

GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: M1 CARBINE, M1 GARAND, M1A RIFLES

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
CMP Service Grade M1 Garand (Int'l Harvester) 30-06, \$550	June 2002	Grade A (Best Buy): This rifle had authenticity, excellent barrel, and acceptable wood.
Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Garand 30-06, \$1400	Sept 2005	Grade A (Our Pick): Most attractive, had the best trigger, best wood, best accuracy, and a price that was, we thought, fully justified. High degree of authenticity because of the use of original G.I. actions in its makeup.
Fulton Armory Service Grade M1 Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$1,000	January 2003	Grade A (Our Pick): If we had a desire to own an M1 Carbine that was as close to what G.I.s were issued during WWII or Korea, we would not hesitate.
Springfield Armory SOCOM 16 308 Win., \$1,727	May 2005	Grade A (Our Pick): The high price gave pause to most shooters. Everyone who saw the SOCOM 16 wanted one.
Springfield Armory M1A AA9627 SOCOM II 308 Win., \$2090	Nov 2008	Grade A-: The SOCOM II is expensive, but you will be boss of the block
Early Winchester M1 Carbine 30 US Carbine, \$550	January 2003	Grade B+ (Buy It): If you can find a good original Winchester-made M1 carbine, expect to pay a premium for the name, or around \$500 to 600.
Springfield Armory Loaded M1A MA9226 308 Win., \$2363	May 2009	Grade B+: We think this rifle did the best job of handling the powerful 308 round.
CMP Greek Issue Service Grade Garand 30-06, \$550	Sept 2005	Grade B (Buy It): The M1 experience is a good one, we believe, and the CMP is to be congratulated for keeping up this policy of offering sound rifles to civilians.
Lithgow (Australian) new M-1 30-06, \$750	June 2002	Grade B (Buy It): The rifle performed reliably, and with enough accuracy. If we owned it, we'd tighten the front handguard and try it again for accuracy.
Springfield Armory M1 Garand 30-06, \$1348	Sept 2005	Grade B (Buy It): We could not fault this gun in any way. Workmanship was excellent, and everything worked properly. Price was, we thought, fair for what you get.
IAI American Legend, Inc. 30 Carbine, \$538	January 2003	Grade C (Conditional Buy): We faulted the rifle for not working perfectly with the ammunition around which it ought to have been built.
IAI American Legend, Inc. 5.7 Johnson Spitfire, \$519	January 2003	Grade C (Conditional Buy): Poor accuracy, bad trigger. We think most buyers will opt for 30-cal. version.
Surplus M1 Garand 30-06, \$450	June 2002	Grade F (Don't Buy): For roughly \$100 more, you could have gotten very good rifle from the CMP.
Springfield Armory Garand 30-06, \$1061	June 2002	Grade F (Don't Buy): Our test sample failed SAAMI specs, and should never have left the factory. The too-short neck dimension resulted in excess pressure.

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