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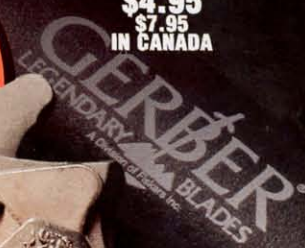
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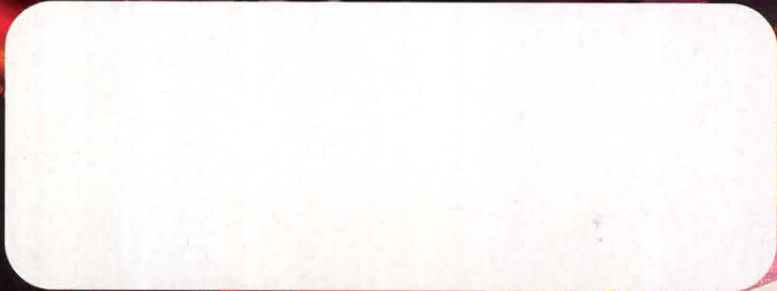
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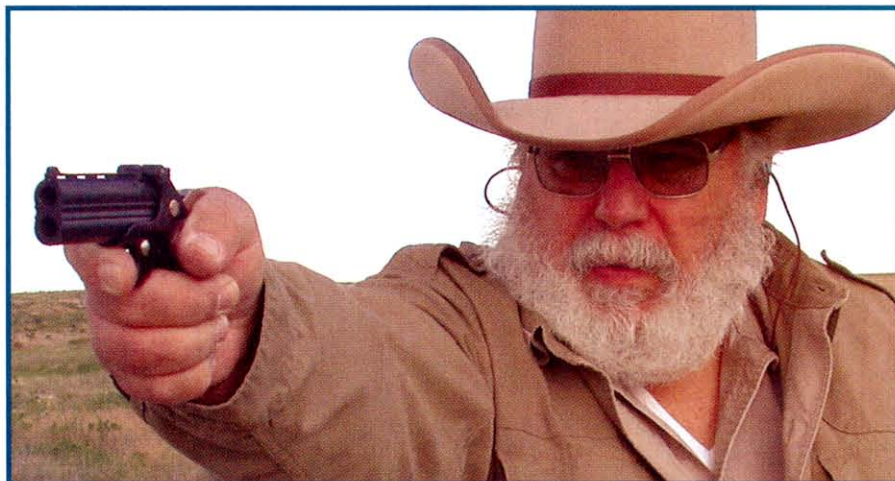
## SNAKE IN THE POCKET

Cobra Derringers are itty-bitty hideout guns.

**T**hey made a huge mistake. The 7½" .45 was removed from the black holster with the silver chess knight medallion, however they forgot something. Behind his belt buckle was his backup gun, a Remington derringer. How many times did we see Paladin save the day on Saturday night in *Have Gun, Will Travel* with his hidden derringer?

Then there was Maverick who always had a derringer or two on his body somewhere in case of a problem surfacing during a card game and we must not forget Yancy Derringer, who depended upon a derringer for his only armament. Beautiful ladies by the score, both on the silver screen and small screen, always had a derringer in their garter or bosom prompting some to say, "It would be a pleasure to be shot just to see the draw." All of this looked good in the movies, however, there were no Paladins or Mavericks in the Old West nor did the women look like Maureen O'Hara, mostly.

Nonetheless, derringers were definitely real and were carried by many both as backup guns and primary armament, especially by those who wished to appear un-heeled.



*If one has strong fingers and hands, the Cobra Derringers can be fired one-handed. If not, use two hands.*

Derringers go way back in history with the most famous one being the single-shot percussion pistol made by Henry Deringer with one "R" and used by John Wilkes Booth to assassinate Abraham Lincoln.

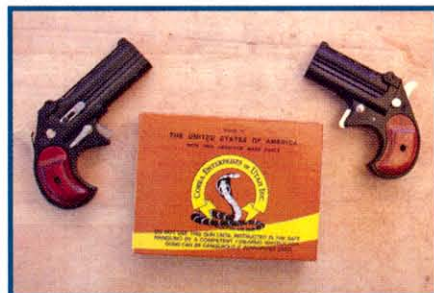
From that time forward derringers have had a black reputation. The derringer most seen in the movies is the Remington over/under which was originally chambered in .41 Rimfire. Many of the old West characters said if they had to be shot they preferred the "clean" .45 Colt bullet to be "dirty" .41 Rimfire. What they meant by this is the fact the outside-lubricated .41 was carried in the pocket where it could pick up all kinds of debris and was so underpowered it did not completely penetrate, but rather carried the danger of infection.

Today's derringers are available from Cobra in .32 Magnum, .38

Special, and 9mm as the test guns as well as .22LR, .22 Magnum, .25 and .32 ACP. These are all Remington-style over/under or stack barreled 2-shooters, single action in operation, which means the hammer must be cocked before firing each barrel. To load or unload, a lever on the right hand side is actuated, unlocking the barrels, which then tip up for loading or unloading. A lever on the left side between the barrels serves as the ejector. After the fired cases are removed, two new rounds are inserted, the barrels are then swung back into position, and the lever on the right side manually re-locked. These derringers have a push button safety in front of the hammer and should not be carried without



*John tested Cobra Derringers in .32 Magnum (top), .38 Special (middle) and 9mm.*



*These matte-black finished Cobras are in .38 Special (left) and .32 Magnum.*



*The barrel assembly of the Cobra Derringer tips up for loading and unloading.*

this safety engaged.

Test guns consisted of a 3½" black .38 Special with rosewood grips, a satin-nickled 9mm with the same length barrel and grips, and a 2¼" black .32 Magnum with oak grips. Sample loads and their muzzle velocities for the .38 Special include Black Hills 125-grain JHP at 898 fps, Hornady 125-grain XTP-JHP at 789 fps, and the Winchester 125-grain SilverTip HP 860 fps. For the 9mm, Hornady's 115-grain XTP-JHP traveled 1,064 fps, and Winchester's 147 SilverTip HP at 916 fps. Only one load was used in the .32 Magnum, that being Black Hills 85-grain JHP at 819 fps.

**HANDGUN: COBRA DERRINGER**

**Maker: Cobra Enterprises**

**1960 S. Milestone Dr. Suite F**

**Salt Lake City, UT 84104**

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**ACTION TYPE:** Tip-up O/U single action

**CALIBER:** .32 Mag, 9mm,  
.38 Special

**CAPACITY:** 2

**BARREL LENGTH:** 2.7", 3.5"

**OVERALL LENGTH:** 4.65" to 5.4"

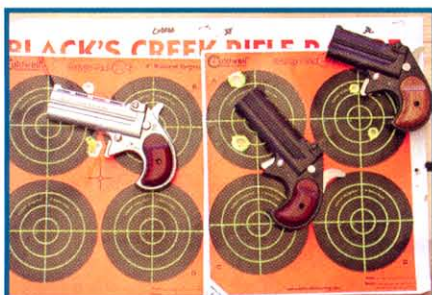
**WEIGHT:** 14 to 16 ounces

**FINISH:** Black, chrome or nickel

**SIGHTS:** Fixed

**GRIPS:** Black synthetic or  
laminated wood

**PRICE:** \$98 to \$136



**Cobra Derringers shoot where they point,  
nice in a close quarters gun.**

Derringers are not "beginner" guns. They are for very up-close situations, normally last-ditch situations. Even though the trigger pulls are exceptionally heavy, they do point well and shoot where they point. They are guns for an expert — not a girlfriend, wife, mother or grandmother who rarely ever shoots. If you purchase one for your own use, a great deal of time should be spent in proper training. Cobra Derringers are for up close work and, if they have to be used, the target will probably be close enough to receive powder burns. In such a situation they could be the best life insurance policy available.