

Glock Model 21

Retail Price...\$668



Our recommendation: It's not a 1911, but it's quite a shooter in its own right.



Gotcha covered: The Glock matches the 1911's overall size, but the grip angle is significantly different.

SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: 1 year

METAL FINISH	Polymer Coat	SIGHT RADIUS	6.8 in.
WEIGHT (EMPTY)	29.3 oz.	CAPACITY	10+1 rds.
OVERALL LENGTH	8.2 in.	GRIP MATERIAL	Polymer
OVERALL HEIGHT	5.5 in.	ACTION TYPE	Safe Action
MAX. WIDTH	1.4 in.	TRIGGER PULL WT.	6 lbs.
BARREL LENGTH	4.5 in.	TRIGGER PULL REACH	3.5 in.

We did like the two magazines that came with it, the magazine loading device, and the cleaning rod and bristle brush. The instruction manual was more than adequate.

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✓ If you want a full-size .45 auto-loader, don't cheat yourself by avoiding the \$668 Glock Model 21. It may not be pretty to you, but it's growing more and more attractive to us.

✓ Of the 1911-style guns, we'd have to go with the Springfield "Loaded" Model 1911-A1, \$565, backing our friend Bruce on his decision. We like all-steel guns, and we like perfect trigger pulls, and we like good-looking guns. The Springfield had all those qualities packed into a reliable and accurate handgun. We'd pick the Kimber Classic Model Custom, \$657, a very close second, but would avoid the Colt M1991A1 Series 80, \$556, because of all the items it ought to have, but doesn't. ●

day and you notice the great difference in grip angle. The Glock points skyward, and some of our shooters preferred the grip angle of the Glock because they felt like it helped them align the sights quickly. This gun has fixed sights made of plastic, and they give a slightly tighter sight picture, less daylight on the sides of the front sight, than the 1911 clones. The frame of the Glock is "polymer," and the textured grip panels are molded in as part of the frame. We liked the grip they afforded to the hand. The back grip strap is checkered, and that helped the gun stay put. Lighter than the 1911 clones, the Glock recoils more, but not so much that it bothered us. The Glock Model 21 holds 10 shots in its double-stack magazine and that gives the gun a larger grip than the 1911. The grip circumference was 6 inches, versus 5.25 inch for the 1911 types. The slide of the Glock is about as wide as the grip section of the 1911, which means ei-

ther type gun is about as easy to conceal. However, because of its weight advantage, the Glock will be easier to pack all day. Trigger reach of the Glock is 4 inches, versus 3.5 inches for the 1911. (We measure this from the center of the trigger to the midpoint of the backstrap.)

The Glock is one accurate handgun. It did the best of all these test guns with the Blazer 200-grain JHP ammo, shooting 1.6-inch groups on average. Also, after shooting paper targets, we tried it at the Elmer Keith Ranch in Idaho, plinking casually at rocks at long range. It shot so well we had one of our former bench-rest competitors shoot it from a bench at a 1-foot-diameter rock at well over 100 yards, and once he got the sight picture he hit the rock with every shot. The gun was also extremely reliable.

The Glock came in a plastic box with a lid like your average Tupperware, and none of us liked the box.

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