

RUGER LC9 9MM, \$443
GUN TESTS GRADE: C

We think Ruger made a very attractive copy of the Kel-Tec PF-9. They changed the name to LC9, and added some features shooters might enjoy. One is a manual safety on the left side of the frame. Ruger omitted the light rail and extended the trigger guard forward. The trigger travel is essentially identical for both guns. Ruger's contouring is nice for some, but it put our thumb in the wrong place.

The long finger extension on the magazine and an extra 2.5 ounces empty weight made this a comfortable gun to shoot, but we didn't like the trigger pull. We didn't like the extra \$110 either.

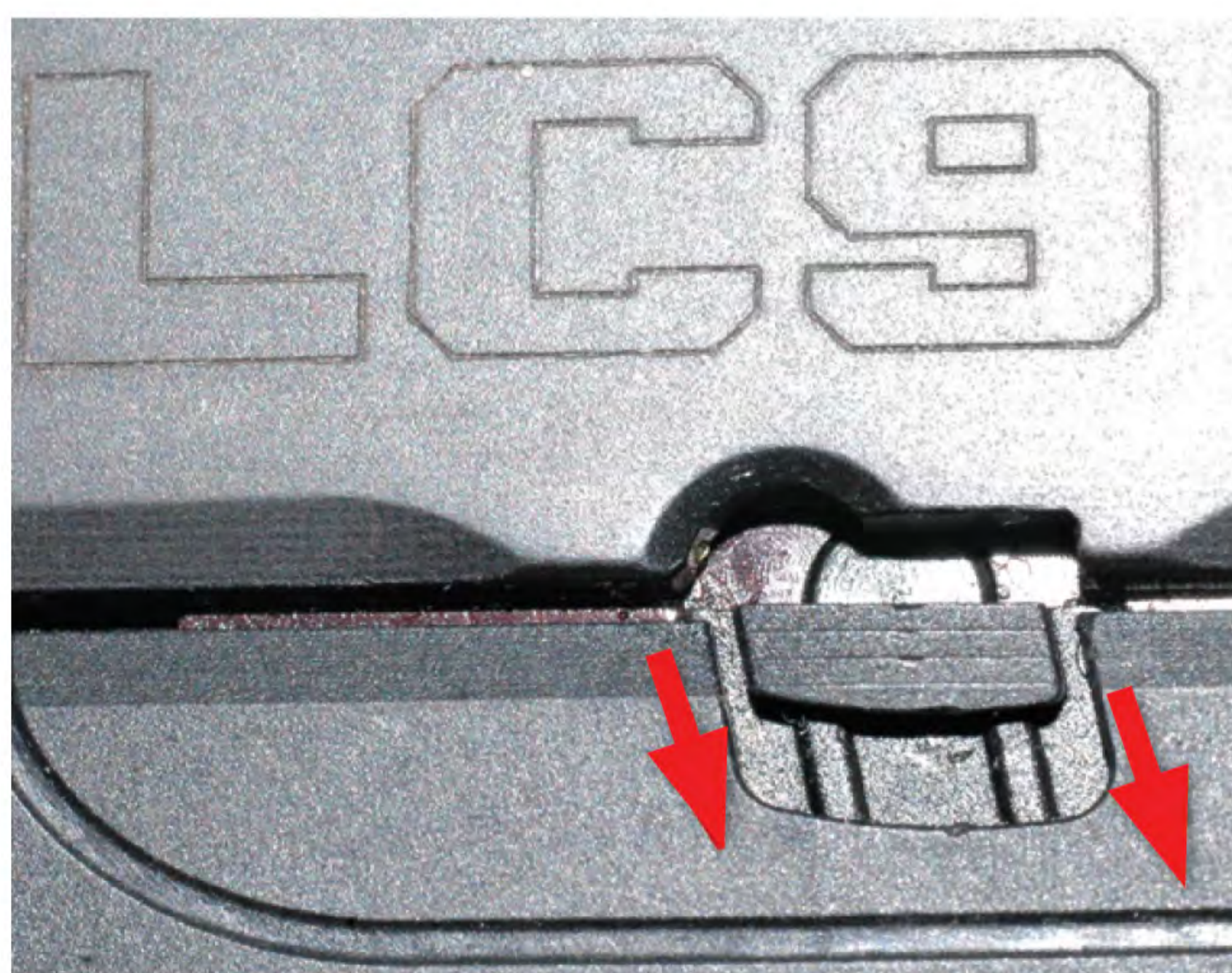


SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	6.0 in.
Overall Height	4.5 in.
Barrel Length	3.1 in.
Sight Radius	4.6 in.
Front Strap Height	2.3 in.
Back Strap Height	2.7 in.
Weight Unloaded	17.1 oz.
Weight Loaded (147 gr.)	21 oz.
Capacity	7+1
Maximum Width	1.05 in.
Grip Thickness (Max)	0.97 in.
Grip Circumference (Max)	5.0 in.
Frame	Matte-Black Polymer
Grip	Matte-Black Polymer
Barrel	Blued Alloy Steel
Slide	Blued Alloy Steel
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	7.4 lbs.
Trigger Span Double Action	3.3 in.
Warranty	None Written
Telephone	(603) 863-3300
Website	www.Ruger-Firearms.com



Rugers' takedown is different from the Kel-Tec. That little pin can be pulled out without locking the slide back, and that makes it easier to get the gun back together. Ruger also provided a flat mag floorplate if you want it.



That two-legged item is a door. To take the gun apart, force that door down with a soft-edged prybar or a strong fingernail.



That exposes the cross pin, but the slide blocks it from falling out until you move the slide slightly rearward. Be sure the gun is unloaded, remove the pin, and the slide can be removed.



The cross pin is shown here coming out. When you put the gun back together, be sure to close the door, or the pin can easily fall out.