

GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: SMALL PISTOLS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
CZ USA CZ 83 No. 91302 380 ACP, \$522	May 2010	Grade A: Compact and efficient, the CZ 83 may be the best example of a TDA pistol we've tested.
Sig Sauer P238 No. 238-380-TSS 380 ACP, \$643	May 2010	Grade A: Sig Sauer has made the miniaturization of a 1911-styled pistol look easy.
Ruger LCP 380 ACP, \$330	June 2008	Grade A: No malfunctions. The Ruger LCP is a lightweight vest-pocket contender.
Ke-Tec P3AT 380 ACP, \$324	June 2008	Grade A: In a head-to-head Special Report, Ordorica preferred the P3AT over Ruger's then-new LCP.
Bersa FireStorm 380 ACP, \$307	Feb. 2008	Grade A: With a little practice we found the DA pull to be highly workable.
Ke-Tec P3AT 380 ACP, \$345	March 2004	Grade A (Our Pick): The P3AT has all the advantages of the P32 with more power.
Walther PPK 380 ACP, \$556	Feb. 2008	Grade B: The PPK had a heavy DA pull. The trigger didn't budge when we applied well over 12 pounds to it.
Sig Sauer P232 No. 232-380-SSS 380 ACP, \$900	May 2010	Grade B: Opt for the lightest, cheapest P232 with the slim polymer grips that offer greater concealment.
Colt Mustang Pocketlite 380 Auto, about \$500	April 2003	Grade B (Buy It): For concealed carry, has a (lighter) weight advantage over the other Colt.
Walther PK380 No. WAP40001 380 ACP, \$393	May 2010	Grade B-: Single-action-only capability was hindered by awkward safety. Limited grip surface on hammer.
Colt Mustang .380 Auto, about \$500	April 2003	Grade C (Conditional Buy): This all-steel Mustang had nothing that the aluminum-frame version couldn't do.
Beretta 85 FS Cheetah 380 ACP, \$575	April 2006	Grade C (Conditional Buy): We did not care for the long two-stage — almost three-stage — SA trigger pull.
Hi-Point Model CF .380, \$135	Feb. 2008	Grade C: The Hi-Point was less than stellar in fast-shooting at closer range because of its hefty trigger pull.
Walther USA PPK VAH38002 380 ACP, \$573	June 2008	Grade C: After performing the rapid-fire drills, our hands ached from recoil energy transmitted into our hands.
Taurus PT138BP-12, 1-138031P-12 380 ACP, \$419	June 2008	Grade D: We liked the way it felt when we were shooting fast, but it had malfunctions and light hits.
North American Arms Guardian .380 ACP, \$449	April 2006	Grade D (Don't Buy): Would we buy the Guardian? No. We like our bullets to strike close to where we aim.
Walther PPK 380 ACP, \$543	April 2006	Grade D (Don't Buy): We had a pleasant time with the PPK as long as we shot it single action.

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