

The Taurus PT1911 - Review

I've talked to quite a few gun folks – you know who you are, the folks who love to sit and talk about guns, gun companies, ammo, self-defense, and what they'll do when those zombies start coming... 😊



When I'm hanging out with my fellow gun-nuts, the topic sometimes comes around to gun companies. Quite often when I hear about Taurus guns, it's always either "I love it", or "I wouldn't buy one of those @)#{ guns"... Or something like that...

I've always had my opinions about Taurus. I've always thought that yeah, they have some okay guns – but they're not a top tier industry leader. Well folks, I'm ready to admit that my opinion has changed.

My first Taurus was a little .25 ACP PT-25. I was looking for a nice little backup gun, and wanted one that could do double duty as a pistol for my wife. So, I took the "Taurus Plunge" and bought one – still have it too...



Here at AnyGunWillDo, we believe just that – ANY gun will do. We know that not everybody out there is a multi-millionaire, or even a multi-thousandaire, so we stock guns for just about every price range. We picked up a few of the Taurus PT1911's, and I liked the Duo Tone model so much, I bought one.

I was thrilled to learn more about the PT1911 by breaking it down prior to my first shoot. I'm the kind of guy who won't carry anything until I've put at least 150 – 300 rounds through it, and before I take'em to the range, I like to break them down and make sure they're well oiled, clean, and that everything functions.

The first thing I noticed was the very tight bushing. The tool WAS required to breakdown the pistol, and that was just the start of my discoveries. Next, the very tight frame to slide fit – very nice! There was a



very loud "CLICK" when moving the safety back and forth and the sight picture was the tried and true 3-dot. The pistol even has 30-lpi checkering on the mainspring housing, trigger guard, and front strap. Front strap too? Very nice! Taurus adds the serrated front to the slide along with the rear. I know that many folks don't care of the serrated front, but it does make the pistol look nice!

After field stripping the PT1911 I was pleasantly surprised to find some great quality workmanship. First off, there are few (if any) tool marks, and the fit and finish internally was well done. The PT1911 also has a throated and polished barrel. You can see from the pictures how well the barrel and feed-ramp



are polished. This provides reliable feeding and you can see how much attention Taurus has put here.



The pistol does come with a full length guide rod. Some folks hate'em, some folks love'em. Personally, I have a 1911 with one (the PT1911) and one without (a Dan Wesson Heritage), and I'm not overly worried about either.

Another thing you'll notice is that the PT1911 comes with a firing pin safety block. This was a MAJOR concern for me having heard that this interferes with trigger pull. Taurus lists a trigger job as one of their custom work items for this pistol and I believe it. The trigger is light and smooth – no complaints here!



Don't take this the wrong way – the PT1911 isn't a Dan Wesson, Wilson Combat, or a Nighthawk Custom for sure – but it most definitely is a well-built combat 1911. The best part is that you can buy a PT1911 from AGWD, and still have enough cash left to buy a backup pistol!

Here is the "short list" of features for the PT1911:

Beavertail Grip Safety with Memory Pad, Ventilated and Lightened Trigger, Skeleton Hammer, Tuned Skeletonized Trigger, 30-lpi mainspring housing, trigger guard, and front strap, Serrated slide rear and front, Ambi Safety, Custom fit barrel, Custom slide to frame fit, Polished feed ramp and throated barrel, Lowered and flared ejection port, Custom internal extractor, Extended mag release, Beveled mag well.

For my money, that's quite a bit of value! I've already put 150 rounds through the pistol – no FTFs or malfunctions, and pretty darn accurate as well! As I mentioned already, I liked the PT1911 Duo Tone so much, I bought one for myself. Now to me, that is a compliment to the Taurus PT1911. Great pistol, great workmanship, exceptional price! Now you just need to buy one for yourself!