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## *Performance Airguns*

### Daisy Model 693 Powerline BB Pistol Review

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#### Manufacturer's Specifications

- **Weight:** 1.10 lbs
- **ACTION:** CO2 powered semi-automatic
- **SIGHTS:** Blade and ramp front, fixed open rear
- **SAFETY:** Manual trigger block
- **MAX. MUZZLE VELOCITY:** 400 fps.
- **CALIBER:** .177 (4.5mm) BB
- **OVERALL LENGTH:** 7.9 in.
- **STOCK/FOREARM/GRIP:** Molded brown checkered
- **BARREL:** Smooth bore steel
- **CAPACITY:** 15 shot, drop-in clip

#### Good Points

- Accurate
  - Above average power
  - Well proportioned
  - Removable magazine
  - Grip safety
- E ● Easy to service

#### Bad Points

- Stiff trigger out of the box
- Plastic construction
- Non-adjustable sights

## General Notes

Being in the market for a reasonably priced Co2 pistol for plinking in the backyard, I had narrowed my search down to the 15xt or the 693. Although both pistols offer many of the same features, the 693 won out due to its removable magazine. In the event of a BB jam, it would be easier to clear than the 15xt which would require complete disassembly and since 3 additional magazines can be obtained for under \$10.00, you can spend more time shooting and less time loading BBs.

## Fit and finish

Although this gun is plastic like most BB guns in this price range, the quality of the **plastic is impressive**. The frame is a low gloss silver with most other parts being semi-gloss black. The only area where the plastic is sub-standard is the **grips which simply feel cheap**. This is due in part to their glossy finish and thin construction.

Unlike many other plastic guns, there are no rattles or squeaks caused by loose fitting parts. The fact that all of the plastic parts attach to a **metal backbone** hiding within the gun is largely responsible for the solid feel.

## Velocity and accuracy

Velocity testing shows that the gun shoots very close to the figures advertised by Daisy. At 69 degrees I found the average velocity to be **389 feet per second**. With higher temperatures, I would expect to see 400 fps. or better. This is more than enough to penetrate both sides of a soda can at 20 yards.

Accuracy is where this gun really shines in my opinion. Out of the box you can expect **1-1.5 inch groups at 10 yards** depending on your trigger control. The fact is that the **trigger pull does not make it easy** to obtain good groups but practice and familiarity will improve that. It is also rather easy to improve the trigger on this gun by smoothing the lever which actuates the hammer and doing so reduces the groups to 1 inch at 10 yards. This is good enough to allow 5 of 5 shots to hit a soda can at 10 yards and 3 of 5 shots to hit the same can at 20 yards depending on ammunition quality.

## The bottom line

The thing to keep in mind when considering the purchase of a BB gun is that they can't be compared to pellet guns as far as accuracy is concerned. A lead pellet will always have the potential for more accuracy over a greater distance than any BB.

A BB gun is perfect for plinking cans since ammunition is less than 1/4 the price of that used in a pellet gun and accuracy isn't as important. It also allows you to expend 15 shots as quickly as you can pull the trigger which is **hard to beat** with a pellet gun at any price.

With this in mind, I feel confident saying that the 693 is **perhaps the best BB pistol on the market** for its price. It **won't rival a pellet gun** by any means however, it does offer enough velocity and accuracy for it to be an enjoyable gun to shoot. Based on its solid design, you will be doing a lot of shooting with it over the years if you treat it with care.