

Best of the Best

Most of the replica SAAs have come over from Italy, but now we're getting ones made right here in this country in a brand new facility. Those are the U.S. Firearms Mfg. Co.'s single actions. And they are beauties. The USFA, as it is being called, will make anything that was found on original Colt SAAs. At SHOT Show 2004 I ordered a 7½" barreled .44-40 built just as one would have appeared circa 1880. When it arrived it was all that I had asked for. Besides having perfect polish with its deep blue finish and real color case hardening done by Doug Turnbull, it



The U.S. Firearms Co.'s copies of the Colt SAA are now 100 percent made in America. You can order any feature found on original Peacemakers such as the cone shaped firing pin.



had all those little features that made it like an 1880s Frontier Six Shooter. Those were the fine sights, black-powder frame and cone-shaped firing pin. To top it off, the accuracy delivered by it was great. Twelve shot groups under 2" were common and some cut ragged holes. Firing from standing, two-handed hold, at 50 feet it printed groups exactly at the aiming point. And all this was just as the gun came from its box. So much for the charge that new replicas, reproductions, and reintroductions aren't as good as the originals!