

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: 40 S&W PISTOLS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>H&amp;K USP Compact 40 V 1 40 S&amp;W, \$799</b>	Dec. 2006	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> At this price it should be the best, and HK didn't drop the ball. Finished first in accuracy, speed.
<b>Springfield XD Service HC Bi-Tone XD9302HCSP06 40 S&amp;W, \$605</b>	Nov. 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> A lot of value for the money. Shot well, decent trigger, and we liked its combination of safety features.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson M&amp;P40 No. 209200 .40 S&amp;W, \$495</b>	Oct. 2007	<b>Grade A-:</b> It gets a lot of things right. The beavertail, sights, and slide cuts were excellent.
<b>Kahr PM40 No. 4043 40 S&amp;W, \$786</b>	Oct. 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> Not a blindingly fast pistol, but nevertheless precise and powerful. A best bet for ankle carry.
<b>Walther PPS No. WAP10002 40 S&amp;W, \$713</b>	Oct. 2009	<b>Grade A-:</b> For summertime carry or as a matching backup piece, the PPS may be hard to beat.
<b>S&amp;W Sigma SW40GVE 40 S&amp;W No. 120037, \$409</b>	Dec. 2006	<b>Grade B+:</b> Reliable, but at times tiring to shoot, the Sigma surprised us with its close-range speed and accuracy.
<b>Springfield Armory XDM XDM9212HCFP 40 S&amp;W, \$749</b>	Sept. 2008	<b>Grade B+:</b> The XDM is good looking and carries an impressive payload of a serious defense round.
<b>SigArms P229 SAS 40 S&amp;W, \$995</b>	Oct. 2007	<b>Grade B+:</b> Not a duty gun, but for civilian concealed carry, dehorn job and simple operation carry a lot of weight.
<b>Heckler &amp; Koch P2000 Variant V3 40 S&amp;W, \$879</b>	Nov. 2007	<b>Grade B+:</b> The adjustability of the grip helped us find the right fit for accurate controlled shots.
<b>STI International Tactical 4.15 100-41400001-00 40 S&amp;W, \$1999</b>	Nov. 2009	<b>Grade B:</b> Trigger and action are smooth and refined. Tiring to shoot because of the large flared mag well.
<b>FNH USA FNP-40 40 S&amp;W No. 47835, \$599</b>	Dec. 2006	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> The FNP-40 offers light weight, high capacity, and two grip panels that work.
<b>Glock G22 RTF2 40 S&amp;W, \$646</b>	Nov. 2009	<b>Grade B:</b> Exhibited the basic functionality and reliability we've come to expect from Glock.
<b>Sig Sauer P229 SCT 40 S&amp;W, \$1100</b>	Sept. 2008	<b>Grade B:</b> Special sights and high-capacity magazines make the SCT more formidable than the standard model
<b>Sigarms P226 357 Sig/40 S&amp;W, \$699</b>	Nov. 2007	<b>Grade B:</b> We think you will have more luck finding both a practice round and a defense load to your liking in 40 S&W.
<b>FNH USA FNP-40 Stainless DA/SA 40 S&amp;W No. 47839, \$695</b>	Oct. 2007	<b>Grade C:</b> Niggling problems: Heavy, long DA trigger, sharp edges on the decock levers.
<b>Ruger P944 40 S&amp;W, \$495</b>	Dec. 2006	<b>Grade D (Don't Buy):</b> Early malfunctions surprised us. Disappointing 15-yard performance. Design was dated.

Log on to [www.GunReports.com](http://www.GunReports.com) or [www.Gun-Tests.com](http://www.Gun-Tests.com) to read complete reviews of these products. Some grades may include comments in parentheses that reflect original recommendations.