Test and Evaluation Results
of
Wilson Combat 1911 Magazine, .45ACP +P, full-size, 7-round w/Lo-Profile Steel
Base Pad, Part Number 47C-HV
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Test Pistols: I used the following WC pistols in my test: Classic Supergrade, CQB TLE, CQB and the BW Carry Pistol.

Overall General Appearance: Superb. Magazine appears and feels extremely solid and well crafted. The entire body is thick, strong and welded with extreme precision. Edges are rounded for comfort and secure gripping ability. Texture is even and smooth, offering a professional appearance. A+

Packaging: Very Attractive. The bag is thick enough to protect the magazine during shipment. The blue and silver insert visually accents the magazine nicely and provides sound marketing information. The disassembly/assembly instructions printed on the insert are superb. Many shooters have no idea how to properly disassemble and assemble their magazines and because this is not often a topic addressed in firearms publications, I’m confident that many others don’t even think about this aspect of maintenance. The instructions are detailed and accompanied by photographs. Well done! A+

Follower: Outstanding. I very much like the follower’s convex shape and feel it is a positive feeding aid. The follower is longer than those of other WC magazines and does not tilt. There is no unnecessary play or movement. Well designed and built for heavy duty application. A+

Spring: A joy to behold. The spring is thick and powerful and feeds the cartridges with ease. A+

Base Pad: Love it. Its additional weight allows the magazine to smoothly exit the weapon with extreme speed, providing faster magazine changes, and its compact nature limits bulk to a minimum. The pad also provides additional protection should it be dropped onto a hard surface. Two of the four WC pistols I tested this mag with have Speed Chutes. Even though this pad is extremely short, I was able to easily and effectively insert it into both pistols using the palm of my hand. I never once had to seat it using a fingertip or thumb. A+

Loading the Magazine: Even with the obviously heavy duty spring, I found loading this magazine to capacity just as easy as any of my other WC magazines (47D, 47OX and 500).
**Function Testing:** I fired 300 various factory +P cartridges with no malfunctions of any kind. In spite of the additional pounding from the +P loads, feeding was totally flawless and smooth. I then randomly mixed a variety of other cartridges including 185 and 200gr SWC cast lead bullets and factory 230gr FMJ with more factory +P loads and, like before, there were no bobbles. Feeding was consistent, reliable and flawless. A+

**Durability Testing:** A magazine must do two things. It must reliably feed its cartridges AND be able to withstand abuse. Magazines are frequently subjected to substantial abuse. They bounce around in automobile consoles, glove boxes and beneath seats. They are carried in pockets, sat on and accumulate lint and other assorted pocket debris. They are also dropped, banged around in mag pouches and are often not properly cleaned and maintained.

**Drop Test:** From a standing, Weaver firing position I allowed the fully charged magazine to drop from the weapon onto hard-packed earth twenty times. The cartridges remained in the mag after impact and the base plate remained secure. I then fired all seven rounds without incident. I repeated the process by dropping the mag onto concrete twenty times. The base plate held fast and no cartridges were prematurely ejected. I then fired all seven also without incident. A+

**Toss Test:** I took the fully charged magazine and threw it straight up into the air, allowing it to tumble as it fell back to solid earth so that its body would strike the ground in random locations. I repeated this test twenty times. The base plate remained secure and no cartridges left the mag. All seven rounds were then fired successfully. I repeated the test by causing the mag to land on concrete the same number of times. Again, the base plate held and the cartridges stayed in place. All seven were then sent down range. I am impressed. A+

**Sand Test:** I took a fully charged mag and buried it about six inches down into a sand pile. I stomped on the area to pack it down. I then pulled the mag from the pile, inserted it into the pistol and fired all seven rounds without a grain of trouble. A+

**Auto Test:** I placed the fully loaded mag on a concrete pad and ran over it with the left front tire of my Chevy Impala. I had reservations about this test because its very nature grossly exceeds any level of abuse that it would normally receive, and it just seems wrong to intentionally run over a fine Wilson magazine. After running over the mag I picked it up, inserted it into a CQB and fired all seven cartridges. It functioned perfectly. Bloody sweet! A+

**Summary:** The evidence proves to my satisfaction that this magazine has been designed and crafted to survive heavy duty use and abuse while simultaneously providing the absolute highest level of function and reliability with +P cartridges. This is truly an exceptional magazine worthy of the Wilson name and has earned my wholehearted recommendation.