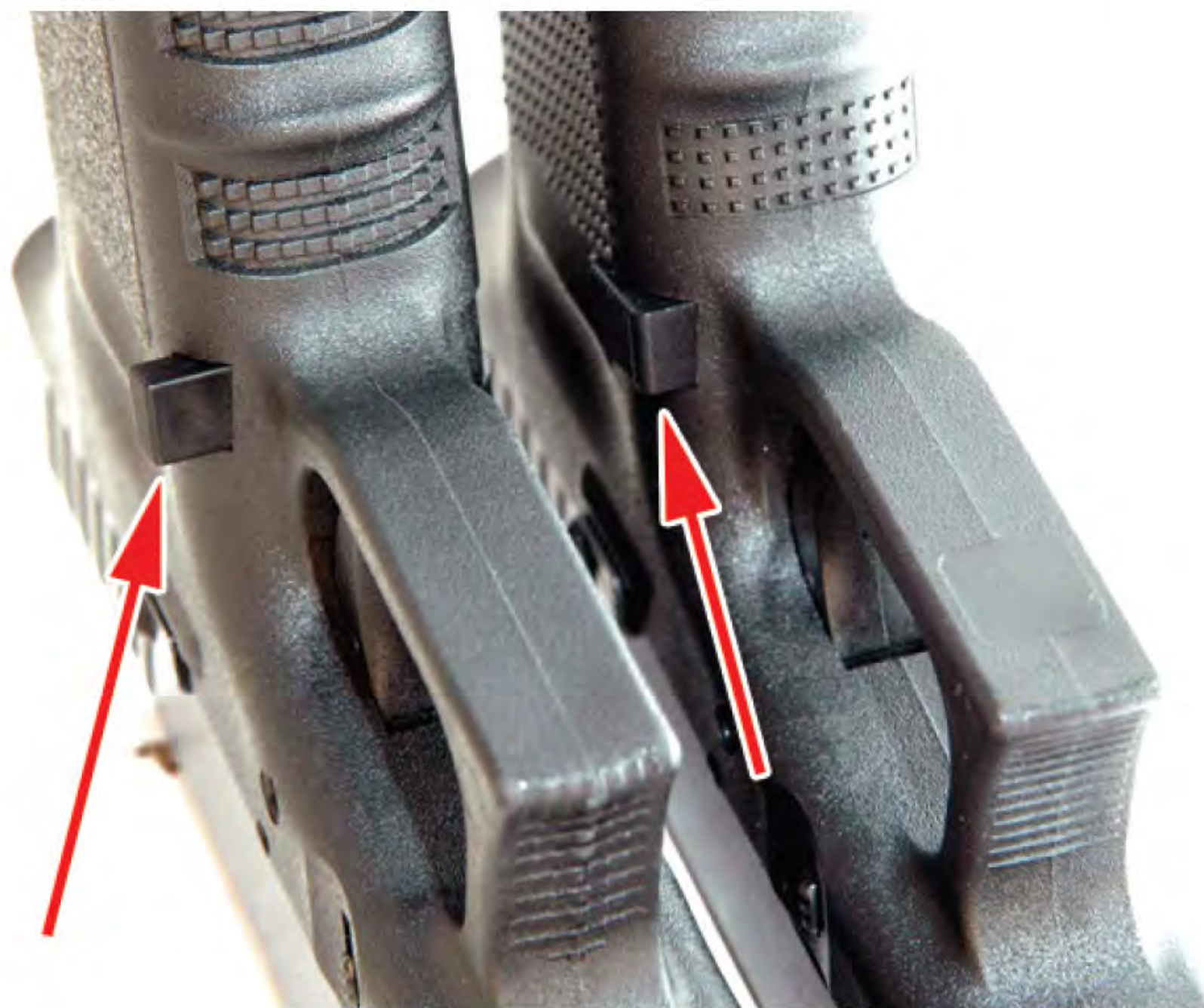


GLOCK G34 GEN 4 9MM, \$679
GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

We'll take the consistency of the Gen 4 "Dot-Disconnecter" trigger over the lighter Gen 3 action and its shorter-reach frame.

SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	8.8 in.
Overall Height.....	5.1 in.
Barrel Length.....	5.3 in.
Sight Radius.....	7.6 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.5 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.5 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	23.3 oz.
Weight Loaded (124-gr.).....	33.9 oz.
Capacity.....	17+1
Maximum Width.....	1.3 in.
Grip Thickness (Max).....	1.2 in.
Grip Circumference.....	6.0/6.2/6.4 in.
Frame.....	Black Polymer
Barrel.....	Steel
Slide.....	Black Tenifer-Coated Carbon Steel
Grip.....	Checkered Polymer
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action.....	6.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Double Action.....	2.8 in.
Warranty.....	Lifetime
Telephone.....	(770) 432-1202
Website.....	www.Glock.com
Made In.....	Austria/USA



Many competitors choose to replace the Gen3 recoil assembly (top) with components they can tune to their ammunition. There is no alternative to the Gen4 system, and the two are not interchangeable. But we couldn't argue with the consistency of the Gen4's recoil control.

Left arrow: The Gen3 magazine release button may have been easier to engage but the Gen4 release button, right arrow, could be moved to the other side of the frame. The latest Glock magazines can be used in either Gen3 or Gen4 pistols. But Gen3 single-notch magazines will not provide ambidextrous service.

We thought the Gen4 trigger was more consistent and controllable than the one we tested on our G34 Gen3 pistol. Glock told us this could be attributed to the "dot disconnecter." Note the dimple on the disconnecter tab on the Gen4 (right). This indentation resulted in a dimple on the opposite side of the tab. Note the smooth surface on the tab of the Gen3 component (left).



Far Right: We liked the bare frame best, which according to Glock amounts to the SF or short-frame specifications. The extra panels primarily increase distance to the trigger with little or no change in contour.