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AUTO-ORDNANCE GIVES TRUMP MORE FIREPOWER WITH THE KEEP AMERICA GREAT 1911

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With the success of its first commemorative Donald Trump pistol, it was only logical for Auto-Ordnance to make a limited-edition

follow-up, sort of an homage to another four years. Apparently, you “deplorables” appreciated my evaluation of the previous gun in *Combat Handguns*, a sister publication of *Ballistic*, so the editors chose me to check out the new one and report back. It seems that good work assured me this assignment nearly as well as Democratic antics have assured President Trump’s reelection.

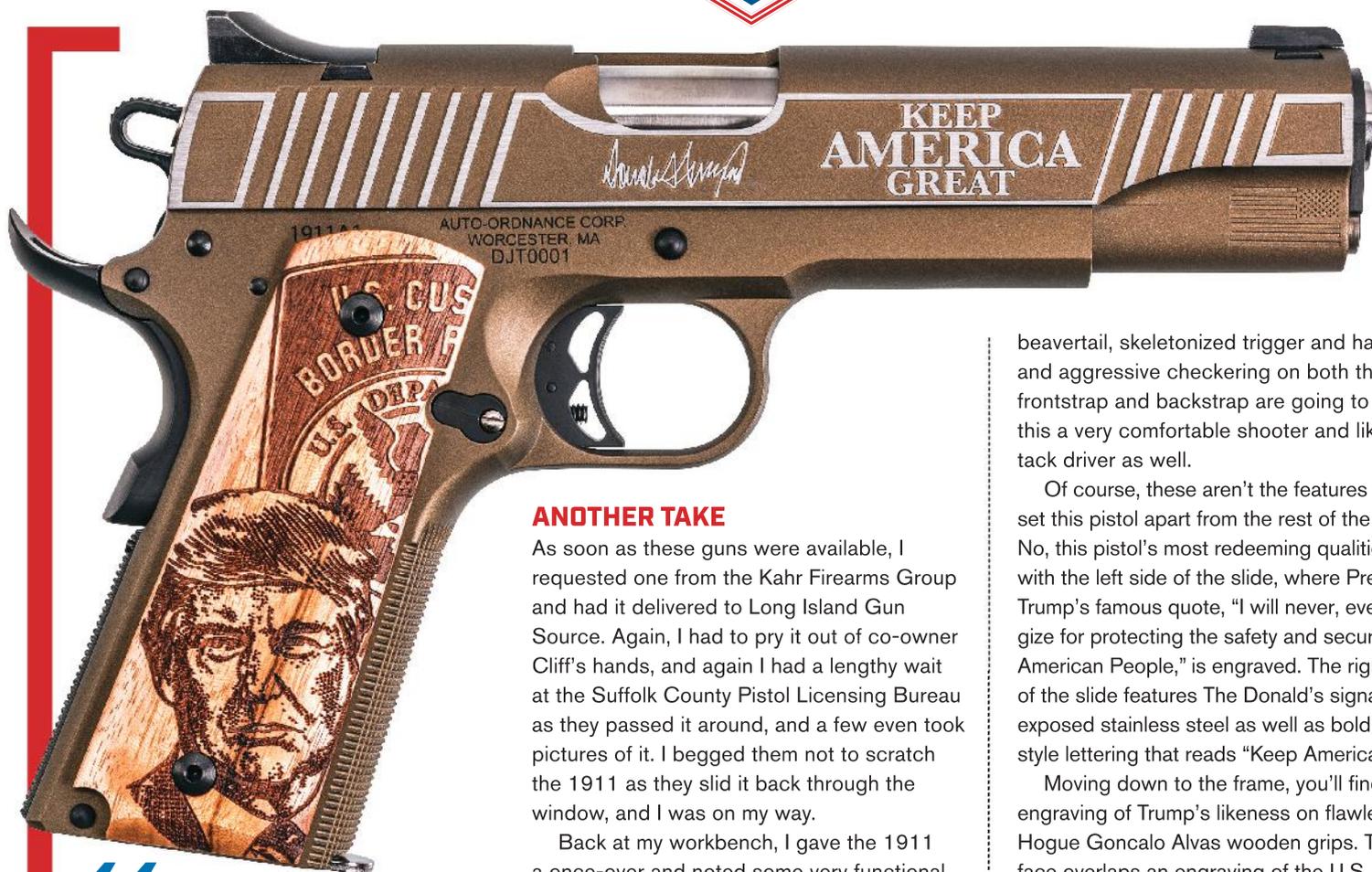
The second commemorative Trump pistol is officially named the “Keep America Great 1911” after his current campaign slogan. Most will find that the new version has a very familiar feel, sort of like an oval office chair that you’ve been sitting in for the last four years. This is because, just like its predecessor, the Keep America Great pistol is once again based on an all-stainless-steel Thompson 1911. And why not? The platform has a reputation for reliability and accuracy without breaking the bank. This allows Auto-Ordnance to build a stylish gun that not only runs well but can be purchased as easily as a Virginia governorship.



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ANOTHER TAKE

As soon as these guns were available, I requested one from the Kahr Firearms Group and had it delivered to Long Island Gun Source. Again, I had to pry it out of co-owner Cliff's hands, and again I had a lengthy wait at the Suffolk County Pistol Licensing Bureau as they passed it around, and a few even took pictures of it. I begged them not to scratch the 1911 as they slid it back through the window, and I was on my way.

Back at my workbench, I gave the 1911 a once-over and noted some very functional features that would make it hard to just leave in the safe without sending some rounds through it. Features like the extended

beavertail, skeletonized trigger and hammer, and aggressive checkering on both the frontstrap and backstrap are going to make this a very comfortable shooter and likely a tack driver as well.

Of course, these aren't the features that set this pistol apart from the rest of the lineup. No, this pistol's most redeeming qualities start with the left side of the slide, where President Trump's famous quote, "I will never, ever apologize for protecting the safety and security of the American People," is engraved. The right side of the slide features The Donald's signature in exposed stainless steel as well as bold, block-style lettering that reads "Keep America Great."

Moving down to the frame, you'll find an engraving of Trump's likeness on flawless Hogue Goncalo Alvas wooden grips. Trump's face overlaps an engraving of the U.S. Border Patrol uniform patch, hammering home his commitment to them and our border. (Hopefully, the third Trump 1911 will have a wall on it.) The left grip panel also has the Department of Homeland Security seal and a distressed American flag.

Finally, the entire gun has a gorgeous matte bronze Cerakote finish that is noticeably dull, much like the presidential candidates from the opposing party.

Absolutely satisfied with the aesthetics of the gun, I turned my attention to its functionality and ensured that it was completely unloaded. As I performed my

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Adorned with President Trump's likeness, his most famous quote and "Keep America Great," the new Trump 1911 is a collector's item for freedom lovers.



Accurate and reliable, the Keep America Great 1911 took care of that nasty peach-mint hybrid some hapless fools attempted to propagate at the local gun range.

SPECIFICATIONS:

**AUTO-ORDNANCE
KEEP AMERICA
GREAT 1911**

CALIBER:	.45 ACP
BARREL:	5 inches
OA LENGTH:	8.5 inches
WEIGHT:	39 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Custom Hogue
SIGHTS:	Dovetailed, low-profile
ACTION:	SA
FINISH:	Cerakote
CAPACITY:	8+1
MSRP:	N/A

PERFORMANCE:

LOAD	ACCURACY
HSM 230 JHP	1.98
HSM 230 Hard-Cast LRN	1.94
HSM 230 XTP	1.34

Bullet weight measured in grains and accuracy in inches for best five-shot group at 15 yards.

status check, I noticed the deep slide serrations when I racked the slide. After locking it back, I depressed the extended magazine release and watched the eight-round magazine get ejected faster than a liberal heckler at a Trump rally. After returning the slide back into battery, I used a Lyman digital gauge to measure the trigger pull, which broke at 5.75 pounds of pressure on average. The break was clean, and any overtravel that you might find can be eliminated through the use of the setscrew embedded in the trigger that functions as a stop. Another feature I noticed was the windage-adjustable rear sight, which can save the day if you find your groups hitting too far left or maybe even a bit too right.

WHAT A PEACH

This is when a buddy of mine called and said, “Frank, you’re not gonna believe this, but it looks like someone illegally planted some sort of peach-mint hybrid at the range.” I was a little floored by this, and all I could say was,



“Peach-mint? That’s absolutely ridiculous! There’s absolutely nothing to support that, especially in this environment.”

Nonetheless, when I arrived, I found a rather dimwitted collection of peach and mint. Rather than waste taxpayer money by calling the Department of Agriculture, I decided to handle this atrocity with the Keep America Great 1911 and some HSM ammunition that uses Hornady XTP hollow points. Once I had it loaded up, I did my best Joe Biden impression and gingerly gripped the custom stocks before placing one well-aimed shot at the so-called “peach-mint.” Let’s just say that the new Trump commemorative 1911 blew right through that nonsense, and whoever planned it is back to the ol’ drawing board.

As much fun as it was making a mess of someone’s plans, I do like to see how accurate a new pistol can be when I take it to the range. I asked my assistant to staple up some targets, reminding him that, just like Jeffrey Epstein, they weren’t going to hang themselves. As he proceeded downrange, I set up a sandbag rest and filled a magazine with the next HSM offering. Alongside those XTP rounds, I had hard-cast lead round-nose (LRN) ammo as well as the company’s jacketed hollow points (JHPs). I fired five 5-round groups with each load, and none were wider than 2.5 inches. I even managed a 1.34-inch group with the rounds topped with Hornady’s XTP projectiles. The match-grade barrel in this beauty really shined, especially when paired with quality ammunition.

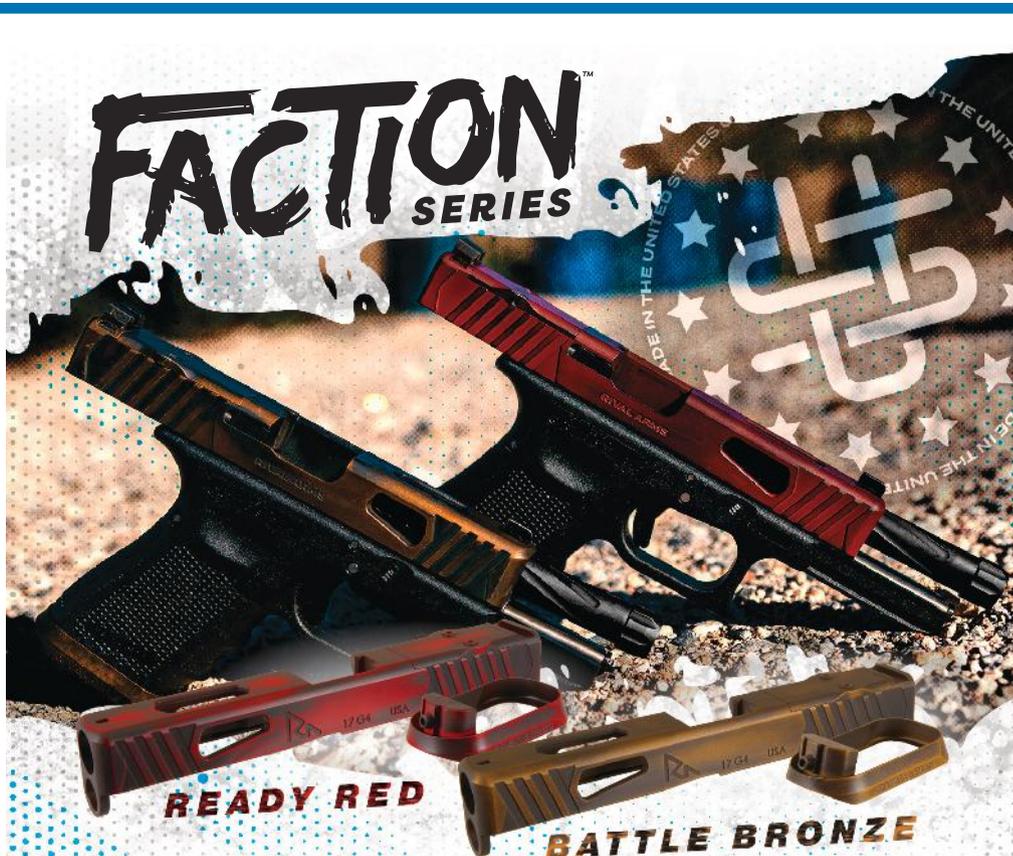
Sadly, my range day ended faster than Beto O’Rourke’s run for the presidency, and it was time to go home. After unpacking the car, I decided to field-strip the gun and give it a quick cleaning before I put it away. The Keep America Great 1911 comes apart just like any other 1911, but expect it to be a little tougher than your run-of-the-mill piece. This is due to the tighter tolerances that Auto-Ordinance holds its custom pistols to, resulting in unparalleled accuracy and reliability. I cleaned and lubricated all of the parts with Breakfree CLP and reassembled the gun carefully. The 1911 was one of the first semi-automatic pistol designs and thus isn’t exactly the model of efficient takedown and reassembly, so take the time to put it back together properly. And remember not to scratch the frame as you rotate the slide stop back into position!

COME & TAKE IT

A few weeks later, the folks at Auto-Ordinance did their best Andrew Cuomo impression by telling me that writers can’t keep their guns. To combat this, I took some advice from Michael Bloomberg and used my checkbook to change that. The Keep America Great 1911 (the fourth one made of only 2020) now sits comfortably in my safe next to the first Trump commemorative

pistol, representing two very satisfying evaluations of Auto-Ordinance equipment.

Nothing makes me happier than sending lead downrange, except maybe slinging a touch of propaganda across these pages. Whether you agree with the preceding information or not, please don’t tear this up—it’s not going to change anything. For more information, visit auto-ordnance.com. ●



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