

WALTHER PPS M2

SMALL ARMS REVIEW TEAM

SUBCOMPACT SELF-LOADING PISTOL (9X19MM)



Walther PPS M2 with a seven round magazine (image courtesy of GunsHostersAndGear.com).

The Walther PPS M2 (c. 2016 pocket pistol is an improved version of the PPS (c. 2007) developed by Carl Walther GmbH Sportwaffen, which is essentially a Glock type striker fired pistol with a polymer frame. It is about the same size and weight as the Glock 43 but with superior ergonomics, a better trigger pull, and softer recoil.

Unlike Glocks, it also has a striker cocking indicator pin that protrudes from the rear of the slide when the trigger is pulled which also serves as a striker control device (SCD). Thus when you are holstering or unholstering the pistol you can keep your firing hand's thumb firmly on the rear face of the slide to stop the pin coming rearward if something catches on the trigger to help prevent an accidental discharge.



Walther PPS M2 magazines, in six, seven and eight round capacities.

Many Glocks can be fitted with an aftermarket SCD, but Glock ceased production of most of the models capable of being fitted with one in 2025 as they can be readily converted to automatic fire via a 'Glock Switch' type device, thus are banned in jurisdictions like California, while it is likely Glock will cease making the few models that can still be fitted with an SCD for said reason.

The PPS M2 comes standard with steel sights (Glocks use come standard with inferior polymer sights), while a number of companies make illuminated 'glow in the dark' sights which is desirable for low light situations.

We recommend the Federal Personal Defense 9mm 124 Grain Punch load and, for the recoil sensitive, Hornady's 9mm Luger 100gr FTX Critical Defense Lite load.

SUMMARY

An excellent defensive pistol for concealed carry with an IWB, bellyband or fanny pack holster.

ACCESSORIES

Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book. [Blackheart International]

Cleaning Kit

BoreSnake Soft Sided Cleaning Kit (34002 for .357/38/9mm handguns). [Hoppe's]

Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom 9mm Luger Snap Caps. [Lyman Products Corporation]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4. [SureFire]

High Visibility Sights

DXT Big Dot Night Sights. [XS Sight Systems]

Holster

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

Tactical Flashlight

G2X LE. [SureFire]



HOT TIP

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