

PRODUCT REVIEW

RUGER LCR

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POCKET REVOLVER (9X19MM)



The Ruger LCR (c. 2010) is a small double-action-only (DAO) revolver that is widely considered to be the best pocket gun ever made, with the 5-shot 9mm variant being the best as it has very good stopping power without the excessive recoil and muzzle flash/blast of the magnum variants which are inefficient with the short 1.88" barrel.

With the polymer lower and steel upper this groundbreaking revolver is the equivalent of the Glock semi-auto pistol, is simple to use, reliable, durable, robust, and has the best trigger pull on any mass production pocket revolver.

If a round fails to go off (due to a defective primer) you can instantly fire the next round by simply pulling the trigger of a revolver, whereas manually reloading a semi-auto pistol takes far longer. Unlike most semi-auto pistols, revolvers will fire when the barrel is pressed against an attacker, and will also fire from inside a jacket or vest pocket in an emergency thanks to the internal hammer that will not

catch on the lining, whereas all semi-auto pistols will likely jam after the first shot due to the reciprocating slide or ejection of the fired case being impeded, and might not fire at all if the pistol's barrel/slide is pushed out of battery if it is pushed forward against the inside of the pocket towards the attacker in order to aim it.

The 5-shot .38 Special variant is 3.5-oz lighter (aluminium upper) than the other variants which have a steel upper so has more recoil than the .357 Magnum variant loaded with the same .38 Special rounds, but the .38 Special round has less stopping power than the 9mm round.

The 6-shot .327 Federal Magnum variant is not recommended as this round does not outperform the 9mm round in a short 1.88" barrel and has much more muzzle flash/blast, while there is a limited range of ammunition for this unpopular round.

The 5-shot .357 Magnum variant has very heavy recoil (in addition to a lot of muzzle flash/blast), so if you want to

use such loads the 9-oz heavier Ruger SP101 is much better, though the SP101 needs a trigger/action job and a lighter 10-lb Wolf main spring to improve the trigger pull which is rough and heavy as it comes from the factory, is too heavy for most pockets (best in an IWB or waistpack type holster, in which case you may as well get the longer 3" barrel which substantially improves bullet velocity/energy), and is not suited to firing inside a pocket as it uses an external hammer.

The 9mm rounds should be placed in a full moon clip which greatly aids extraction of fired cases. Rounds can be loaded without such clips but the fired cases will need to be extracted with the aid of a rod to punch out each case (like a Monadnock D-Jammer Impact Tool which has a swivel key chain retainer and can be used as a non-lethal pain compliance tool).

Loaded clips can be bent in some situations, which could impede loading and rotation of the cylinder, so they should be carried in a protective holder to prevent damage.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ideal for jacket and vest pockets and an excellent backup weapon for a 9mm semi-auto pistol.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book.
[Blackheart International]

Field Bore Brush

Hoppe's BoreSnake.
[Hoppe's]

Cleaner/Lubricant

Slip 2000 725/Slip 2000 EWL.
[Slip 2000]

Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom Snap Caps.
[Lyman Products Corporation]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4 Sonic Defenders.
[SureFire]

Illuminated Front Sight

XS Standard Dot Tritium Front.
[XS Sight Systems]

Wood Grips

Secret Service Grips.
[Eagle Grips]

IWB Holster

The Workman.
[Mitch Rosen]

Flashlight

G2X Tactical.
[SureFire]



HOT TIP

Line a jacket or vest pocket with leather if you intend to carry the LCR inside it.