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The ASP

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I'm sure all of us remember the original "Compact 9" from Armament Systems and Procedures. The original ASP pistol was a cut-down Model 39 Smith & Wesson designed for personal defense situations. The firm made no bones about it: This was a gun designed for professionals who wanted a compact auto pistol wrapped around a more serious caliber than .25, .32 and .380.

With guns like the S&W 3913 (similar to the discontinued ASP pistol), Sig 225 and Colt Officer's Model currently available, custom guns like the ASP M-39 are simply not in demand any more. However, Armament Systems and Procedures is still in business and doing better than ever before. They no longer make an ASP pistol, but

they do make one of the best impact weapons currently available.

The ASP Expandable or "tactical operations" baton is unique in that it telescopes similar to the rabbit ear antennas on inexpensive televisions. This feature makes the ASP very handy and easy to carry, unlike other batons that can become cumbersome and more likely than not, end up being left in the car. The ASP comes in three sizes and two finishes, so that it can be tailored to your own needs. Sizes are 6" to 16", 8" to 21" and 9" to 26". Finishes are black chrome and nickel plating. There are also two grip styles, one with a black foam padding and another with a textured metal.

The baton is totally seamless and has a Rockwell hardness of 55C. This is a hardness similar to a quality knife blade. I tried to bend or break one of the demo batons I had on hand and while I was able to finally bend a 26" model around a tree trunk, it was accomplished only on the third baseball-bat type of swing. This is more than hard enough for an impact weapon designed

for anti-personnel use.

More and more, police tactical teams, including the FBI Hostage Rescue Team, are adopting some type of impact weapon. In fact, Armament Systems and Procedures has received enough requests from tactical teams that they now offer a black nylon belt holster for the baton. If your team is interested in filling the "continuum of force" between hands and firearms, check out the ASP.

For information, write Armament Systems and Procedures at Box 1794, Appleton, WI 54912 or call them at (920) 735-6242.
