

GLOCK MODEL 17

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THE BEST 9MM SERVICE PISTOL?



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Gaston Glock's Model 17 (circa 1982) is the best service pistol thanks to its unmatched combination of simplicity, reliability, amazing durability and ergonomics.

The single-action (SA) mechanism of the Glock provides a consistently short trigger pull for every shot, much like a conventional SA pistol like the Browning Hi-Power, which uses an external hammer that adds complexity compared to the simple striker firing mechanism of the Glock.

The internal striker is partially cocked when the slide is moved fully rearwards, as occurs when chambering a round, while pulling the trigger completes the cocking process.

Chuck Taylor is a world renowned firearms expert who has a Model 17 with which he has personally fired more than 170,000 rounds without it breaking.

No other handgun has proven to be anywhere near as durable, in large part due to its impact absorbing polymer (plastic) frame which absorbs much of the shock that breaks most metal frame pistols with far fewer rounds.

Mr Taylor also found it to be highly rust resistant, as well as very easy to use and shoot well due to its shock absorbing polymer frame and excellent ergonomics.

If it is not carried in a holster it is best to leave the chamber unloaded as it is not fitted with a safety catch.

It has three passive safeties, including a trigger mounted lever that is meant to help prevent a discharge if the side of the trigger rubs up against part of a holster when it is being reholstered.

Users need to be sure their trigger finger is outside triggerguard when reholstering it to prevent an accidental discharge.

As tough as the Glock is, it is desirable to replace the standard coil type trigger coil spring with the optional New York No.1 leaf type trigger spring as it is more durable.

NY State Police wanted to reduce the incidence of accidental discharges so Glock introduced heavier leaf type trigger springs (No.1/No.2).

The 3.5-lb connector produces a 5.5-lb trigger pull when used with the NY No. 1 trigger spring, which would otherwise be 8-lbs with the standard 5.5-lb connector (11-lbs with the No.2 spring).

A heavy 8-lb trigger pull is desirable for police use and self-defence (11-lb is too heavy for any use), but for military use a lighter 5.5-lb trigger pull is best as it makes the Glock markedly easier to shoot well when you are exhausted or very cold.

MODEL 26 SUBCOMPACT

If you need a smaller pistol that will readily fit in a jacket pocket the 12-shot Model 26 is ideal, and makes an excellent backup for the full sized Model 17 as it can use the larger 17-shot magazines. Both pistols will except the long 33 round magazines

designed for the selective fire Model 18, which is essentially a Model 17 that has been modified so it can fire fully automatically like a machine gun.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

For nations whose soldiers use 9mm Parabellum chambered small arms the ergonomic Glock 17 is an excellent choice for militia use, as it has an unequalled reputation for reliability and durability, and is readily available.

ACCESSORIES

Illuminated Sights

24/7 Express Sights - Standard or Big Dot Tritium Front Sight. [XS Sight Systems]

Tactical Holster

SAS Mark VI Security Holster. [Eagle Industries]

Fanny Pack Holster

Safepacker Holster. [Wilderness Tactical Products]

XS 24/7 Express Sights



HOT TIP

Download the magazines to help prevent metal fatigue to springs (17 to 15, 12 to 10).

MANUFACTURER

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