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## MISSION FIRST TACTICAL LIGHT BEARING HOLSTERS (FROM \$89.99)

WE'VE HAD A LONG HISTORY WITH MFT, otherwise known as Mission First Tactical. Many of you are likely familiar with the

company's Minimalist AR Stock, which has seen plenty of use in professional circles. It has been proven robust, even with its deceptively minimalist lines. Several years ago, MFT launched a line of holsters that saw instant success thanks to their high-quality hand construction, thoughtful features, and value price — especially for what you receive for your money.

Our carry pistols and their accessories are becoming smaller, lighter, and better. Given this advantageous trend, it's easier now than ever to comfortably carry a pistol equipped with a mini red dot sight and white light, thanks to their reduced footprint. Once these items are contained

within a well-designed, comfortable holster — like MFT's all-new Light Bearing Holster line that makes your carry rig seemingly disappear — your summer carry is now complete. Available for your Glock 19/45, Glock 43X, P365 series, and Springfield Armory Hellcat, in either IWB or OWB configurations, and designed to fit with various Streamlight weaponlights. We like the adjustability these models provide, the slim pancake design, the impressive attention to detail during the molding process, as well as the multiple clip, cant, and tuckable options. Contact **MISSION FIRST TACTICAL**; Tel: (267) 704-0001; Web: [MISSIONFIRSTTACTICAL.COM](http://MISSIONFIRSTTACTICAL.COM)

## BODYGUARD ARMORED BACKPACK (FROM \$89.99)

WE WISH IT WEREN'T SO, BUT THE REALITY is that we live in a time when armored backpacks are a really good idea. Several options exist, but one of the features we really like about Bodyguard Armored Backpacks is the ability to turn your armored backpack into a bulletproof vest—FAST.

Available in three different variations, the Bodyguard Armored Backpacks have the appearance of a traditional backpack yet instantly convert into a bulletproof vest, providing both front and back protection capable of stopping pistol and some rifle rounds (depending on the armor you choose). Wearers can quickly and easily activate the armor while wearing the pack thanks to a patented deployment system that works by pulling a secondary panel over your head and securing it in place across your chest, eliminating the

need to take the backpack off or manage complicated straps or buckles.

Each backpack can house two 10-inch x 12-inch hard ballistic plates or a pair of 11-inch x 14-inch soft panels. The Elite model (pictured) is a 25-liter, slash-proof, stab-resistant option that's perfect for everyday commuters headed to work or school that's located on the wrong side of the tracks. The

Switchblade model is a 40-liter day pack capable of carrying all your daily essentials while remaining unassuming. Lastly, the First Responder model could be called "the ultimate go bag," designed to be stored in a vehicle, office, or classroom until needed. Contact Bodyguard Armored Backpacks; Tel.: (201) 406-3510; Web: [BULLETPROOFBODYGUARD.COM](http://BULLETPROOFBODYGUARD.COM)





# WILSON COMBAT EDC X9/SFX9 COMP BARREL UPGRADE (\$1,750)



LIKE IT OR NOT, COMPENSATORS ON carry pistols are a thing, and when well-designed, they are highly effective at mitigating muzzle rise and felt recoil. The advantages of a carry comp are many, but they truly become noticeable on red dot-equipped pistols. With a firm two-handed firing grip, the red dot reciprocating on the slide of a pistol is easily tracked during the recoil cycle as it dances vertically within the optic's glass panel, making follow-up shots

much faster and much more accurate. Speed and accuracy — yes, please!

Wilson Combat is no stranger to doing things the right way, a fact they continue to prove each and every day. If you're an owner of an EDC X9 or SFX9 pistol in either 3.21" (two-port comp) or 4" (three-port comp) barrel lengths, we highly encourage you to visit [www.wilsoncombat.com](http://www.wilsoncombat.com) where

you can upgrade your existing handgun with a complete top-end (slide, comped barrel, recoil system) for \$1750 by sending it to the Wilson Combat custom shop. If you're in the market for either pistol, they can be ordered or snagged from a dealer with the carry comp already installed. Contact **WILSON COMBAT**; Tel.: (800) 955-4856; Web: [WILSONCOMBAT.COM](http://WILSONCOMBAT.COM)

# NIGHTHAWK DOUBLE STACK 2011 17 & 20 ROUND MAGAZINES (\$74.99 TO \$79.99)

IN OUR EXPERIENCE, ONE OF THE Achilles heels of the 2011 platform is its feeding device, always has been, and typically, these magazines need to be tuned to a specific pistol to reliably function ... for a while anyway. Until now. To say Nighthawk has earned our loyalty would be an understatement, and to date, we've yet to lay hands on a Nighthawk product that hasn't over-delivered and outperformed our expectations. Their new 2011 magazines, available in 17 and 20-round configurations, continue that pattern of excellence. The magazine tube is constructed from heat-treated, tempered stainless steel to provide strength

and durability while also being corrosion-resistant. They're tumbled and polished to minimize metal-to-metal friction, ensuring smooth, reliable feeding and reloading. The parallel feed lips are designed to position each round into the feed ramp at a consistent angle for enhanced reliability, regardless of ammunition type and brand. They're easily disassembled for cleaning and routine maintenance while still maintaining a solid stop to prevent over-insertion. Load indicators in the



sides of the magazine allow you to see if the magazine is loaded to capacity, without sacrificing strength to the structure of the main tube. Contact **NIGHTHAWK CUSTOM**; Tel.: (877) 268-4867; Web: [NIGHTHAWKCUSTOM.COM](http://NIGHTHAWKCUSTOM.COM)



# WARBIRD INTREPID BT EARPRO (\$149)

GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE spend with eye and ear protection on, we've come to several conclusions about what separates the good from the bad models out there. For starters, a comfortable headband that seals earcups over our ears without inducing crushing pressure on the side of our head is nice to have, especially for long-term comfort. Second, gel ear cups are awesome in warm weather and for comfortable, long-term wear. Third, electronic ear protection is a must — full stop. Fourth, Bluetooth connectivity. Look, taking calls without having to remove your ear protection just makes sense. It's also pretty nice to turn up the tunes when doing repetitive drills and building skills that don't require conscious thought.

New to us is the Warbird brand,



which checks the boxes outlined above. The earcups are low profile and offer a rechargeable battery by way of a USB charging port, which is now getting added to our list of must-haves after experiencing the Interpid's ease

of use and long-lasting battery. Sound quality is very good, perhaps much better than earpro costing many times their \$150 price tag. See them at your dealer, or contact **WARBIRD**; Tel.: (231) 922-5000; Web: [WARBIRDPRO.COM](http://WARBIRDPRO.COM)

# G9 DEFENSE SUBSONIC 9MM (\$36.99 PER 20RD. BOX)

IT HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING FOR us to watch (and test) the development and expansion of traditionally constructed jacketed hollow point projectiles that rely on expansion versus high-tech computer-generated, solid-copper fluted projectiles that disperse fluids to rapidly incapacitate—thought-provoking times.

Boutique ammunition manufacturer G9 Defense has recently introduced a 126-grain subsonic 9mm round specifically engineered with suppressor use in mind. The projectile features four parabolic flutes engineered to enhance



effectiveness and limit penetration. Precision machined from solid copper, it optimizes kinetic energy transfer to the target while significantly reducing felt recoil, similar to G9's EHP's light-for-caliber design. There are a lot of advantages to this type of round

when paired with a suppressor (a biggie is zero risk of jacket separation), such as B&T's wiped Hush Puppy suppressor system, which is also featured here. For more information contact **G9 DEFENSE**; Tel.: (208) 758-0727; Web: [G9DEFENSE.COM](http://G9DEFENSE.COM)

# N8 TACTICAL MULTIFLEX HOLSTER

(\$49.95)

REGARDING KYDEX HOLSTERS, WE'VE noticed a few trends lately. First, they are becoming increasingly expensive. Second, they are very gun and accessory-specific. Adding a red-dot sight? You might need a new holster. Same model pistol but opting for a longer slide? You might need a new holster. Changing up your carry pistol rotation? New holster. The costs associated with these changes quickly become prohibitive.

N8 Tactical has a solution with its MultiFlex holster option, available in two shell sizes: full-size pistols and compact pistols. Due to a very smart tension-adjustment design and the use of state-of-



the-art CAD programs, N8 has created a holster line that ensures the fitment of 275 different pistol models between the two shell-size options. And they work quite well, we might add. Each holster shell is not only multi-fit but also accommodates IWB and OWB carry. Each has plenty of adjustment in both cant

and retention, and they are even RDS and suppressor height sight compatible. If you mix up your carry rigs often and are looking for one high-quality holster to fit them all, look no further than N8 Tactical's MultiFlex holster options. Contact **N8 TACTICAL**; Tel.: (888) 732-5011; Web: [N8.CROSSBREEDHOLSTERS.COM](http://N8.CROSSBREEDHOLSTERS.COM)

# ELITE SURVIVAL SYSTEMS CCW SHOULDER TOTE

(\$69.95)

THANKFULLY, THE FIREARM INDUSTRY is beginning to move away from overtly tactical bags that fool virtually no one as to their potential contents other than those obliviously wandering through life. Part of the Women's Designer EDC Line, the Elite Survival CCW Shoulder Tote is a top-quality shoulder bag designed specifically to blend in while providing quick access to a handgun. Constructed using durable fabrics for longevity and stylish prints for actually blending in, this bag is right at home, well, virtually anywhere. Color us impressed.

All zippers opened and closed better than any designer bag we've handled, while a nice large main compartment with a smooth lining demonstrated a



high-level fit and finish. Multiple compartments and useable dividers ensured everything had its place, including a stealthy yet accessible loop-lined, concealed carry compartment secured by way of a smooth-operating zipper. Avail-



able in heather grey/black and white/brown striped versions, we think Elite Survival Systems hit it out of the park with this one. For more information contact **ELITE SURVIVAL SYSTEMS**; Tel.: (866) 340-2778; Web: [ELITESURVIVAL.COM](http://ELITESURVIVAL.COM)