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### Palm Pistol®

#### What People Are Saying

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- An interesting invention -- a modern palm pistol. Invented by activist Matt Carmel. It can be fired by a person who lacks the dexterity to work a slide, has nothing to snag on clothing, and is probably more accurate in untrained hands than a traditional firearm. I'd see it not as something a pistolero would carry, but as something for a person who needs protection but doesn't have the opportunity to learn standard shooting skills. – **David T. Hardy, Of Arms and the Law Blog**
- Cool new gun. I'll have more on this in the next few days. I spoke with the gun's inventor, Matt Carmel. He had some interesting things to say about the Palm Pistol and his quest to manufacture this gun. He's a great guy with a truly interesting product, and I'll post some more details as I get them. Meanwhile, check his site for a sneak peek. It's like nothing you've seen before (except for maybe the old lemonsqueezers, but they didn't have optional rails!) – **Edward Friedman, Associate Editor, Shooting Illustrated Magazine.**
- New kind of ccw/backup and I think I want one!
- The recoil on something like that could be revolutionary. It would recoil straight through the palm of your hand, not above your hand. Can you say "low bore axis"?
- I could use it as an impact device. What can I say I just like new gadgets.
- I would also like it to have a strike bezel at the end of the barrel. I still think it's cool just for having something different that's close to but not considered an AOW.
- Looks like something aimed at women who want to carry a gun but are either afraid of big guns or just can't because of concealment issues.
- This might work for some people who are unable to handle a handgun otherwise.
- This is neat. Likely very accurate, given the hold-method/firing mechanics, and extremely small.
- Ugly, but I guess it can serve its purpose. For the unskilled or disabled, it could be a last resort.
- I think it's great for companies to work at "new" products.
- It's interesting that so many seem to be surprised at the lack of sights - aren't "gut guns" (which this thing clearly is) pretty much contact-range weapons to begin with? I mean, what good are sights going to do, when you're holding the thing that way? At that range, it'd be "point fist-squeeze-BANG".
- I have to admit, perhaps it's the first BUG that might be able to be stashed in bike shorts and not draw (unwanted) attention....
- Non-Glock but still pretty cool in a pinch.
- Don't see this becoming highly successful, but I have to salute any attempt to put self defense into the hands of the aged and handicapped. One bullet is infinitely better than none.

- The merits of the Palm Pistol notwithstanding, I have to say I'm appalled at the judgments and classification of all elderly people as incompetent by some posters. Just substitute the word "elderly" for Gay, Black, Hispanic, etc, and see how it reads.

Really, some of you folks should actually put your brains in gear before typing. Perhaps the government should register all computer keyboards to limit this sort of hate-speech. The essay itself is seriously wanting for logic. Intended primarily to allow arthritic old people to settle beefs? Gimme a break. I guess "arthritic old people" should just defend themselves with fists and feet. Or crash into a mugger with their wheelchairs.

With any luck, some of your judgmental posters will find yourself as infirm elderly people someday. Maybe some mugger will beat the snot out of you and you'll wish for a tool like the Palm Pistol. Elderly people are often quite fragile. One punch from an adult male could maim or kill them. But they should just be put away somewhere where they won't bother you. Right?

Some introspection is in order here. A fear of weapons is a sign of a phobia. BTW - when the majority of states began issuing concealed weapons permits, some hoplophobes cried that people would be shooting others over parking spaces and "to settle beefs." It never happened.

So go lock yourselves in your rubber rooms, and keep typing your judgmental tripe. This was my first visit to this website, and it will be my last. I'm more interested in logical discourse, not hysterical hate-speech – **Ned, poster to Gismodo.com.**

- I would recommend that they dispense with the accessory rail and just build a laser inside the case of the base model. Red lasers are cheap these days, it would be hard to aim without one, and many

criminals probably aren't going to recognize it as a gun, so it wouldn't have as much of a deterrent effect. The laser would help make it a little more threatening.

- The Palm Pistol has been making its way around the gun blogs. My first thought was that I can't believe it's not classified as an AOW, but I guess it's designed to be fired by a single hand, so it's hard to argue it should be. My second thought was that I can't believe there are still firearms innovations coming out of New Jersey.
- Out of Maplewood no less. A sleepy little suburb of Newark NJ, Google maps reveal this address to be in a residential neighborhood. I wonder when Bryan Miller will organize protests outside this person's home.
- It is amazing how technology reinvents itself. From the old .32 Minneapolis Protector Palm Pistol of 1892 to the new 9mm Palm Pistol. I guess there is nothing new, just improved repackaging. Still, neat little gun.
- Kinda cool. It's a gun for non-gun people. If it gets past the BATFE and into the hands of the customers.
- Yesterday, I spoke with Matt Carmel, inventor of the Palm Pistol. He is an NRA certified firearms instructor in New Jersey, and as most of his clients have little experience with firearms, he saw the need for a pistol that eliminated the most common problem they have shooting accurately: an inability to keep the muzzle steady. Fear of recoil, noise and general apprehension with handling firearms cause many beginners to shake, harming accuracy. The Palm Pistol, Carmel says, virtually eliminates muzzle movement because it stays very steady when fired thanks to the thumb-activated trigger mechanism. He sees the pistol as a huge benefit for the elderly, disabled and those with limited dexterity with their hands in

addition to those who may be intimidated by more traditional-looking firearms.

He also told me about his difficulty dealing with BATFE regarding his invention's status. It certainly doesn't look like any gun invented in the last, oh, century, so there was some worry that BATFE would classify it as an "Any Other Weapon," and therefore require a Class III stamp for ownership. Carmel hired noted Second Amendment attorney Stephen Halbrook, and after months of wrangling, they obtained BATFE certification that the Palm Pistol is, in fact, a normal handgun not subject to the NFA. He has a pdf of BATFE's letter to that end on his website for those who may be nervous about the gun's legality.

I will keep following the development of the Palm Pistol as Carmel takes it to the production phase, as it is at the very least an innovative gun design. I think it has its applications, though it would not be my first choice in a firefight. But then again, I have reasonable dexterity in my hands and have no problem carrying full-sized 1911s. I would certainly consider a Palm Pistol as a backup gun simply because of its concealability and ease of use when grabbed in an emergency – **Edward Friedman, Associate Editor, Shooting Illustrated Magazine.**

- Looks like an interesting concept. Not as cool as the pen gun, but still cool.
- Everyone can discuss its deficiencies but bottom line is more guns equals better.
- Interesting gun but the media will have a field day with this one!
- The more I think about the Palm Pistol the more it appears to be suited as a "Special Application Weapon." It not intended to replace the Glock 17 or similar firearm that the average citizen is carrying for self defense. The unique design is not only useful for the disabled but regular folks who

have a requirement for a small discrete backup weapon, not a primary weapon. Comparing it to "standard" pistols is silly. It is like comparing a Derringer to a full sized Glock. The Derringer is bad for a lot of situations, but it, just like the Palm Pistol, has a place for its "Special Application" – **Trent Warncke, President, Inverse Technologies, Inc.**

- This is great news. I think it's long overdue. Arming seniors is exactly what we want to do.
- I'm sure some people may find a need for an adaptive defensive weapon – **USAtechguide.org**
- It's really an ingenious design. I gotta give credit to Matt for being clever.
- I think it is interesting, in that it looks nothing like a firearm.
- Nothing is useless....it wouldn't be my choice....but it doesn't look like a gun, so there may be an application....just saying....hell, it just may be better than a pointy stick.
- I've always admired originality from those demanding to chart their own course in spite of "conventional wisdom." While the majority is picking things apart, trying not to rock any boats, and throwing sand on the new, the innovators push forward despite the catcalls – **David Codrea, The War on Guns Blog**
- I like the idea of the niche marketing to people who need the most help defending themselves, especially if they cannot use a normal pistol.
- How many AOWs can be carried discreetly and operated with an individual sitting on oneself? I can certainly see jamming this into the femoral, brachial, or popliteal juncture, with a 115 or 124 grain +P HP, to get someone off me, allowing me to access something more socially decisive.

- You should check out this new Palm Pistol. Pretty cool. I know Matt Carmel. He was 6th on line for the DC v Heller argument. Good guy and staunch Second Amendment supporter.
- Neat! I gottagit me ona them.
- Halbrook is the attorney that worked on this project. If his name is attached, I believe.
- One note ... if you do get stuck with an AOW designation in the future, the requirement for a L.E. signature can be avoided on the BATF Form 4 by having an LLC or a Revocable Trust buy the firearm, with the buyer listed as the "Responsible Person."
- I mailed you a check this morning. Good luck on the project. This pistol will also make a great striking tool if needed, great for pressure points, grappling, striking, and submission holds. I will be excited to see it develop.
- Enclosed you will find my check for \$25 for my deposit on the Palm Pistol. Please keep me advised of your progress on getting the 200 pre-sales commitments because I will pre-order a second Palm Pistol if you don't meet your goal by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you get the gun completed, I would be interested in adding this to my Personal Protection Program for Women and Seniors. Nice talking to you. I think you have a great design and target audience for the pistol – **W. Mike Griffin, Griffin Martial Training**
- I like to look at any and all interesting firearm designs. I could see it possibly for a person that could not otherwise grip a more conventional firearm.
- You just have to love this guy. A true innovator! I hope he succeeds.
- As people get older, it is often the case that their grip strength starts to diminish. On top of that there are all kinds of nasty degenerative joint conditions that complicate matters even more. It would seem that shooting pistols becomes harder too, as the makers of the Palm Pistol believe that they have a niche to fill.
- Here we have some atypical fare for this blog. Firing handguns can be difficult for folks with arthritis, as the recoil puts a good deal of stress on the wrist and hand joints, and squeezing the trigger can be impossible. Constitution Arms of Maplewood, New Jersey has created the pictured Palm Pistol, a double action 9mm single shot that supposedly is easier to control than traditional pistols by people with bad hands. Perhaps, we'll see a new Paralympic shooting sport spring out of this - **MedGadget Internet Journal of Emerging Medical Technologies**
- Sounds like this would be a great last ditch effort. A really good final safety measure.
- Interesting little device is a pretty close analog to an Isaac Asimov device from the 1950's. Fans should have no difficulty in recognizing the needle-gun from *Lucky Starr and the Moons of Jupiter*: – **Technovelty.com Blog, The Predictions of Science Fiction Writers Coming True in Today's World**
- I like this palm gun. I deal a lot with the elderly, and I can see some utility in their ability to carry a single shot pistol to the door, when they answer it. Home invasion at night places them at a disadvantage. By requiring the BG to get near before firing, should protect against shooting a good guy accidentally.
- Here is a "gadget" gun I found. This could possibly become like the palm pistols of years ago, and in the future may become a collector's item.
- I really like the idea of a gun in your fist. Gives a whole new meaning to the term "knockout" .... I think it's awfully convenient.

- What will be the price for FFL dealers who want to sell these? I am a FFL and these potentially could be big sellers.
- I do quite a bit of civilian self defense course beyond the basic NRA programs. I would be excited to develop a realistic self defense technique for this palm pistol of yours – **Ed Lowrey, RattlesnakeRidge.org**
- Whether you agree with it or not, carrying a firearm is a constitutional right in the US and many feel strongly about expressing that right. Palm Pistol is the design of certified NRA instructor Matthew Carmel. With his design, pretty much anyone can use a firearm. It doesn't matter if you fingers are to arthritic, if you are elderly, if you are disabled, or if you just want an unusual firearm, the Palm Pistol will meet the needs of many – **Coated.com**
- Looks like a mission specific pistol to me. I'm sure there are plenty of old folks who could protect themselves from a BG with this little thing. Would I carry one? No. Would I buy one for my 87 year old Grandpa to pack? Yes. Most gear has a mission. This pistol makes sense to me.
- I saw that awhile back. I posted it to a forum for disabled folks where I help out. Some people there who miss getting out on the range would love a chance to get hold of one of these. Also, when equipped with the optional laser, it would give them a viable CCW firearm.
- This would be a great back up gun.
- Looks neat for folks with arthritis, or with limited use of their hands.
- I just got word from Matt Carmel, inventor of the Palm Pistol, “ ... that the FDA has listed this as a Class I Medical Device ...” He seems pretty confident that he'll be able to get Medicare to reimburse patients for the Palm Pistol. Go Matt! I love troublemakers, especially ones that create headaches for federal bureaucrats. The progressives created this system, and now we have hijacked it to help people buy guns! Matt has hoisted them on their own petard. This is the kind of creative thinking our movement needs – **Sebastian, Snowflakes in Hell Gun Blog.**
- A while back I made a comment; I think over at Say Uncle's place, that I wouldn't be surprised if the Palm Pistol would be reclassified as an AOW if the ATF took a second look at it. Looks like I should keep my mouth shut sometimes. Turns out not only has the creator got it solidly classified as a pistol but Sebastian reports that he's got the thing classified as a medical device now which might mean folks can get Medicare to help pay for one. Kudos to the creator for charting some new territory!
- All kidding aside, it makes total sense. Someone with arthritis or otherwise limited use of their fingers could indeed benefit from this innovation. That's no joke.
- All I can say is ... HOLY COW! The right, and the practicality, of self-defense is going main-stream!!
- Good for Matt. Now the question is since it's been declared a medical device - do you have to fill out a form 4473 and pass a background check to get it?
- I admit it ... I didn't make any public comments about this pistol, but I'm shocked that the FDA classified it as a medical device. I would have bet against that in a heartbeat. Happy to be wrong.
- Damn!! As a physician, I'm looking forward to prescribing these.
- If Medicare is paying for people's guns, I want a reimbursement check for my smokes and booze. We can get the ATF trifecta.
- I think my daughter (who has birth defects) could handle this with her good hand. I also know a guy who has MS and has passed his CPL Classes but has trouble hanging on to

larger framed weapons that may be able to benefit from this pistol.

- A while back, the Palm Pistol was making waves across the blogosphere, with lots of skepticism that it would be accepted by BATFE or consumers. Around that time, I spoke with inventor Matt Carmel, a passionate 2nd Amendment activist, about his nifty little creation. He mentioned that he hoped to get FDA approval as a medical device because of the gun's utility for the elderly and disabled. Now, I thought this was a good idea conceptually, but given the government's pace of operation and the sheer novelty of the product, I gave him about as much chance of success in that endeavor as I would me quarterbacking the Jets to a Super Bowl.

Matt is a determined man, however, and today he got word from the FDA that the Palm Pistol is officially a Class I Medical Device. The next step is to obtain the proper approval for physicians to be able to prescribe the Palm Pistol to patients (who could then receive reimbursement through Medicare). Congratulations to Matt for a great idea and the guts to stick with it. I look forward to testing a Palm Pistol down the road and seeing it prescribed alongside that little blue pill... – **Edward Friedman, Associate Editor, Shooting Illustrated Magazine.**

- I want to see liberals' heads explode when they realize that Socialized medicine is being used to buy people guns.
- I want one. I also want Obama to pay for it.
- I would think getting murdered interferes with one of life major activities, which is, to wit, living. This is also an ADA issue. Great work.
- Proving once again that the Capitalist spirit is indomitable, Constitution Arms has created a handgun specifically targeted toward the elderly and the crippled. They

call it the Palm Pistol. The best part? The device has been classified as a medical device by the FDA because it is specifically designed for users who are too frail to use a traditional firearm. This thing actually makes me feel not so bad about paying for others' health care costs, as hopefully people will be able to get this covered since it's a "medical device," and I would bet that most insurance policies have nothing in their contracts that mention devices like this on the list of things that aren't covered. It's a far cry from the days when the states used to buy military-grade weaponry for their militias, but I actually wouldn't mind paying Medicare taxes if I knew that they were being used by some elderly people to exercise their second amendment rights. The NRA should set up an insurance fund to provide coverage for anyone who requests one of these, but cannot afford one – **Code Monkey Ramblings Blog**

- I always thought the old style palm pistols were a great idea, I am very excited about trying yours.
- I actually own a 1894 Chicago Palm Pistol and would LOVE to purchase two of your Palm Pistols.
- I look forward to keeping in touch as to how this project is proceeding; it sounds like a novel idea – **Phil Keller, Stillwater Firearms Association**
- Please let me know if we can assist at all and good luck on a great endeavor.
- I sincerely hope all your work sees the light of day. This is really needed.
- Hope you get this manufactured. A great idea and great gun.
- I have been teaching concealed carry in Ohio for four years and I have had people that cannot work a slide or even the cylinder release latch – **Roy E. Landstrom, FFL, Landstrom Gunsmithing**

- I would suggest that you get this project under way and completed, with pistols on the market, before the Obama gang makes it impossible. Right now, I think we have a several month grace period, as the new administration has plenty of more pressing issues, such as our entire system going bankrupt. If that does happen, you will be selling many more of the Palm Pistols than you could ever imagine.
- Just thought I'd let you know I caught Adam Brodsky's column in the New York Post a couple of weeks ago about your invention and its sociological/political implications or ramifications. Interesting. Anyway, I just thought I'd say hi and let you know the column wasn't unnoticed, at least by me. I'm very impressed with your resourcefulness. Hope it works out and makes you a mint. Seems to me there might be a big market for it.
- I would love one of these for its uniqueness and collector value.
- I have Rheumatoid Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis. While I currently have minimal difficulty with firearms, that may change. I am very pleased to see that I may not have to give up my Second Amendment rights due to medical issues beyond my control.
- **OUTSTANDING WORK!** This is an excellent example of old-fashioned American ingenuity! Keep it up!
- A device very well suited for us seniors over 65. Thank You.
- I am a 74 year old disabled woman, and I need one.
- A very useful and beneficial device.
- I'm paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair and I think it would benefit me.
- If the quality of construction, fit and finish are of high level, I believe your pistol would be a very fine personal protection piece. Look forward to hearing from you.
- I am a nurse, and I think it is a great idea to have a firearm like this that can be used by disabled persons. I don't have any disability myself. I want one because I think it is cool! Also, I think it might be an easy weapon for my wife to learn to shoot since she is afraid of guns.
- LOOKS GREAT!
- I have been disabled for the last 14 years with a form of arthritis. I don't know how long I can continue to use a regular gun.
- I am a retired police detective with an interest in firearms use and application.
- I'm 76 and this is great for my wife and I.
- I am a disabled veteran with a concealed handgun license and would like to own a Palm Pistol.
- I am mailing you a check for \$25.00, as a deposit in order to reserve a Palm Pistol and receive a \$25.00 discount on a pre-production order. I suspect you will receive a lot more than 200 orders. It would be neat to also design a Palm Pistol holster.
- I am an NRA instructor and I got information about your new gun from the NRA-ILA site. As I teach all ages, I think I should have one to "show and tell"!!!
- I believe there is a strong market for your product.
- I am a disabled Vietnam Veteran and see this as real protection.
- I am a police officer and want you to know I am in full support.
- I have severe arthritis and have a successful internet business and have been looking for a gun that I can use.
- As a firearms instructor and instructor for concealed weapons permits, I find this an interesting concept.
- I kinda want one for the hell of it.
- It's a cool looking little thing.

- LOL! Awesome.
- Thank you for the creative design and ingenuity beyond “standard” firearm creations.
- Send more pictures of your Palm Pistol and I will write a report for our webpage. All Spanish gun owners will know about this gun which I think is very interesting – **Ernesto Sanches, VP, Asociacion Nacional del Arma, Spain**
- Initially unimpressed, but after checking out the info on their site, it makes a whole lot more sense... especially with the laser and hollow point rounds (and some practice) your grandma (or anybody else) could use it effectively in a bad situation vs. one attacker. Might be a decent “last chance” backup weapon for LE types too.
- I can’t help but conjure up some weird scenarios involving this device. You know, “Back off! Don’t make me draw my adapted defensive weapon”, or in the words of Dirty Harry himself- “I know what you’re thinking. “Did he fire one shot or none?” Well, to tell you the truth, in all this excitement I kind of lost track myself. But being as this is a Palm Pistol, the most adaptive handgun in the world, you’ve got to ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya, punk?”
- The right of civilian ownership of firearms is a hotly contested one, so many will scoff at the possibility of a weapon, which has the potential to kill, used as a “medical device.” However, the question is not so easily dismissed. If we are to assume the right of self-defense as has been upheld by District of Columbia v Heller, we must ensure that there is no discrimination against those with disabilities, no? It is an interesting predicament for progressives who support gun control. The shooting sports have a long history of accommodating individuals with disabilities.
- It looks like a great backup gun.
- I am an arthritic senior and looking forward to receiving your product.
- In the old days, they used to create weapons for people with arthritis by removing trigger guards and a filing down the trigger lever to produce a "hair trigger" that could fire with very little pressure. This looks like a step up.
- I like this idea, sign me up.
- My check will go out in the morning. I have taught self defense tactics for many years to law enforcement and civilians and find this new design extremely useful for the elderly and handicapped. I look forward to hearing more about this firearm.
- I have given my 86 year old mother-in-law a short barreled .22LR revolver for her self-defense. She has severe arthritis, but if she really tries hard, she can pull the trigger. This little gadget would be a godsend for her.
- Giving the elderly and disabled a means of self protection is a joke? I'll admit this is outside of the box thinking, but there definitely is a need for a device like this. The elderly and disabled are prime targets for the predators living among us and they shouldn't be denied the means to protect themselves. Elderly and disabled people are still people and have the right to live as close to a normal life as possible and that includes their personal safety.
- I'd like to take the time to thank you and tell you that I think your product will make a perfect back up weapon especially for a person like myself who's had multiple cervical spine surgeries as well as several low back surgeries. I now can no longer carry all the weapons and equipment that I once carried before I had my accident and surgeries.
- Keep me posted as I am very interested in this unique product. I do want to make a deposit on one. My principle business is LE

Armory work and pistolsmithing. I am sure you are aware of the firearm feeding frenzy across the country and your palm pistol will be sellout from day one! Great idea!

- Thank you for your great invention. Hopefully, my arthritis doesn't degenerate to where this is the only firearm that I can operate.
- This gun is great for the elderly. They need something easy to aim at close range and easy to shoot with weak hands. I've seen older guys at the range with modified 1911's with very light triggers. They still struggle though, because it's extremely hard to load and rack the slide. I hope that this becomes a widespread solution to the unarmed vulnerable elderly population.
- Wouldn't you know it, just when it looks like we're on the verge of plunging right over the edge and into the dark abyss, along comes a knight in shining armor in the form of one super courageous and incredibly innovative corporate hero to rescue our darling damsel of a nation in distress -- Praise the good Lord and God bless you, Constitution Arms!!!
- Elderly does NOT mean senile!
- Yesterday my husband took me to a firing range. His intention was to teach me how to use two guns. It was a disaster. I couldn't pull the trigger on the .22 and I barely could shoot the .38. My hand is small and my fingers have arthritis. Aiming was the easy part. When my son told me about your pistol I was so pleased.
- I am very interested in obtaining one of your pistols. I used to be an avid shooter but now am disabled. Hope you get this unit produced.
- Great idea, great timing, perfect anywhere self defense pistol for anybody. Folks need to remember it's not how big the gun in the fight, it's that you had one when needed!
- I am a nurse and think this Palm Pistol is a fantastic idea. Disabled people have so many special gadgets and aids to help them with activities of daily living. Why not a self defense weapon?
- Thanks for the update on your absolutely clever Palm Pistol! I look forward to the time when I will be able to buy a few.
- I am currently in law enforcement and am considering this as a back-up or off-duty weapon.
- I was looking around on your site and I could instantly see many practical applications for it. Beyond the disabled assistance which in itself is amazing, I can definitely see it as a critical backup weapon.
- Thank God for men and women like you who create new and creative ways for all people to protect themselves if they wish to do so. It is our right ... period!
- Would love to see this in production for people who cannot defend themselves with a standard handgun. WOULD MAKE ME FEEL MORE SECURE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MY PARENTS!
- Looks like a great idea. Can't wait to get a couple. My wife and I both carry.
- I just saw your ad, what a clever idea, can't wait to add one to my collection of CCW guns. Not too sure about the combination lock but at least it can be left in the unlocked position. The rail and laser is also a very nice touch.
- I am already recommending the Palm Pistol to some of my elderly self defense students. This is the easiest way for elderly and/or disabled persons to defend themselves that I have seen. I am looking forward to receiving the one I have had reserved for at least a year. I believe this will help to save innocent lives where a conventional pistol is either not convenient to carry or not easy to use due to disability. Thank you for inventing the Palm Pistol. – **Gary Widner**,

### **NRA Certified Training Counselor, Virginia Firearms Instruction**

- Pretty innovative for a last-ditch gun.
- I'd love to have one, or two. I don't want to scare the bad person. I don't want them to know that I have any kind of weapon. I want them up close, so I can put one bullet in their eye, without aiming.
- Wonderful concept, let's get going, you have a winner here.
- I noticed "1/2x28" on the schematic, pointing to the muzzle. Does that mean you intend the barrel to be threaded? A single-shot pistol with a silencer would be exceptionally quiet. This is what has piqued my interest, as an enthusiast of unusual pistol designs.
- I hope this all works out, great idea!!!!
- I really am excited about the new design and will continue to be interested in your updates.
- As a former state police officer and now a retired senior, I am truly looking forward to receiving my Palm Pistol. Thank you, God bless you and keep up the good work.
- Thanks Matt. I see a million of these in the market. Well done!
- You're doing something really constructive! I hope it comes to fruition, and makes you enough money to be worth your while.
- I can't wait until this becomes available. I'm almost at the point that carrying a fully loaded side arm is just too heavy for my low back/spine.
- I have JRA (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis) and am sick to death of being scared and unable to defend myself.
- Had a long conversation with Matt (the genius behind the design) and he says he is looking at moving from 9mm to .357 Magnum so there is the availability of .38spl for practice and .357 for social occasions.
- Matt seems to be serious and on the right track getting his product approved as a medical device. How long has the choir been saying "it's just a tool, like any other"? Well, Matt took that thought and ran with it - a device to prevent sudden-death onset.
- I want Matt to succeed so he can move from a single-shot to bringing back the multi-round palm pistols of old, but in a decent caliber.
- My hands are my disability. I do not have the strength to use a spray can or open a door. Will I be able to use the Palm Pistol? I sure hope so.
- This is a really interesting concept, and one that is long overdue.
- I am an NRA Instructor and would really like to promote this pistol to older students and professional students. Great idea, thanks!
- This gun could be a godsend to those with arthritis or some other handicap.
- There are a lot of people that are not too comfortable with a pistol, but might need to protect themselves. I am a NRA certified instructor in 6 disciplines, including handgun, rifle, shotgun, and home defense, and I have been doing it for probably longer than you have been alive (I have very gray hair). There are many women (and some men) that are intimidated by mechanical things. They are not going to master magazines, safeties, and pulling back the slide. Sure, you can "get them through a class", but a month later it is all gone. Six months later, they can't use the gun. Don't tell me that it isn't true, I see it all the time! If I were in a state like Vermont or Arizona that has unrestricted carry, and a nurse came to me and told me that she was put on the night shift in an "Iffy" neighborhood, and was afraid, but was also uncomfortable with pistols... I would not hesitate to get her

a palm gun... and tell her, when a BG attacks you, push this into his solar plexus and SQUEEZE... he will drop like a sack of potatoes. Then call 911. No weeks of instruction, no lessons in knife fighting and she doesn't have to learn a device that she is afraid of. Now, if you want to argue that this person shouldn't have a gun if they can't master the art of an auto pistol, it falls on deaf ears. Because she can't learn how to operate a Keltec P3AT, or a Colts Officers, does not mean she has no right to defend herself. There IS a valid market for a palm gun... it's just NOT with the amateur gun fighters.

- It looks like an incredible idea to fit a niche market. I wish the best to you and your design.
- I don't care who you are, THIS is very cool!!!!
- GREAT idea for a handgun ... I will buy the .38 caliber because I am a collector. Looking forward to seeing new ideas from your company.
- This is a great design, ergo-metrically and conceptually. For a handicapped individual, or a last ditch scenario like a cop needing a back up NOW, this is a great gun. You have one shot, but at the ranges this is going to be deployed, that shot will be in the center mass of the target. I also like that this has the capability of being an impact tool, giving you secondary strike capability in a fight. The problem with a lot of folks who see this is that it has just one shot, you can't whip in another magazine, and there are no kick ass sights. When things go sideways, that one shot may well be the best shot you ever made if you're the one walking away when it's all over! Serious concept here, and about time we had something innovative beyond bigger mags and lasers.
- This should not be compared in the same league as a combat pistol... to do that is silly. Nor is it a "back up piece". There are people that will never be comfortable or

competent with a small auto or revolver. And to suggest a knife is also not relevant. Knife fighting is an art far more difficult to master than pistol fighting. There are people that need to defend themselves against an attacker, and cannot master the usual handgun or knife. A woman might need a simple single shot gun to stop an attacker or a rape... all she needs is to put her fist into his chest and squeeze. That may be all that she is capable of... and it WILL save her virginity or her life. I would rather my daughter or wife carry a squeeze gun than a can of Mace. So judge this for what it is intended for, not as a combat pistol.

- While this particular Palm Pistol is quite modern looking, the basic idea of a roundish one-shot firearm that can fit in the palm of your hand is an old idea going back at least as far as the mid-1800s. Still, the new Palm Pistol appears interesting and to be a major improvement over older, similar weapons.
- I think it could work for pocket concealment or woman. It gives them a fighting chance. The senior idea is a plus also. Doesn't appear to be a lot of recoil and with all the s\*\*t happening to seniors they can carry one and feel a bit safer.
- I think this could be a good carry weapon for pocket concealment or women with purses.
- Well for people like us I think it's a no go since we are able to train with our guns etc, but think about grandma or grandpa who can barely stand straight let alone hold a gun properly.
- Check out Carmel's .38 caliber Palm Pistol on his website, [www.constitutionarms.com](http://www.constitutionarms.com). It reminds me of a more ergonomic version of the Liberator single shot pistol made in WWII, or even more of the Green Avenger water guns of my youth. Carmel says it's a weapon for the elderly and those who can't

pull a normal trigger. I bet at the range of a few feet a .38 bullet works better than hitting an intruder with your cane – **Phil Bourjaly, Field & Stream**

- The Palm Pistol would be relatively devastating if it were fired right up against someone. The bullet, with added released gasses would likely kill the perp. It's an ideal one shot for people handicapped with arthritis or something else that limits pulling capacity.
- Cool idea!
- For the record I'll admit that I never thought the design would be approved by the ATF, not even after they initially approved it. Obviously I was wrong and I'll own up to it. This thing really looks like it's going to hit the market sometime soon and that makes me happy.
- Matt Carmel emailed last night with some pics of the first functional prototype of the Palm Pistol, which just arrived at Constitution Arms for testing. He's going to put 10,000 rounds through it and then drop test the single-shot .38 Spl. This won't be like putting 10,000 rounds through an AR (334 reloads) or a 1911 (1,429 reloads). No, Carmel will have to reload the Palm Pistol 10,000 times, so not only will the barrel, frame and hinge be tested, so will Carmel's sanity. He told me he already put 300 rounds and three proof loads through the gun last night without issue. Every step in the Palm Pistol saga makes me more interested in the gun. Carmel says there will be a host of options, including a Picatinny rail, a crenellated strike bezel, color options and more. I can't wait to see the final product! – **Edward Friedman, Associate Editor, Shooting Illustrated Magazine.**
- It's a great idea for handicapped individuals or elderly suffering from arthritis. My keychain comment is a valid one. Muggers approach someone and demands the keys. Fake set of keys in purse with PP

attached. Well here you go. Bang. 3PG's. Palm Pistol Packin' Grannies.

- I'll chime in here - it is not designed for guys like us that have no problem with a full size weapon. This is designed entirely for the elderly and those with mobility issues. The trigger is the thumb button. Its designed as a means to protect yourself say....like if you were stuck in a wheelchair and maybe...almost paraplegic...but had some mobility of your hand..finger...etc...and let's face it...if you are in a chair, there is a good damn possibility that the BG is gonna be standing over you anyway, so aim is almost non existent...more like a gut gun. If we are about self defense, then dammit, we are about self defense, and should not pick and chose, and alienate those that might want to carry, or have something even of this type if they can't carry anything else.
- It is what it is. A weapon designed with folks who would not physically be able to wield they typical firearm. This item was first mentioned in the same breath as having a physical disability section on CCF. I am all for anything that will allow someone who would otherwise be more susceptible to attack than others to have an edge or a fighting chance. If it only being single shot is a problem, the user can readily carry more than one... is not the fastest reload another gun?
- I personally think that the concept is a good idea and would definitely consider it if I was not physically able to use a different weapon. Wouldn't mind owning one now.
- It's better than nothing for people with degenerative arthritis or missing limbs/hands/fingers who are simply incapable of using a conventional handgun. And, more importantly, it is being marketed as such. If one reads the website and the specifications, it is clear that this gun was designed from the outset for use by the disabled. So in my mind, it is not a "toy" by any means. Its actually a pretty good idea,

albiet one that applies to a pretty narrow segment of customers. Would I own one? No. Chop off half my hand or a bunch of my fingers though...and I might reconsider.

- Took half my ring finger off on my shooting hand (plastic surgeon put it back together, did a good job I think). Anyway, could have been several fingers so something like that would come in handy if I couldn't hold a pistol without limp wristing it. Wouldn't mind my mom who has arthritis carrying one since she can't carry anything at all. Thankfully she doesn't drive so me or my brothers are carrying when we take her out and she has dogs at her house. Probably better than pepper spray, if only slightly.
- I would want more shots, but it wasn't made for me. I have full use of my hands and fingers. But for those who have lost digits or have heavy arthritis or nerve damage or such, it would be better than going unarmed.
- I think it's far better than pepper spray. It's totally inadequate against an assailant who has a gun of his own...but as a "contact weapon" for use by the disabled it would be far better than a knife or spray or a stun gun. I'm trying to imagine the wound channel you would get if you stuck the barrel of that thing into someone's gut and blasted off a +P 158 gr solid wadcutter. Nasty. Beats pepper spray all to hell. Assuming he survived, a would-be-rapist would have one hell of a time trying to maintain an erection if he was bleeding out from a wound like that. If your mindset is to view this weapon as a "gun" in the traditional sense, it is a poor choice. If you view it as a last-ditch "contact weapon" to be used by a disabled person, it's actually pretty bad-ass.
- I know nothing about the manufacturer and the final product may be garbage, but the idea of designing a "gun" from the ground up specifically for the disabled is unique. As a business plan it is damn smart considering

the aging population, IMHO. One feature not mentioned so far is compared to pepper spray or a cane this thing is going to make a lot of noise which would hopefully attract additional assistance. As someone pointed out, as a contact weapon of last resort for a disabled person, it will be a bad-ass. The powder burns alone will give someone pause.

- It's unfortunate that this gun has only one round capacity. However, this is a great advancement in firearms for people who have limited use of their hands. I'm sure there are plenty of people who could use something like this. This is something that should have been around years ago. I can understand a negative initial reaction from some people but this gun isn't for them! Most of the members here wouldn't have a use for a palm pistol. But for people whose hand dexterity is restricted to the point where buttoning their own shirt is a challenge this could make carrying a firearm possible again!! Thanks for the post, I'll be looking forward to seeing how well this gun functions and how it works for people who can't, or have great difficulty, shooting traditional handguns.
- My concern is the "novelty" of it, much like when that other certain Ruger was released a few years ago. This may turn into "the gun for those that don't like guns/want to carry a gun". Know what I mean? I guess I'm worried about uninformed and uneducated bandwagon-jumpers if this thing becomes a hit. Not that being armed is a bad thing in any case, but again, those who are undergunned and don't realize or accept it. The foundation of the non-service caliber argument seems to be "it's still better than the .45 at home in the safe..." Utilized for its intended demographic and purpose, I like it the more I think about it. Part of me thinks there is still a better solution out there than this single-shot wonder, but it's a step in the right direction.

- I have been following the Palm Pistol since I first read about it years ago. As a disabled veteran, I can appreciate what it would do for my personal protection needs and am looking forward to it being completed and marketed.
- For the record I'll admit that I never thought the design would be approved by the ATF, not even after they initially approved it. Obviously I was wrong and I'll own up to it. This thing really looks like it's going to hit the market sometime soon and that makes me happy.
- Sure laugh now, but for those of us older guys who have had major damage to their hands, this is a future solution.