

COLT LAW ENFORCEMENT TEST & EVALUATION PROGRAM



WELCOME & PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in Colt's Law Enforcement Test & Evaluation (T&E) Program. Colt is proud to support law enforcement professionals by offering temporary access to our trusted firearms for departmental evaluation. The T&E program is designed to support agencies in making informed decisions as part of their procurement or product review processes.

This document outlines the T&E process, provides required forms, and includes key guidelines for handling and returning T&E firearms—including NFA-regulated items. Please review the contents carefully.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Requests must come from verified law enforcement agencies (federal, state, county, or municipal).
- The purpose must be tied to procurement, training, or operational evaluation.
- Agencies must submit a request form, a letter on official agency letterhead, and a completed Tax Exemption Certificate (TTB Form 5600.35).
- T&E firearms must be returned in good condition within 120 days, unless otherwise approved.

Download the Tax Exemption Certificate form here: [TTB F 5600.35 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE \(USE BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS\)](#)



T&E REQUEST FORM

Submit with official letter and exemption certificate

Agency Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Contact Name

Title

Email Address

Phone Number

Number of Sworn Officers

Firearms Intended for Purchase

Quantity & Intended Use

Target Procurement Timeline

Purpose of Evaluation

Agency-Wide Issue

Tactical Team

Other

Firearm(s) Requested (Model/Caliber)

Current Duty Weapon (Make/Caliber)

Name

Signature

Date



SAMPLE T&E LETTER TEMPLATE

Must be on official agency letterhead

Date:

To:

Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC
Attn: LE Sales
545 New Park Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06110
Email: lesales@colt.com

From:

[Agency Name]
[Contact Name, Title]
[Agency Address]
[Agency ORI #]

Our department has spoken with [Colt Representative Name] and requests to test the following firearm(s):

- [Insert SKU, Model, and Caliber]

[Include agency address, contact name & number to receive the firearm shipment. Must be a physical street address.]

We acknowledge responsibility for the return of these firearms at our expense within 60 days of receipt. We currently issue [Brand/Model/Caliber] and employ [X] sworn officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to evaluate Colt firearms.

Sincerely,

[Chief/Sheriff/Agency Head Name & Title]



NFA ITEMS ONLY: RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Applicable ONLY for agencies issued T&E NFA-regulated firearms

Do NOT return NFA items until the ATF Return Form 5 is approved.

Return Procedure:

1. Sign the pre-filled ATF Form 5 provided with your shipment or via email.
2. Submit the signed form to ATF for approval at nfafx@atf.org.
3. Request an RMA and FedEx return label from your Colt LE Sales contact.
4. Upon receiving the approved Form 5, email a copy to Colt Compliance at lesales@colt.com
5. Await Colt's confirmation that return is authorized before shipping the NFA firearm(s).

For any questions throughout the return process, contact the Colt LE Sales Team at lesales@colt.com.



AFTER-ACTION EVALUATION FORM

Optional but appreciated

Evaluation Category	Rating (1=Poor, 5=Excellent)	Comments
Overall Performance	1 2 3 4 5	
Trigger Feel	1 2 3 4 5	
Magazine Release Functionality	1 2 3 4 5	
Grip Comfort & Control	1 2 3 4 5	
Sight Visibility & Adjustment	1 2 3 4 5	
Ergonomics	1 2 3 4 5	
Ease of Field Stripping & Cleaning	1 2 3 4 5	
Accuracy (List Ammo Used)	1 2 3 4 5	
Likelihood of Purchase	1 2 3 4 5	
Desired Features Not Present	Yes No N/A	

Please send completed evaluations to your Colt LE Sales Manager.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Colt Law Enforcement Sales Team Email: lesales@colt.com
Phone: [Insert contact number if applicable]
Address: 545 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110

Thank you for your partnership and your service.

Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC