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The Hands-Free Flashlight

The revolutionary Head-Lite G2 LED is a low-profile six-panel, premium cotton twill cap that's stylish, comfortable and a highly effective lighting source. Utilizing ultra bright white LED technology, featuring a revolutionary integrated secondary optical lens system for maximum light quality and controlled projection, this new Head-Lite is ideal for mid-range illumination and can be seen up to a mile away!

The LED bulb is impact resistant, has a nearly infinite bulb life, is cool to the touch, and operates with the touch of a fingertip via a push-on/push-off switch. Two Lithium 2032 cell batteries included for 70 hours average continuous battery life.

Black Head-Lite G2, Adjustable	E29-18712	\$19.95
Olive Head-Lite G2, Adjustable	E29-18714	19.95
Khaki Head-Lite G2, Adjustable	E29-18713	19.95



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for its feed lips cracking after only a bit of use, and they have very fragile baseplates. I can attest to that last from my own experience of dropping an empty ACT-Mag on an indoor range's concrete floor; when the mag hit the floor its baseplate shattered to pieces. The folks at STI were very straightforward with me about the cheap magazine being one of the ways they make the pricepoint on the gun. If they went to a better magazine, they'd have to raise the price. Since most 1911 fans, including myself, already own a goodly supply of top quality mags, frankly I'd rather have the great price – I've already got the great mags.

(4) With the gun assembled, the front of the full-length recoil spring guide rod protrudes so far forward it's necessary to strip the slide from the frame so the guide rod can move backward enough to allow the bushing to turn. This is not a function of the length of the guide rod, but the way the lower barrel lugs, against which the guide rod butts, are cut. This is no big deal, though it does affect field-stripping procedures somewhat.

(5) The polymer mainspring housing is considerably longer than it should be, protruding well below the level of the frame. It looks bad. Fortunately, replacement steel 1911 mainspring housings practically litter the streets.

The STI Spartan was accuracy and reliability tested with nine .45 ACP loads. Hardball on hand was Federal's generic American Eagle. Hollowpoints included Black Hills "red box" 230-grain JHP (Black

Hills' factory new ammo is in red boxes, their reloads in blue); from Federal came the 165-grain Hydra-Shok and "Classic" 230-grain JHP (basically the Hydra-Shok without the post); Hornady's 200-grain XTP; Remington's 185-grain Golden Saber; and from Winchester the 185-grain Silvertip, 230-grain SXT, and Winchester-USA "white box" 230-grain JHP.

Accuracy testing consisted of five-shot groups from the bench at 50 feet, the maximum distance possible at the indoor range on which I was shooting. Both American Eagle ball and the Hornady 200-grain XTP posted 0.8-inch groups. Both Federal's 165-grain Hydra-Shok and 230-grain "Classic" JHP came in at one inch even. But slightly larger was the 1.1-inch group with Winchester-USA 230-grain JHP. The Remington Golden Saber threw a five-shot 1.4-inch group, with four of those bullets going into a super-tight one-hole 0.65 inch. All the rest of the ammunition was in the 1.4 to 1.6 inch range. In a gun of any price we would have to term this accuracy "impressive." Considering the STI Spartan's price tag, I think we can safely upgrade that to "spectacular."

Reliability with all loads was perfect. Testing the Spartan's slide-to-frame-to-barrel fit afterward revealed absolutely no change from its brand-new state; it still locked up like a little bank vault. As I said earlier, this is not the prettiest gun in the world. But beauty is as beauty does, and by the time I was through testing the STI Spartan .45, given its level of accuracy and reliability, it was looking pretty damn good to me.