

BUSHMASTER CARBON 15 MODEL 97, \$892

GUN TESTS RECOMMENDATION: DON'T BUY

We liked the ergonomics of this gun better than the OA 98, and the compensator did a great job of taming muzzle flip. But without reliability, we cannot recommend the model 97.



LENGTHS & HEIGHTS

Overall Length	20 in.
Barrel Length	7.2 in.
Sight Radius	12.2 in.
Overall Height	7.4 in.
Frontstrap Height	3.0 in.
Backstrap Height	4.2 in.

WEIGHT & CAPACITY

Unloaded	46 oz.
Number of Rounds	10+1

WIDTHS

Maximum Width	1.3 in.
Grip Thickness (max)	1.3 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	5.0 in.

MATERIALS

Frame	Carbon Fiber
Barrel	Stainless Steel
Bolt Carrier	Steel (chromed)
Grip	Rubber

TRIGGER PERFORMANCE

Trigger Pull Weight Single Action	9 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	NA
Trigger Span Single Action	2.4 in.
Trigger Span Double Action	NA

OTHER INFORMATION

Warranty	1 Year
Telephone	(800) 998-7928
Website or Email	www.bushmaster.com

Right: The rubber Hogue grip was a pleasant grip. The safety was shipped as left side operation only, but highly visible graphics told us the condition of our weapon from the right side as well. The chromed bolt and fluted barrel distinguish the model 97 from the Bushmaster 21 pistol. The optional scope mount slid on from the front and was anchored by a single Allen screw.



Right: We found the supplied sights to be too vague for fine accuracy. We added a Picatinny rail from the Bushmaster catalog for \$58 and were able to mount a scope without losing the sight picture. The Bushnell HoloSight proved to be fast, but for longer-range shooting we'd opt for a scope with magnification.

