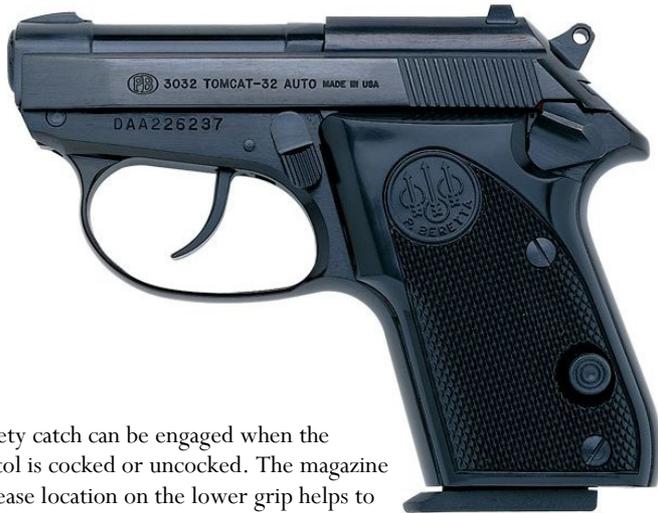


BERETTA 3032 TOMCAT

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SELF-LOADING POCKET PISTOL (.32 ACP)



Safety catch can be engaged when the pistol is cocked or uncocked. The magazine release location on the lower grip helps to prevent accidental activation.

The Federal Personal Defense Hydra-Shok 32 Auto 65 Grain load (123 ft-lbs) is recommended. This load has a good stopping power record (though markedly less than the more powerful 9mm and .38 Special loads, much less the .357 Magnum round) and has proven to be feed reliable in the Tomcat.

The Beretta 3032 Tomcat (c. 1996) was designed for people who have trouble loading and shooting conventional handguns.

The .32 ACP chambered Tomcat (7 round magazine) is ideal for people with a weak firing hand due to old age or a disability who cannot manage the heavy trigger pull of DA/DAO revolvers, lack the hand strength to pull back the slide of a 9x19mm pistol like the Glock 43 to load it, or find the recoil of more powerful handguns to be excessive.

The double action (DA) Tomcat has light recoil and can be easily loaded by placing a round directly into the chamber without having to pull the slide back thanks to its pivoting barrel feature. If you have trouble using the trigger in trigger-cocking mode (for the first shot) you can carry it cocked with the safety catch engaged in a holster (not loose in a pocket

where the safety catch might disengage due to movement).

A longer 2.9" barrel variant (a 2.4" barrel is standard) is threaded to accept a silencer.

Use blue Loctite 243 on the grip screws to keep them secure as the grips hold the recoil transfer levers on their pivot pins. If the grip screws loosen a lever can fall off its pin and cause the slide to jam.

Don't use high pressure +P rounds (or any ammunition that exceeds 130 ft-lbs/176 J muzzle energy) as doing so will compromise reliability and durability, with the light alloy frames being prone to cracking if one does so. All variants now have heavier slides to reduce the stress on the frame (not just the stainless steel Inox variant).



Barrel tips up to allow easy loading and safe decocking.

SUMMARY

The ideal handgun for people with a disability that prevents the efficient use of conventional handguns.

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 Corp.]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3or EP4. [SureFire]

Pocket Holster

MTR Custom Front Pocket Holster. [MTR Custom Leather]

Tactical Flashlight

E1B Backup MaxVision. [SureFire]

HOT TIP

To decock the hammer first tip the barrel up, disengage the safety catch by moving it down with your thumb, then use your thumb to lower the hammer with your thumb after pulling the trigger. This prevents any possibility of an accidental discharge.

HOT TIP

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