CARACAL C COMPACT 9MM, $524

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

Capacity, ergonomics, and the Quick Sight makes sense in this configuration. This is a good fistful of gun for close quarters.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length ........................................ 7.1 in.
Overall Height ......................................... 4.6 in.
Barrel Length ........................................... 3.5 in.
Sight Radius .............................................. 1.8 in.
Front Strap Height ..................................... 1.95 in.
Back Strap Height ...................................... 3.2 in.
Weight Unloaded ....................................... 23.3 oz.
Weight Loaded (124 gr.) ............................... 32.0 oz.
Capacity .................................................. 15+1
Maximum Width ......................................... 1.25 in.
Grip Thickness (max) ................................. 1.2 in.
Grip Circumference ...................................... 5.7 in.
Frame ...................................................... Black Polymer
Barrel ......................................................... Steel
Slide ......................................................... Aluminum
Grip .......................................................... Textured Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action ............. 3.25 lbs.
Trigger Span Double Action ....................... 2.7 in.
Warranty ................................................... 1 Year
Telephone ............................................... (205) 655-7050
Website .................................................... Caracal.USA
Made In ..................................................... United Arab Emirates

The small sheet metal tab (arrow) was efficient for locking open the slide. But pressing it downward to release the slide was difficult. Pulling back on the slide was the preferred method of making the gun ready to fire.

The trigger utilized a hinged safety. A familiar feature on striker-fired pistols, it stalled trigger movement until compressed. Note the near vertical rake of the trigger. We think this improved leverage. The takedown latch was directly above the trigger. Magazine release buttons (arrow) were found on both sides of the pistol.

Both the front and the rear sights were mounted forward of the ejection port. We actually thought the Quick Sight system was more efficient on the Model C compact pistol (left) despite offering a shorter sight radius than the one found on the larger Model F pistol.