

The Legacy Sports International Citadel 1911 Review

How many times have you seen companies advertise a great product for a low price and actually deliver? A 1911 for under \$550, sure, there, there are quite a few out there that fit that bill. Mil Spec, GI 1911's closer to the M1911A1 redesign from 1924 than you could image. Not to go into naming products, but there are some pretty sloppy remakes out there, with poorly fitted parts, sloppy slide to frame fits, horrible sights, and no frills.

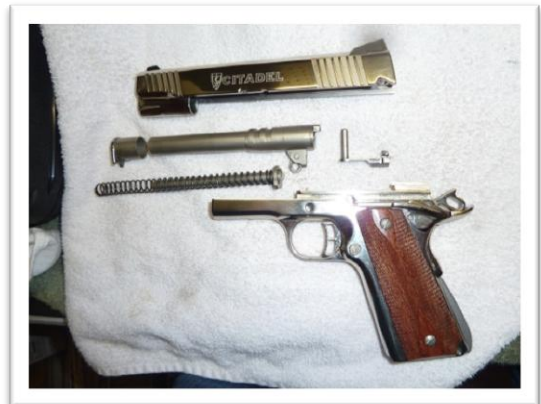
I love great value for my money. Enter the Citadel from Armscor and imported by Legacy Sports International. Straight from the Legacy Sports International website: "Built by Armscor (Rock Island Armory), the [Citadel M-1911](#) series offers solid performance and reliability for sport shooting, concealed carry and general shooting."



Like any other suspecting consumer, I had my doubts. A 1911 built in the Philippines by a company few had heard about – could these be any good? Well, I read a review in [Combat Handguns](#) that had good things to say – and almost every 1911 forum out there on the web had great reviews as well.



AnyGunWill Do.com decided to invest in some of these pistols



to sell them. Upon receipt of the first shipment, we were able to break them down and take a deeper look at these pistols.

First, almost all the options that you would find in a customer factory 1911 are present in the Citadel. It does not come with Tritium Night Sights (but you can add them!) or a checkered front strap. However, here are a list of the features it does come with:

- 1911 Round Trigger Guard
- Series 70 Firing System
- Skeletonized Speed Hammer
- Skeletonized Speed Trigger and Serrated Trigger
- Flared Ejection Port
- Checkered Back Strap
- Checkered Magazine and Slide Lever Release
- Front cocking serrations
- Extended ambidextrous thumb safeties
- Lightly beveled magazine well flat mainspring housing,
- Double-diamond wood grips
- Novak snag-free sights

In addition to these outstanding features, this pistol is somewhat dehorned for conceal carry. Looking at the list of features you can see that the Citadel has a list of standard options that would cost a pretty penny to add to any 1911.

The Nickle finish (brushed or polished Nickle) Citadel also comes with 3-dot Novak sights and is roughly \$120+ more than the Matt Black finish Citadel.

I had to check for myself to see how the Citadel stacked up. Evaluating both a Nickle and Matt Black finished Citadel was a real eye opener for me. To put it bluntly, I was pleasantly surprised!

First off I field stripped both pistols. The parts were all very well fit together. There was absolutely no slop in the slide to frame fit. The bushing to barrel fit was exceptional and a bushing wrench is critical to takedown for both models I evaluated. As you can see from the pictures, the Nickle Citadel barrel (left)



was well throated and polished. The Matt Black Citadel barrel (right picture, left side) is compared to the Dan Wesson Match Barrel (on right side). As you can see, the Citadel barrels are

very nicely done!

The features were all there, and the trigger pull was great! The Services 70 Firing System and speed trigger were just as advertised, smooth, light, and accurate! I was quite impressed with the quality of these pistols.

Another area that was quite impressive was the feed ramp. Both Citadel pistols showed some outstanding craftsmanship. From left to right you can see the Matt Black Citadel, the Nickle Finish

Citadel, a Dan Wesson Valor (for comparison). I think you'll agree that that the Citadel pistols stack up quite well with the Dan Valor with regards to the polished feed ramps!



Now don't get me wrong, the Citadel isn't a Dan Wesson, a Wilson Combat, or a Nighthawk Custom. However, for a factory made 1911 that is less than \$550 (Matt Black), it is one heck of a real value! But as they say, the proof is in the pudding...



How does the Citadel shoot? Well, here is an 8-string shot from 22 feet offhand using the Nickle Citadel. I'm not even close to the best shooter around, so this should be QUITE impressive, especially to those who know me!

Is the Legacy Sports International the **best** 1911 on the market today? I'd have to say no. If you want the **best** 1911 on the market today, be prepared to spend anywhere from \$1,500 to \$4,000 (and even up) to get a custom, built from the ground-up pistol.

However, if you want to have a very, very high quality 1911 pistol that meets or exceed

expectation for the dollars you've invested, and you love a good deal when you see one, then you can't pass this one up! Armscor has a real winner here, Legacy Sports International is bringing an incredible value pistol to the American market, and AnyGunWillDo.com is providing YOU with the best bang for your .45 ACP caliber buck!

Buy one from us today – you **will not** be disappointed!