

BY 1945...OR NOT MODEL 1911 R1

good buddy who had just bought it to add to his growing collection of 1911's. I'm in no position to comment on this addiction, since I share it.

Anyway, given its specified fodder, the 1911 R1 ran like a watch, with small 15-yard offhand groups. The sights are a pleasure to use. The trigger is crisp, although a bit heavier than I liked at a measured 5-3/4 lbs. One minus feature...the lower rear corners of the grip frame protrude about a millimeter beyond the bottom of the mainspring housing, and they are SHARP! It is inadvisable to fire this pistol with your supporting hand under the grip. There are two similar sharp points on either side of the grip frame where the magazine base protrudes. A word to the wise, etc.

The Remington 1911 R1 comes in a lockable, heavy duty green plastic case, along with two seven-round magazines, a Remington-logo bush-

ing wrench and the obligatory green (of course) cable lock. It is, according to Remington's web site, made in Remington's plant in Ilion, NY.

MSRP is \$699, but I suspect the real-world price will be less, as usual. The 1911 R1 comes with a \$5-off coupon for your first box of Remington

handgun ammo, plus Remington's free Platinum Service Plan for registered owners. This includes one free cleaning/lubrication and detailed inspection within the first 12 months of purchase; a seven-day

turnaround on all repairs and free shipping on all warranty repairs.

If you already have a perfectly serviceable 1911 pistol, you probably don't need the new Remington 1911 R1, but that bit of logic has never stopped me or anyone else similarly addicted.

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