

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: TOP-RANKED 40 S&W PISTOLS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Springfield XDM 3.8 Compact XDM9384CSHC 40 S&amp;W, \$769</b>	Oct 2011	<b>Grade A:</b> Testers said this one had versatility, accuracy, power, and style. “Sweet” trigger.
<b>Springfield XD40 SC HC XD-9822HCSP06 40 S&amp;W, \$566</b>	Jan 2007	<b>Grade A:</b> An Our Pick, the 2006 subcompact XD carries over superior ergonomics found on the full-size models.
<b>Kahr PM40 40 S&amp;W, \$814</b>	Nov 2004	<b>Grade A:</b> Our Pick, the PM40 was well made, reliable, and had enough accuracy for just about any purpose.
<b>Springfield Armory XD40 40 S&amp;W, \$489</b>	Oct 2002	<b>Grade A:</b> A Best Buy, we can’t think of another handgun selling for under \$500 that offers so much.
<b>Kahr PM40 No. 4043 40 S&amp;W, \$786</b>	Oct 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> With the shorter five-round magazine in place, the PM40 was our best bet for ankle carry.
<b>Springfield Armory EMP No. PL9240LP 40 S&amp;W, \$1329</b>	Oct 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> Perhaps the ultimate “Detective Special,” we think the EMP is destined to be a classic.
<b>Walther PPS No. WAP10002 40 S&amp;W, \$713</b>	Oct 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> For summertime carry or as a matching backup piece, the PPS may be hard to beat.
<b>Glock Model 27 40 S&amp;W, \$641</b>	Jan 2004	<b>Grade B+:</b> Very abbreviated grip, which can be solved for less than \$10.
<b>Springfield Sub-Compact XD 40 S&amp;W, \$498</b>	Nov 2004	<b>Grade B+:</b> Too heavy and bulky as a hideout, but it was a fine-performing and thoroughly reliable pistol.