

Glock 26

Retail Price...\$616



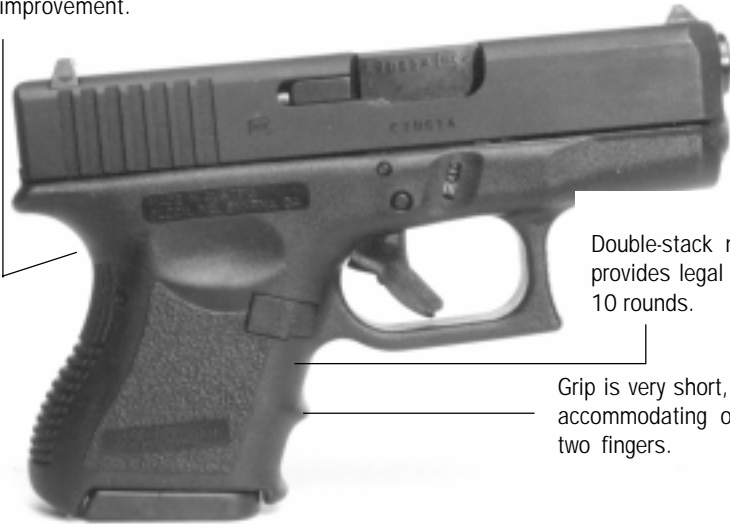
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The backstrap has been contoured to present a checkered palm swell and undercut to the frame—a big improvement.

SPECIFICATIONS

METAL FINISH	Tenifer	CAPACITY	10+1 rds.
WEIGHT (EMPTY)	21 oz.	GRIP MATERIAL	Polymer
OVERALL LENGTH	6.5 in.	DECOCKING LEVER	No
OVERALL HEIGHT	4.25 in.	ACTION TYPE	DA/SA
BARREL LENGTH	2.25 in.	MAX. WIDTH	1.1 in.
SIGHT RADIUS	5.25 in.	TRIGGER PULL WT.	7 lbs.

Warranty: 1 year



Double-stack magazine provides legal limit of 10 rounds.

Grip is very short, accommodating only two fingers.



Get a grip: Handfit is a big deal with a small handgun. The Smith and the Kahr (above center and right) offered long enough grip surfaces, whereas the Glock (left) came up short, in our view.

formed by an expert. But, in any event the CS9 becomes a single-action pistol, as the trigger remains rearward after each subsequent shot. Even with practice we feel it is too difficult to master a gun with two vastly different trigger actions. Carrying the gun in condition II, magazine loaded but chamber empty, is one answer. It may actually be easier to master the “GI swipe” than deal with the transition from double to single action, all the while trying to get in a good first shot. This technique involves racking the slide during the draw sequence and going to work single action all the way. We have seen this fast-action draw performed effectively at practical matches by proponents of Israeli fighting tactics. Smaller guns such as the ones tested here, that is pistols likely to be shot strong-hand only, lend themselves well to the

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Our Recommendation: Buy. The Model 26 shot like a full-sized gun, despite a too-short grip. It makes a good partner to the company’s standard 9mm pistol. There’s a lot of leather that fits this gun, which makes it match suitable. We think this is a lot of gun for \$616.

Glock is the Austria-based corporation that countered the 1911 design with a polymer-framed pistol that has forever changed the landscape of defensive firearms. After more and more law-enforcement agencies in the United States began issuing or recommending the Glock in .45 ACP or .40 S&W, the company’s next innovation was to add the complement of a back-up pistol. While the traditional backup was the five-shot S&W J-frame revolver coordinated with a 4-inch Model 19, Glock sought to offer a sub-compact that would not only use the same ammo as the