

Glock Model 30

Retail Price...\$668



SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: 1 Year

FINISH	Tenifer (Black)	SIGHT RADIUS	6.0 in.
WEIGHT (EMPTY)	26.6 oz.	CAPACITY	10+1 rds.
OVERALL LENGTH	6.9 in.	GRIP MATERIAL	Polymer
OVERALL HEIGHT	4.8 in.	ACTION TYPE	Glock
MAX. WIDTH	1.35 in.	TRIGGER PULL Wt. SA	7 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH	3.75 in.	TRIGGER REACH	3.5 in.

Our recommendation: Buy it. This carry gun, like the Kimber, has all the necessary self-defense features you need, if you can adapt to the Glock-action trigger.

curacy and reliability of the Glock. One of our testers pinched his hand while inserting the magazine before he learned the knack. One problem we had is that the slide lock was either bent or of the wrong shape because it was hard to operate.

We had one other complaint, common to all Glocks we've seen. The front sight is too wide for the rear sight notch. There isn't enough daylight between the two for the fastest sight pickup. If Glock could put a trigger pull of, say, five pounds maximum on this gun and have a cleaner, less spongy break, we think they'd sell lots more guns. That is all that's keeping one of our test shooters from buying his own. This one had a pull weight of right at 7 pounds, and it is spongy in feel. In case you didn't know, there is no safety lever on the Glock. The trigger is its own safety, and the gun can't fire unless the little protrusion on the trigger is first depressed.

With the mag in place the shooter can get a solid, full-hand grasp on the gun. The magazine bottom is thick enough to provide room for the third finger. Without it, only two

fingers hold the gun. By the way, none of the guns had a magazine safety, which we applaud.

This Glock had its square slide noticeably thinned at the front, which made for much easier holstering. The slide was still just as wide and blocky as the full-size Model 21 we tested last month, but the Model 30 was 1.3 inches shorter and almost 3 ounces lighter. We think a slimmer profile will also help Glock sell more guns. Glock now has such a .45, called the Model 36, that uses a single-stack magazine. We very much look forward to trying it.

GUN TESTS Recommends

✓ For cost, performance, and overall quality the Kimber Compact Custom, \$677, would be our first choice of these test guns as they came from the factories. It offers the most bang for the buck, didn't really need anything done to it, and looked great and shot great to boot. What more could you ask? Buy it.

✓ At \$813 the Colt's Concealed Carry Officer (CCO) is not inexpensive, and it needs attention to make

it right. However, its balance, light weight, outstanding handling qualities and great looks, combined with complete reliability, make it well worth spending a bit of extra money on.

✓ We couldn't fault the Glock 30, \$668, for accuracy or for function. It worked every time and beat all but the Kimber badly for accuracy. We know we would be able to shoot it better if it had a better trigger pull. We'll say it again, we're liking Glocks more and more. Be sure to look at the Glock if you need a reliable and compact .45. If you can live with its trigger, buy it.

● The Springfield LW Champion, \$629, felt and looked great, but we thought it ought to have shot better than it did. Also, we didn't like the razor-sharp edges or the takedown method. We really liked the full-size grip of this handgun, and if we could get its troubles repaired inexpensively it would be worth considering. ●

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