

THUREON DEFENSE CARBINE 9MM, \$700

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

As far as lightness and compactness, the Kel-Tec has those advantages over the Thureon. But the Thureon would be our first choice as a field gun or a combat gun. Also, the Thureon makes the leap from a good home defender to a carbine effective for area defense of a homestead or farm.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	35 in.	Weight Unloaded	6.75 lbs.	Stock.....	Adjustable/Options Available
Folded Length.....	N/A	Capacity.....	33	Trigger Pull Weight	6.75 lbs.
Barrel Length/Twist.....	16 in./1-in-16	Action Finish.....	Black	Warranty	Lifetime
Sight Radius	4.25 in.	Action Type.....	Blowback	Telephone.....	(920) 898-5859
Overall Height w/o Magazine.....	8 in.	Barrel Finish	Black	Website.....	www.ThureonDefense.com
Length of Pull	13.4 in.	Magazine Type.....	Box, Glock 33-rd.	Made In.....	USA



With handling like an AR-15, the Thureon is a strong contender for best choice as an all-round 9mm carbine. Lighter weight makes it suitable for smaller-framed shooters.



We fitted a Tasco red-dot sight at one point in the testing. No need to fiddle with success — a blowback action coupled with AR-type handling is a winner. The Thureon features well-laid-out controls, good handling, and great balance. This is a superior defensive firearm.



This is the basic Thureon carbine without sights and stock. The original Thureon, such as the one illustrated, used UZI magazines. The Glock-magazine-compatible version is more practical. The Slide Fire stock (inset) is fun, but not as practical. For serious use, our shooters would have preferred a fixed stock instead.

The Thureon carbine looks like the love child of a Sten and a Colt AR-15. This 9mm has purposeful lines, but it isn't pretty, in our view. The original took modified UZI magazines. Our carbine was Glock compatible. We remember the 9mm Colt, and its seemingly non-existent replacement magazines, so in the interest of availability, the Glock is a better choice.

