

# INTER ORDNANCE STG-2000-C

**T**he Com-Bloc gave them out like party favors to stoke every brushfire conflict anywhere the Reds thought they could gain a satellite nation. With almost no training anyone could work one, and maintenance consisted of wiping mud from the rear sight notch. The AK47 is a remarkable gun for its reliability, longevity, simplicity, effectiveness and sheer numbers. Back

in the mid-1980s—to raise money—the East Germans were about to produce a variant called the Wieger StG 940, but with the fall of the Soviet Union their plans fell apart and the gun disappeared. Until now.

Inter Ordnance, located in Monroe, North Carolina, imports new Romanian semiauto AKs and converts them to the Wieger design. Mainly, the conversion consists of replacing the fore-end, gas tube, buttstock and pistol grip, but the magazine well must first be enlarged to accept

standard double-stack AK magazines. IO then installs the required number of U.S. 922r regulation parts and in the end has an AK variant faithful to the Wieger StG 940 design, except it's in 7.62x39.

The rear sight is a standard AK tangent graduated in 100-meter increments from 100 to 1,000 meters with a 300-meter battle-sight zero designated by the Cyrillic letter "P." The narrow U-notch is difficult to use, so in my opinion the 1,000-meter setting is Communist propaganda. The front sight, where windage and elevation

adjustments are made, is a sturdy post protected by a hood. Adjustments require special tools, including a sledgehammer and a list of Russian swear words, but that's just the way AKs are and it's part of their charm.

The 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch hard-chrome-lined, hammer-forged bar-

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**Type:** Gas-operated semiauto

**Caliber:** 7.62x39

**Capacity:** 30 + 1

**Barrel length:** 17.5

**Overall length:** 36

**Weight:** 8

**Finish:** Matte black

**Stock:** Polymer (folding or retractable available)

**Sights:** Tangent rear, post front, scope rail

**Price:** \$470

**Importer:**  
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Built from a Romanian import, the StG-2000-C has a distinctive buttstock, pistol grip and fore-end derived from the Wieger StG 940 design. The gun is equipped with a side-rail scope mount, so it was possible to mount a Leapers UTG 4x32 Adjustable Objective Scope using a UTG 973 Side Rail Mount.

### ACCURACY RESULTS

Load	Bullet Weight (gr.)	Avg. Velocity (fps)	Standard Deviation	Avg. Group (in.)
American Eagle FMJ	124	2,324	12	1.57
Winchester FMJ	123	2,333	11	1.61
Silver Bear FMJ	123	2,399	15	2.01
Brown Bear HP	123	2,421	17	1.83
Golden Bear SP	125	2,387	19	1.61

Velocity recorded 10 feet from the muzzle. Accuracy tested off of a sandbag rest. Results are the average of three three-shot groups at 100 yards.



The birdcage-style flash suppressor adds about 1.25 inches to the length of the chrome-lined barrel and does an acceptable job of flash suppression.

rel ends with an M16A1-style flash suppressor that when firing from prone in dusty conditions has an annoying tendency to introduce a large plume of position-disclosing dust into the air. The receiver is sheetmetal, but missing are the trademark AK dimples common to the sides of stamped receivers. Metal parts are blued, but don't expect a high-quality polish job. These are military-grade guns and meant to look the part—something I sort of like. If it looked prissy, I wouldn't want one; it's an AK after all.

The fore-end, buttstock and pistol grip are U.S.-made polymer renditions of the Wieger-style originals, and the fore-end protects the user from burns much better than the diminutive standard fore-end. Fire

a few rounds and a regular AK gets hotter than a pistol. After hammering out 90 rounds to the point that the StG-2000-C was smoking-hot, I was still able to grasp the fore-end without getting branded.

The large, stamped, sheetmetal safety lever located on the right of the receiver is pushed up for Safe and down for Fire. It's for people who can crush basketballs with one hand and is nearly impossible to operate while maintaining a firing grip. The U.S.-made Tapco trigger and fire-control components rendered a long, smooth takeup and a trigger break of 4.8 pounds on the sample.

There's no bolt catch, but if you can find a Yugoslavian AK magazine, it will hold the bolt open after the last round is fired. The StG-2000-C came with two 30-round ProMag polymer magazines that Inter Ordnance says should be used; however, I also tested some steel magazines without difficulty. The magazine-release lever located at the front of the triggerguard (just like on every other AK) is pushed forward to release the magazine. Inserting magazines can be a little tricky if you don't utilize the proper technique, as taught to me by a certain Gunsite instructor—to wit, drive the



**The iron sights on this StG-2000-C needed no adjustment, and the gun was not ammo-sensitive, printing good groups with all loads tested.**

front of the magazine in hard and deep, then rock it back until it locks in place.

On the left of the receiver is a Warsaw Pact side-rail scope mount. A Leapers UTG 4x32 Adjustable Objective Scope arrived with the gun, so I mounted it using a UTG 973 Side Rail Mount, also supplied. Both of these accessories are made in China. Using a Laserlyte Universal Laser Bore Sighting System that has served me well for years, I bore-sighted the scope and headed to the range. The scope was difficult to zero and would not hold point of aim. After finally obtaining a 100-yard zero, my second group



**Just try to operate that safety and maintain a firing grip. Not many people can, but the StG-2000-C has other features that make up for this shortcoming. The Tapco trigger has a smooth takeup leading to a 4.8-pound break, and the pistol grip is more hand-filling than that of a typical AK.**

shifted by about nine minutes to the southeast—so much for the scope. The irons required no adjustment.

The gun shot superbly, though, printing nice groups of 1.57 to 2.01 inches. That's impressive for an AK.

This is a nice Kalashnikov variant that maybe even a gun snob could like. Incidentally, a 5.56mm NATO version is now available, which is the proper caliber the East Germans originally intended.—

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