

A Fanny-Pack Concealed Carry For The Ladies?

This fanny pack, obtained from a dealer on Ebay, was designed especially for concealed carry. Priced at only \$18.95, I had to try one. Since the Ruger LCR revolver was a featured weapon in this issue, it was used to show the pack as a potential CC device.

While my friends of the “in-crowd” advised me that fanny packs aren’t the fashion statement they were a few years ago, I wanted to have a go with this one.

It was made in China (what isn’t?) of leather and displayed quality work-

manship. You will note in the photo to the right the attachment buckle is positioned under the right arm. This would help prevent anyone from snatching the pack from your blind side.

Unfortunately, it is quite large and loudly shouts, “Hey, everybody, I’m carrying a gun!” In colder weather, a loose fitting coat might help to cover it up. However, if a



The largest pocket of this fanny pack is dedicated strictly for weapons carry. The particular pack came complete with a “fits-all” holster and various Velcro pads to locate the gun in a desired position.

Regardless of the method of carry, a defensive weapon should be positioned so, when grabbed, the hand won’t have to be shifted on the weapon. This pack fell a bit short of meeting these requirements. In such cases, the gun could, simply, be carried in the compartment without holster or a special holster be made or adapted to position the gun as desired. This pack has three other zippered compartments to facilitate carrying smaller wallet, drivers license, credit cards, concealed carry permit, etc.

coat is worn, why not simply use a conventional holster?

Anyway, it was put through a simple, no stress, draw and present procedure. It was not easy for the lady to correctly position her hand before the draw. With the necessary unzipping and grabbing of the gun, any assailant could have easily seen what you’re doing. At this stage, he might have opted to turn and run (don’t shoot him in the back!) or worse, decided to try and grab her gun from her before she had the chance to fully draw and present. She would now be in a bad situation!

All in all, this particular fanny pack was a great disappointment — not for quality, construction or price. It failed because of how it impeded the fast draw and presentation of the weapon. All the fumbling was in full view of any potential assailant and did little to display that the victim was in control of the situation.

Unfortunately, some of the problems inherent with this particular pack, would be found with any other fanny pack. This is only one man’s opinion, but I believe you would be better served by going to a specially designed, normal looking purse. In the next issue, I plan to look at such a purse.

These photos show the unnatural draw and present motions required by this fanny pack. Once clear of the purse, the balance of the presentation is fine — unless the assailant has decided to grab your arm and gun!

Maybe this huge pack could be used for other survival activities. It could carry enough first-aid supplies to set up a MASH hospital! ! !



The photo to the left emphasises the size of the pack. Here you see a Colt .45 Commander fitting into the weapons compartment without holster. In fact, a full size Gov. 1911 could be parked in here.

The sag from the extra weight would further emphasise the telegraphing to the world — “Look at me, I’m carrying a really big gun!”

— Jordan Wells