320 (tested), S&W M&P and M&P Shield
MSRP: \$40
URL: www.QSeriesLLC.com

Minimalist holsters generally offer the best in concealment—but at a sacrifice of comfort. It's usually the bare gun pressed against you. Not so with the Q-Series Holsters' Stealth, developed by Gary Quesenberry. The Stealth is IWB, low profile and tuckable, allowing the user to conform to dress codes and have a more formal appearance than with an untucked shirt. It can be worn both with and without a belt and is ambidextrous by changing the clip side. It positions the handgun low in the pants, making it even more concealable—but also making it a little difficult to get the hand around the grip. This is nothing that can't be overcome with practice. Because it's not a full holster to keep the handgun contained, it has very positive retention. The downside to that is it will slow the draw slightly. It works for appendix carry and 3 to 5 (RH) or 7 to 9 (LH). It's a well-designed holster that's made well, and if it's ultra-concealability that you're looking for, it performs.