

AUTO-ORDNANCE AOM130 M1 CARBINE 30 US CARBINE, \$899

**GUN TESTS GRADE: B-**

After A-O repaired the extractor, there were no more bobbles nor failures to eject. The A-O carbine delivered the finest accuracy we've encountered from an M1 carbine or clone, with five-shot groups as small as 1 inch at 50 yards. However, the trigger pull was not what we wanted.



**SPECIFICATIONS**

OVERALL LENGTH .....35.7 IN.  
 BARREL LENGTH..... 18 IN.  
 SIGHT RADIUS.....21.5 IN.

OVERALL HEIGHT.....6.9 IN.  
 LOP .....13.2 IN.  
 WEIGHT UNLOADED.....5.0 LBS.  
 CAPACITY..... 15+1  
 ACTION FINISH.....PARKERIZED  
 ACTION TYPE ..... SEMIAUTOMATIC

BARREL FINISH.....PARKERIZED  
 MAGAZINE TYPE ..... DETACHABLE  
 STOCK ..... WALNUT  
 TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT.....7.0 LBS  
 WARRANTY ..... 1 YEAR LIMITED  
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Near Right: The Auto-Ordnance gave us fits before we discovered its extractor had broken off at



the front. We got regular failures to extract and feed, such as shown here. Center: Our test Auto-Ordnance carbine broke a chunk out of its extractor early in our testing. The arrow points to the break. We sent the bolt to A-O (Kahr) and quickly got it back with a new extractor that worked perfectly.



The A-O warranty would cover this, of course. Far Right: This is the undamaged extractor on the Fulton Armory carbine. It's easy to see why the A-O's unit would not get the rounds out of the chamber. Note the plunger ejector and recessed bolt head used by all carbines.

The Auto-Ordnance AOC-130 had a copy of the earliest carbine sight, a device that had two apertures at differing heights for short or longer ranges. As noted, it's only adjustable for windage by drifting, and not at all for elevation other than by selecting a different-height front-sight blade. While this is a desirable sight for collectors, the later fully adjustable one is by far better for shooters.



The new magazine that came with the A-O was assembled with its floorplate upside down. The little tab belongs on the inside, not as shown. Note also the poor fit at the rear of the plate. The 15-round magazine provided with the Auto-Ord by the maker was not only put together wrong, it was full of dirt. We cleaned it, put it back together correctly, and then had more jams similar to that shown. The arrow points to the rear of the magazine that ought to be filled by the cartridges shown.

