

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: 380-CALIBER HANDGUNS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Ke-Tec P3AT 380 ACP, \$345</b>	March 2004	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> The P3AT has all the advantages of the P32 with enough power to make us feel comfortable.
<b>Bersa Firestorm 380 ACP, \$307</b>	Feb. 2008	<b>Grade A:</b> The FireStorm isn't the cleanest design as far as its controls go, but it was an efficient one.
<b>Ke-Tec P3AT 380 ACP, \$324</b>	June 2008	<b>Grade A:</b> If there's a better 380 concealment handgun than the P3AT, we would like to know what it is.
<b>Beretta Cheetah M84 LS 380 Auto, \$652</b>	Nov. 2002	<b>Grade A (Our Pick):</b> A higher capacity option with more class and charm than heavier recoiling plastic guns.
<b>Ruger LCP 380 ACP, \$330</b>	June 2008	<b>Grade A-:</b> The Ruger LCP ran reliably, did what it was designed to do, and looked good doing it.
<b>Colt Mustang Pocketlite 380 ACP, about \$500</b>	April 2003	<b>Grade A- (Buy It):</b> We would carry the Pocketlite as backup to a more powerful weapon.
<b>Walther PPK 380 ACP, \$556</b>	Feb. 2008	<b>Grade B+:</b> Clean lines, aura you can cut with a knife, and perfect function. S&W-made.
<b>North American Arms Guardian 380 Auto, \$359</b>	Nov. 2002	<b>Grade B (Buy It):</b> Viewed as a semiauto version of the derringer, the Guardian succeeds quite nicely.
<b>Colt Mustang 380 ACP, about \$500</b>	April 2003	<b>Grade B (Conditional Buy):</b> The all-steel Mustang had nothing to offer that the aluminum version couldn't do.
<b>Walther USA PPK VAHAH38002 380 ACP, \$573</b>	June 2008	<b>Grade C:</b> Despite very good accuracy and reliability, we didn't like shooting the PPK.
<b>Beretta 85 FS Cheetah 380 ACP, \$575</b>	April 2006	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> We would not call the Cheetah a pocket gun, nor did we think it ideal in self-defense mode.
<b>Firearms International 380 ACP, \$300</b>	April 2003	<b>Grade C (Conditional Buy):</b> Its big problem was sticking open after every shot unless the safety was held down.
<b>HPoint Model CF 380 ACP, \$135</b>	Feb. 2008	<b>Grade C+:</b> Ungainly, but totally reliable. Top-heavy and had a too-slick grip.
<b>Taurus PT138BP-12, 1-138031P-12 380 ACP, \$419</b>	June 2008	<b>Grade D:</b> Sights didn't match point of aim to point of impact and nagging malfunctions haunted its action.
<b>Walther PPK 380 ACP, \$543</b>	April 2006	<b>Grade F (Don't Buy):</b> The failure of several rounds to fire in DA mode meant that this gun didn't work as designed.
<b>North American Arms Guardian 380 ACP, \$449</b>	April 2006	<b>Grade F (Don't Buy):</b> In a tight situation, we didn't want to fight a balky trigger and pathetic accuracy.
<b>Iver Johnson Pony 380 ACP, \$250</b>	April 2003	<b>Grade F (Don't Buy):</b> We could not get it to feed anything, and it lost its front sight after the first shot.

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