

WALTHER PPK .380, \$556

Gun Tests grade: B+

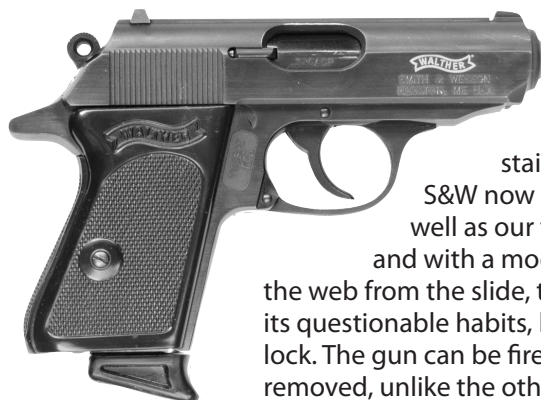
Clean lines, aura you can cut with a knife, and (now) perfect function are attributes of the S&W-made Walther PPK. Finish was superb. We felt the Bersa was a slightly better buy, but you won't go wrong with this one. We suspect the PPK will really shine in resale value over time.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	6.3 IN.	GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH.....	BLACK PLASTIC
BARREL LENGTH.....	3.3 IN.	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	5.0 LBS.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	4.3 IN.	TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	14.0 LBS.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	4.5 IN.	TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.9 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.2 IN.	TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION.....	3.3 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.4 IN.	WARRANTY	ONE YEAR
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	21 OZ.	TELEPHONE	(800) 372-6454
CAPACITY.....	6+1	WEBSITE OR EMAIL.....	WWW.WALTHERAMERICA.COM
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.1 IN.		
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.1 IN.		
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	4.9 IN.		
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH.....	BLUED STEEL		
BARREL	STEEL		
SLIDE MATERIAL/FINISH.....	BLUED STEEL		

The sights on the PPK were smaller than on the other two guns, but were perfectly proportioned. However, the front side of the rear blade will cut you. We would prefer white or tritium dots on the sights instead of red. The single rear dot is visible below the notch.



The PPK is also available in stainless for the same list price. S&W now makes this in .32 ACP as well as our test .380. Though a classic, and with a modern overhang to protect the web from the slide, the Walther is not without its questionable habits, like the absence of a slide lock. The gun can be fired with the magazine removed, unlike the other two.