

WEAPON GUIDE

KELTEC P32

SMALL ARMS REVIEW TEAM

SELF-LOADING POCKET PISTOL (.32 ACP)



The KelTec P32 (c. 1999) is small pocket sized pistol designed by George Kellgren, who founded KelTec in 1991.

It uses a light polymer frame and a Browning type recoil operated system which results in markedly less recoil than direct blowback pistols and allows the use of a wider range of loads.

It features a long double-action-only (DAO) trigger that makes it far less prone to accidental discharges than pistols with short trigger pulls like those commonly found in single-action (SA) pistols like the FN Baby Browning (c. 1931) and the SIG Sauer P238 (c. 2009).

It is chambered for the .32 ACP round and makes use of a flush fitting 7 round magazine. Higher capacity 8 and 10 round magazines are also available from KelTec.



P32 Belt Clip

Although inexpensive and very light (a mere 6.9 ounces unladed), it has a very good reputation for reliability, unlike the case with many comparable pistols, including some that cost far more.

A pocket holster is desirable to ensure it remains in one position so it is easy to draw

when needed, unless clipped into a pocket with the P32 Belt Clip accessory.

We recommend the Buffalo Bore 32 ACP +P 60 Grain JHP (Barnes TAC-XP) load and (for the recoil sensitive) the Federal Personal Defense Hydra-Shok 32 Auto 65 Grain load.

SUMMARY

An excellent pistol for deep concealment use as it is very small and light (6.9 ounces).

ACCESSORIES

Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book.
[Blackheart International]

Cleaning Kit

BoreSnake Viper - Pistols & Revolvers (.30, .32), and BoreSnake Oil CLP.
[Hoppe's]

Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom Snap Caps.
[Lyman Products Corporation]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4.
[SureFire]

Pocket Holster

MTR Custom Front Pocket Holster.
[MTR Custom Leather]

Tactical Flashlight

G2X LE.
[SureFire]

HOT TIP

Training magazines can suffer metal fatigue to their springs so don't use them for combat.