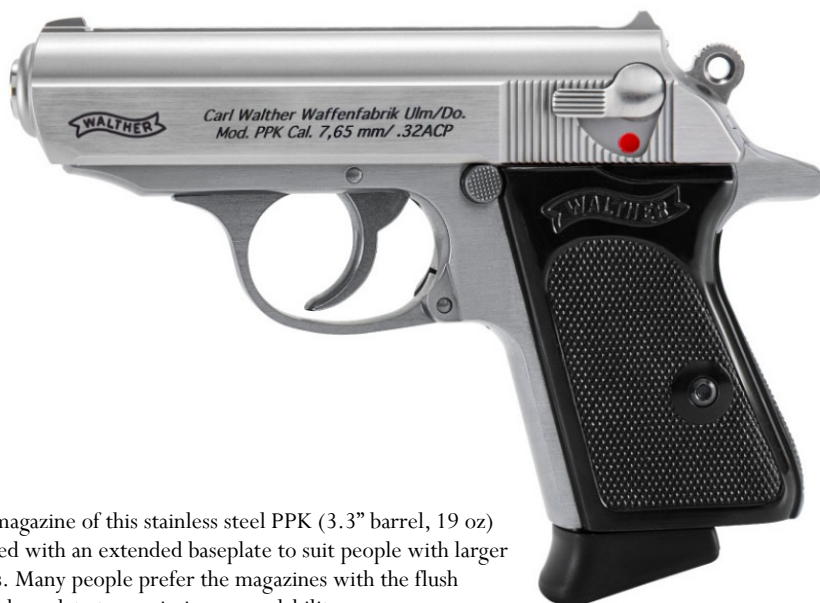


WEAPON GUIDE

WALTHER PPK

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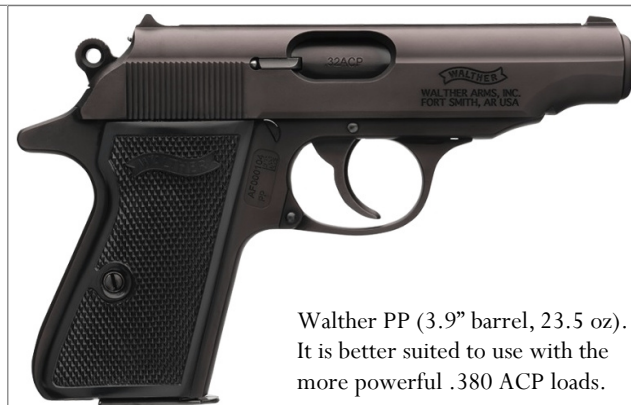
SELF-LOADING POCKET PISTOL (.32 ACP)



The magazine of this stainless steel PPK (3.3" barrel, 19 oz) is fitted with an extended baseplate to suit people with larger hands. Many people prefer the magazines with the flush metal baseplate to maximize concealability.

The Walther PPK (c. 1931) is a smaller subcompact variant of the Walther PP compact service pistol (c. 1929) developed by Carl Walther GmbH Sportwaffen, which uses a shorter grip, barrel and slide and shorter magazines that accept one less round than PP magazines.

The PP was one of the first successful double-action (DA) semi-automatic pistols, with a long, heavy trigger pull for the first shot whereby the trigger finger cocks and releases the hammer by applying pressure to the trigger, and a much shorter and lighter single-action (SA) trigger pull for subsequent shots as the reciprocating slide cocks the hammer after a shot is fired by harnessing the recoil energy of a fired round. Such a design makes it very safe to carry with the hammer



Walther PP (3.9" barrel, 23.5 oz). It is better suited to use with the more powerful .380 ACP loads.

decocked, which is achieved after loading by engaging the safety catch which doubles as a hammer decocking lever.

The PPK is intended for concealed use including pocket carry, though the weight of these steel frame pistols cause some to prefer an inside waistband (IWB), bellyband, crotch, or fanny pack holster for regular carry.

These blowback pistols are chambered for the .32 ACP,

.380 ACP and .22 LR rounds, with the .32 ACP variant ideal for people who want a reliable low recoil pistol with good stopping power.

The latest PPK, PPK/S (PP grip and PPK barrel/slide) and PP have an extended grip tang to help prevent 'hammer bite' and a lighter DA trigger that better suits smaller hands.

We recommend the Federal Personal Defense Hydra-Shok 32 Auto 65 Grain load.

SUMMARY

An excellent pistol for jacket pockets and inside waistband (IWB), bellyband and crotch holsters.

ACCESSORIES

Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book. [Blackheart International]

Cleaning Kit

BoreSnake Viper - Pistols & Revolvers (.30, .32), and BoreSnake Oil CLP. [Hoppe's]

Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom Snap Caps. [Lyman Products Corporation]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4. [SureFire]

Holster

BHYCS-TB Inside the Waist Scabbard with Thumb Break. [Black Hills Leather Store]

Tactical Flashlight

E1B Backup MaxVision. [SureFire]

HOT TIP 1

Have a gunsmith remove any sharp edges on the exterior of the pistol to improve shooting comfort during prolonged use at shooting ranges.

HOT TIP 2

Training magazines can suffer metal fatigue to their springs so don't use them for combat.