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When I purchased my Yugo M-48s the stocks were not half as oily as the two Yugo SKS Rifles that I recently picked up. Both the M-48 and the Yugo SKS stocks are made of the same dark and very dense wood. I had to spend

hours seeping the oil out of the stock. The stock was almost crying oil! Yes, I did say Rifles and not Carbines. Any firearm that weighs 9lbs 4ozs and is 43.9 inches long is not a Carbine!

The Yugo M59/66 SKS is an improved model of the original SKS Carbine. The two I picked up had been modified to make them California legal. The NATO grenade launchers had been removed and replaced with a fairly large muzzle brake. Both rifles came with a sling, leather ammunition pouches, and a cleaning kit. Both were in almost new/unissued condition.



I purchased both at <http://www.rcgunex.com/>.



Note: I also picked a very cool bipod for the SKS and AK style rifles, at the same place. This bipod is very substantial, well made, easy to operate, and made of heavy steel. It easily clamps to the front of the barrel and really

stabilizes the rifle while shooting. For around \$15.00 it is an excellent deal. I have paid more for cheesy plastic models.

Once at the range I loaded up some ammo on stripper clips and starting sighting in. The first thing I noticed is when you are shooting the 7.62x39 round from a 9lbs 4oz rifle, there is "little to no" recoil.





I have other SKS carbines/rifles of various manufacturers and I would have to say this is the most sturdy model I have handled. This thing is a battle rifle with some girth to it. Overall, I am very pleased with my purchase.

All of the metal parts on the rifle just seem heavier and better made. The stripper clips slide into the receiver very easy without any resistance. I tried a couple fast fire drills by firing off 50 rounds in less than a couple minutes and the barrel and gas assembly did not seem over heated, as I would have expected.



Trigger pull was crisp and light. No noticeable ridges or bumps that I have noticed on other SKSs. I was able to easily learn exactly where the break would occur and just pull right through. Because of this I was able to group fairly well while even rapid firing, placing almost all the 50 rounds in the black.



Even the rear sights are much better made and easy to use (as shown in **figure 7**). The sight picture is much more precision and clearer than the normal SKS rear sights that I have in my collection. It is almost comparable

to a Mauser rear sight.

Getting down to the meat of the report; accuracy was excellent. In my previous report on SKS Carbines I reported that accuracy was definitely a learned ability on the SKS due to the trigger creep and hefty pull, if it was ever to be achieved. On my two new Yugo SKS, this was not the case. I was able to pull in pretty reasonable groupings (as shown in **figures 8 and 9**).



If you get an opportunity to pick up one or a couple of these beauties, you may want to! I am pleased I did. The only problem is that I may not pay as much attention to my other SKS

Rifles/Carbines, somehow they seem less than before. The ammo is really inexpensive (around \$.06 to \$.09 per round if you watch for sales) and widely available. To top it all off, 1) the Yugo is a lot more fun to shoot than a .22 rifle and 2) it makes considerably bigger holes and 3) you can get one for around the same

price as a new .22 semi-automatic rifle! (\$150 - \$300 range)

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