

Personal Defense Handgun Recommendations

I can recommend these handguns for personal protection and concealed carry. My recommendations are based on first-hand experience.

My recommendation standards concern accuracy, concealability and reliability. There are many other fine handguns that I have not reviewed. I did not list handguns that I've reviewed which didn't meet my standards.

Some of the models of these pistols are available in different calibers and with other options.

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| | Firearm | Comments |
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| 1 | <p>Glock 26</p>  | <p>9mm, 10-round magazine; 15-, 17- and 30-round 9mm Glock magazines will also fit and function.</p> <p>After-market extended magazine floor plates add length to the grip.</p> <p>Lots of kydex holsters available (I like Safariland's ALS, Blackhawk's Serpa, Fobus, and Uncle Mikes).</p> |
| 2 | <p>Kahr P9</p>  | <p>9mm, 7-round magazine, longer trigger pull than Glock, but smooth.</p> <p>Very flat/thin and comfortable to carry in inside-pants holster. Comes in polymer or steel frames.</p> <p>The grip frame is too small on my hand, but persons with smaller hands may appreciate its small size.</p> <p>Other models available.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Glock 19</p>  | <p>9mm, 15-round magazine, slightly larger than Glock 26. 17- and 30-round magazine also fit.</p> <p>Ported barrel versions are <u>NOT RECOMENDED</u> for point shooting from the hip.</p>  <p>FORCE-OPTIONS.COM</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Sig Arms P239</p>  | <p>9mm, 8-round, single-stack magazine.</p> <p>Compact, no sharp edges.</p> <p>It costs a few bucks more than a Glock, but it is Sig Sauer quality. After-market grips are available.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Springfield XD subcompact</p>  | <p>9mm, 10-round magazine (larger magazines also fit), more features than Glock.</p> <p>Trigger pull is “spongier” Glock. Magazines are stainless steel. Ambidextrous magazine release, loaded chamber indicator, cocking indicator.</p> <p>Grip safety is awkward when trying to lock slide to rear manually.</p> <p>Lots of good holster choices for the XD series pistols.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Ruger SR9C</p>  | <p>9mm, 10+1 capacity, is sold with both a 10-round and 17-round magazine. Ambidextrous magazine release buttons, and safety levers. Loaded chamber indicator, gripping grooves front and rear.</p> <p>Reasonably priced with many features. My favorite carry pistol! I prefer the black slide over the stainless steel.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Ruger SR22</p>  | <p>.22 lr caliber, two 10-round magazines. Ambidextrous safety levers and magazine release buttons. Gripping grooves front and rear, accessory rail, and two sizes of molded rubber grips. So far, the pistols that I have used will feed several types of .22 cal. Ammunition.</p> <p>This is my favorite .22 cal pistol!</p> <p>Although FOBUS offers a kydex holster for this model, I was unable to find one for sale. I bought two custom kydex holster from Tac-tec-Cal out of Utah. Great holsters.</p> |

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| 8 | <p>Firestorm 22</p>  | <p>.22 lr, 10-round magazine, magazine disconnect safety, double-action/single-action, rubber stocks.</p> <p>Only use Remington Golden™ hollow point ammo (for reliability). Good accuracy. Made by Bersa. Alloy frame.</p> <p>This is a great all-around pistol. Good for learning, training and just fun shooting too. Made by Bersa – sold by Firestorm. Magazines a difficult to find.</p> <p>Fobus makes a Kydex right-hand holster for the .380 ACP version that will work for this pistol too.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Beretta 21 Bobcat</p>  | <p>.22 Long Rifle, 7-round magazine, small, light, double-action/single action, which can be loaded without pulling the slide to the rear (tip-up barrel).</p> <p>Very concealable with an Uncle Mike's inside-the-pocket holster.</p> <p>For very close range (under 9 yards). Carry a second magazine for sure. Taurus P-22 is similar but it is a double-action-only pistol.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Sig P238</p>  | <p>.380ACP, one 6-round magazine.</p> <p>Single-action, pleasant to shoot, flat & compact. Sig offers this pistol in many variations.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Star BM</p>  | <p>9mm, single-action, 9+1 rounds.</p> <p>Inexpensive when available used, but spare magazines may be difficult to find. Nice & flat.</p> <p>Scaled-down version of the Colt 1911 style single-action pistol. All steel construction.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FORCE-OPTIONS.COM</p> </div> |