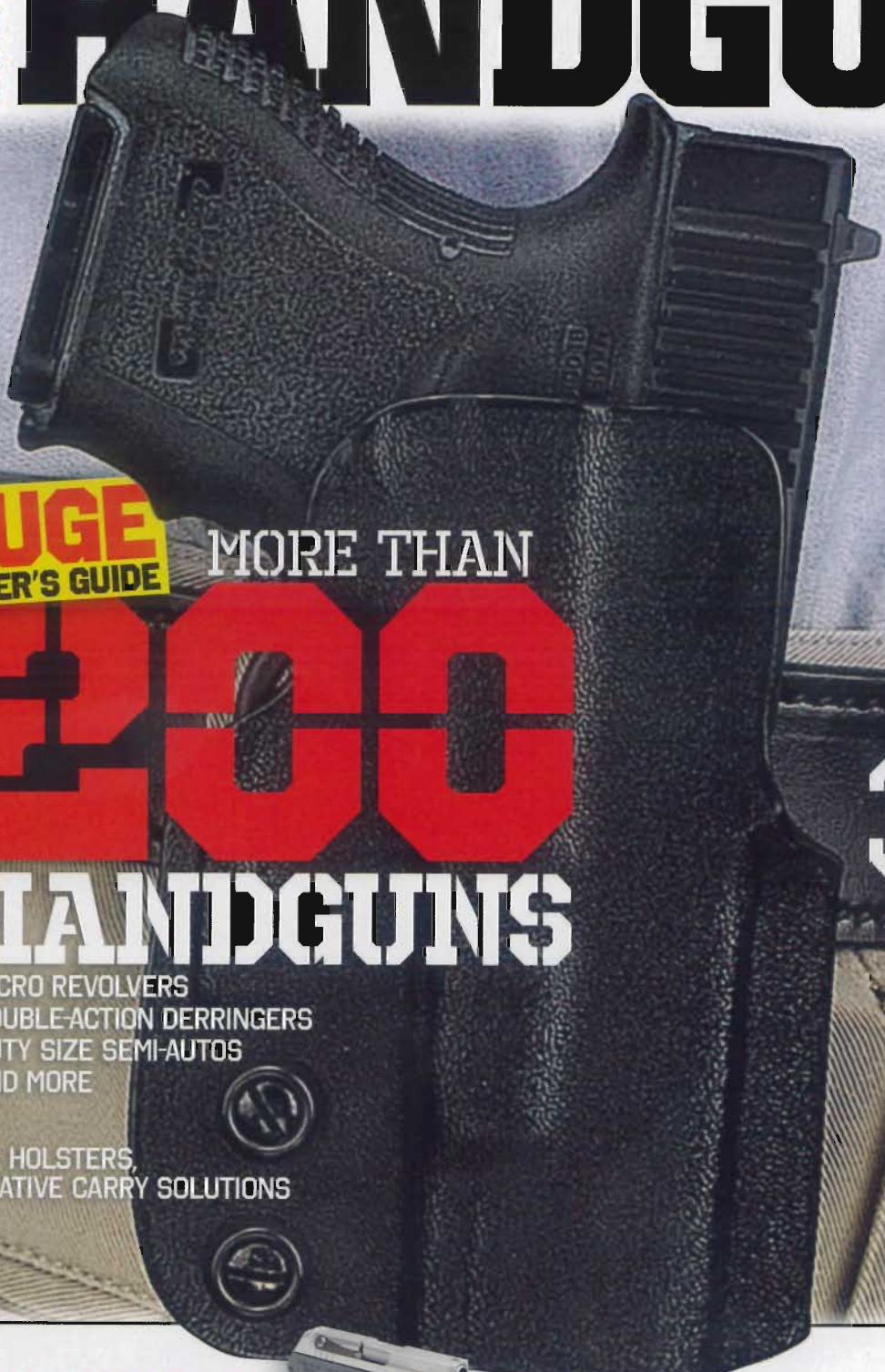


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MICRO REVOLVERS

The market share for micro revolvers isn't particularly big—pun intended—and just shrank a little more with Charter Arms suspending production of their Dixie Derringers. Nevertheless, North American Arms has a number of options in .22short, .22lr, and .22wmr, the extremes of which we've sampled here.

Micro revolvers are nifty, though the .22 rimfire cartridges fired from such short barrels are up against substantial challenges in incapacitating a threat. But with five shots in each of the single action revolvers that follow, at least you have a larger capacity than a derringer.

Revolvers like these are well deserving of the safe handling and respect of any firearm, as they contain in their diminutive packages the capacity to maim and kill. Rather than stopping an armed, determined, possibly high and definitely adrenaline-charged attacker, perhaps their practical use is best suited for enabling your expeditious retreat—fire to create the opportunity to flee, and then run away to safety.

Micro revolvers can be carried in specially designed pocket holsters, vest pockets, and all sorts of unexpected places; they can be stashed in inconspicuous places in your vehicle within the bounds of state law, safety, and common sense. They represent the ultimate in discreet carry, have a slightly longer range than edged weapons, and are quite fun for close-range plinking.

These revolvers reload in an unusual manner that allows for their simplified construction—the entire cylinder removes for loading, and the cylinder pin comes in handy for pushing out the spent cartridges. Replace the cylinder, reinsert the cylinder pin, and away you go.

While a micro revolver may not be your choice for a primary carry gun, the gun you have on you is the one you will use when the time comes, and it's extremely easy and comfortable to keep one of these micro revolvers on you all the time.

— Editor



NORTH AMERICAN ARMS

This business-minded miniature revolver handles the .22wmr magnum round, packing five of them into its diminutive cylinder. These cartridges give a definite performance advantage over standard .22lr cartridges, and increase this pocket revolver's utility for deep-concealment personal defense.

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MODEL: **Pug-T**

ACTION: **Single**

CALIBER: **.22wmr**

CAPACITY: **5**

BARREL LENGTH: **1"**

SPECIAL FEATURES: **Tritium night sights**

MSRP: \$334.00

These innovative miniature revolvers pack five shots of rimfire ammunition, in this case of .22 shorts, and feature a unique "safety notch" between chambers that gives the hammer a safe place to rest during carry. Thus, these can be safely carried with all five chambers loaded. It receives the Editor's Choice award for representing the absolute smallest production firearm for concealed carry that we could find (outside of novelties), which is quite a feat. While this is the smallest model they offer, those who prefer .22lr or .22wmr chamberings can find them in nearly identical companion models.



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MODEL: **NAA-22S**

ACTION: **Single**

CALIBER: **.22short**

CAPACITY: **5**

BARREL LENGTH: **1.13"**

SPECIAL FEATURES: **Contoured grip, extraordinarily small MSRP:**

\$209.00



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MODEL: **Wasp**

ACTION: **SA**

CALIBER: **.22mag**

CAPACITY: **5**

BARREL LENGTH: **1 1/8"**

SPECIAL FEATURES: **Hammer down on safety notch**

MSRP: \$249.00

A diminutive .22mag with distinctive styling in the engraving on the cylinder, this micro revolver reloads by removing the cylinder and using the cylinder retaining pin to push out the spent cartridges. A diminutive sight system consisting of a front bead and rear notch help you get on target.