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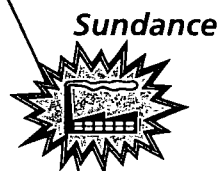
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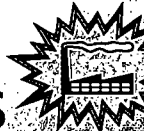
# Ring of Fire

The Handgun Makers of Southern California



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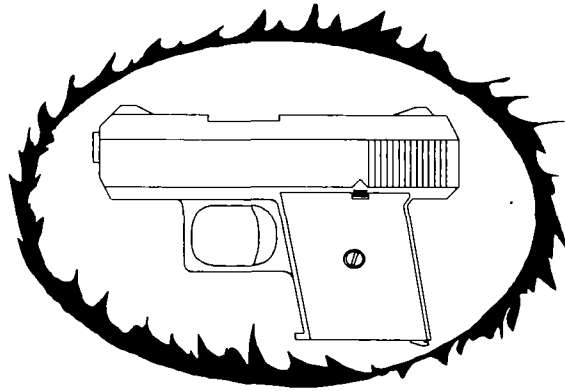


Lorcin



Bryco

A Report from the Violence Prevention Research Program



**Addendum  
to  
Ring of Fire  
Companies  
and  
What They  
Make**

**A**fter this report went to press, *Gun Tests* published its evaluation of the 9mm pistols from Bryco Arms and Lorcin Engineering.<sup>1</sup> Summaries of their findings follow. As discussed in the report, the introduction of 9mm pistols extends the Ring of Fire companies' reach into the medium-caliber market. The new guns are apparently a commercial success; *Gun Tests*' dealer sources tell them these guns "are among their hottest selling nines on any given day."

### **Bryco Arms Model 59**

The evaluation was subtitled, "Unreliable, Not Accurate." The Model 59's "handling characteristics were mediocre, at best," and its "performance was terrible." Poorly-made magazines resulted in numerous failures to feed ammunition. In some cases the unfired cartridge was left protruding, bullet end out, from the pistol's ejection port. The evaluators concluded that, even given the gun's low price, "[a] somewhat reliable performance isn't too much to ask, ... and we didn't get that." Improvements will be necessary before *Gun Tests* "would even consider recommending" this gun.

## **Lorcin Engineering L9MM**

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" 'Unacceptable' is the only way we can describe the Lorcin's operation," *Gun Tests* wrote. The supposedly 13-round magazine would only accept three rounds at first, and only six after machining by *Gun Tests* staff. After just 37 rounds were fired, a critical internal part of the gun broke, making it impossible to operate. *Gun Tests'* simple conclusion: "Stay away from this one."

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