

TAURUS GAUCHO .45 COLT SA45B, \$499

GUN TESTS RECOMMENDS: DON'T BUY

This is a good-looking gun, but it was down on power and its accuracy was mediocre. Its penchant to shoot high may simply be a warranty issue, but we would choose to avoid the extra hassle and buy the Heritage gun.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	11.1 IN.	GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	5.9 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	5.5 IN.	FRAME MATERIAL	STEEL
SIGHT RADIUS.....	6.4 IN.	FINISH.....	BLUE
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	5.0 IN.	BARREL.....	STEEL
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.0 IN.	GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH.....	PLASTIC/CHECKERED
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.0 IN.	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	2.5 LBS.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	37.5 OZ.	TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.7 IN.
CAPACITY.....	6 ROUNDS	WARRANTY	LIFETIME
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.7 IN.	TELEPHONE	(800) 327-3776
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.5 IN.	WEBSITE OR EMAIL.....	WWW.TAURUSUSA.COM

Both guns used a transfer bar to connect the hammer with the firing pin, which was held inside the frame. A safety innovation that defied traditional design, we thought, the retention of the firing pin of the Taurus (left) was cleaner looking and appeared to be stronger as well.



Left: The Gaucho sported plastic grips that in terms of execution and application gave up little when compared to the wood grips on the Rough Rider. The fit and finish of the Taurus frame was also very pleasing.

At right: The cylinder of the Taurus Gaucho (left) utilized a different ratchet than the Rough Rider. Despite the Gaucho being down on power and less accurate, we thought the Taurus trigger was very smooth.

