

## **AR**ACCESSORIES

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## NO MORE SORE THUMBS

THE MAGPUMP TAKES THE WORK OUT OF LOADING A MAGAZINE.

o you like to shoot or do you like to load magazines? I must admit, there is something mesmerizing about sitting on the range, feeling the breeze through my beard while pressing 5.56mm cartridges into the sharp lips of a 30 rounder. Loading magazines has a somewhat cathartic effect on me, but, ultimately, I like to shoot a lot more than I like to load.

When I first heard of the MagPump,

I guessed it to be another gimmick that would require laying rounds out on a board in a particular order. Not so. Here is how it works.

Dump rounds into the hopper at the top of the MagPump, slide a magazine in the side of the MagPump, push the lever and prepare to be amazed as each stroke inserts another round into the magazine. The rounds dumped into the hopper don't have to be laid a certain

MAGPUMP	
Туре	Mag loader
Models	AK47, AR-15, 9mm Luger
Capacity	90 rds. (AK47, AR-15)
MSRP	\$150-\$400
Manufacturer	MagPump magpump.com

direction either. As rounds drop, the weight of the bullet in the loaded cartridge spins the rounds into the drop channel and they slide into the magazine. It's amazing. You can load 90 rounds in less than 90 seconds.

The fun really began when I brought the MagPump to a Viking Tactics Carbine Course. As we talked smack and hotwash the previous drills, shooters took turns pumping as others dropped cartridges into the hopper. Before we knew it, everyone had hydrated, relaxed and had four loaded magazines in their pouches ready to get back to learning.

The MagPump is not only ready for action, but it's proudly made in the USA. What comes next might even be more earth shattering than the 5.56/.223 MagPump: the 9mm MagPump. You can insert a magazine and go even faster than with the rifle version. The loader also comes with several adapters to easily go from SIG Sauer to Glock to Smith & Wesson M&P pistols — you pick the poison. More adapters are in the pipeline.

Stay on the range, stay tuned and tell your thumbs they only have to hang in there a little longer — the MagPump is coming to save the day.

