

GLOCK G34 9MM, \$679
GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

The G34's track record, low price, and long list of easy-to-fit hop-up parts make it a favorite.

SPECIFICATIONS

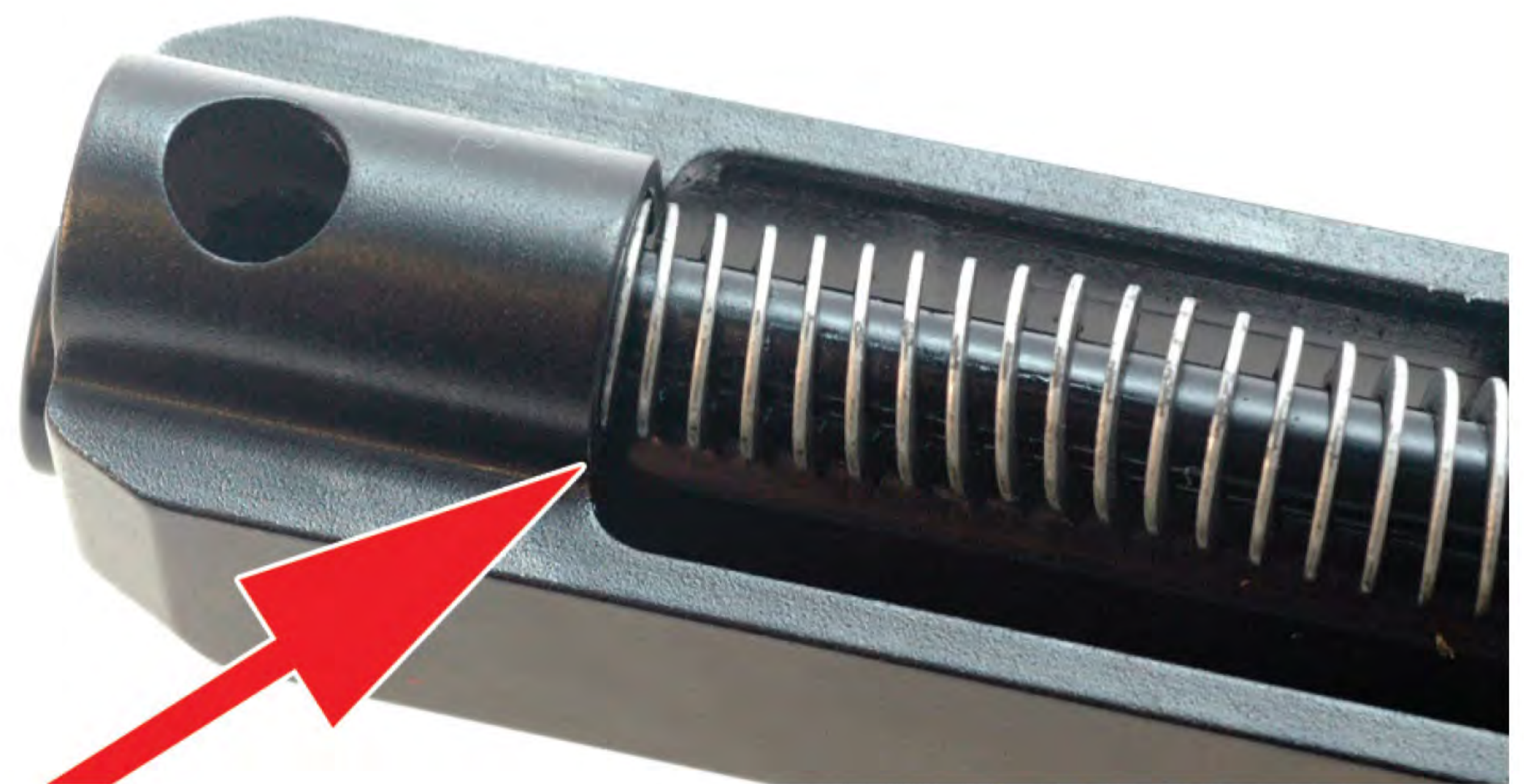
Overall Length.....	8.8 in.
Barrel Length.....	5.3 in.
Sight Radius.....	7.6 in.
Overall Height.....	5.1 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.5 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.5 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	23.3 oz.
Weight Loaded (147-gr).....	35.0 oz.
Capacity.....	16+1
Maximum Width.....	1.3 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.2 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	6.1 in.
Frame Material.....	Black Polymer
Barrel.....	Steel
Slide.....	Carbon Steel/Black Tenifer
Grip.....	Checkered Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight (Double Action).....	4.5 lbs.
Trigger Span (Double Action).....	2.8 in.
Made In.....	Austria/USA
Warranty.....	Lifetime
Telephone.....	(770) 432-1202
Website.....	www.Glock.com



In our action drills we pulled back on the slide to release it from lock back. That's a foolproof method on any pistol. But we could have saved time by pressing the oversized slide release (arrow).



The rear sight was adjustable for windage. Elevation changes are accomplished by changing the height of the front sight blade. We'd rate these sights as mediocre, and competitors typically change them out. This can be costly, but target sights are well worth the investment, our competitive testers said.



The flat wound spring was captured on a polymer guide rod. The recoil unit was buttressed against the rear of the yoke (arrow). Changing to an open recoil system with steel guide rod and standard coil matched to your ammunition is a popular modification.

Accessories such as the \$42 +5-round Taylor Freelance basepad, \$60 JP Enterprise magazine guide, and \$18 slip-on Glocktail beavertail extension (the G34 isn't a Gen4) are examples of inexpensive parts available from catalogs such as www.Brownells.com. Parts like these and other more sophisticated parts can make the G34 competitive in a wide range of classes.

