

Ruger LCP .380 Auto

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LCP
Ruger's acronym for
Light Carry Pistol

Specifications

Caliber:	.380 Auto
Capacity:	6+1
Sights:	Fixed
Length:	5.16"
Width:	0.82"
Height:	3.60"
Weight:	9.40 oz.
Barrel Length:	2.75"
Barrel Material:	Alloy Steel
Grooves:	6
Twist:	1:16"
Sugg. List Price	\$365.00

Once upon a time, guns were made from steel with walnut grips. Carried in conventional holsters, weight wasn't a primary consideration.

Time changes everything and it has certainly changed handgun design. Today's world sheds a focused light on personal protection and concealed carry is slowly, but surely becoming accepted fashion.

Any handgun designed for concealed carry presents demanding parameters to engineering such as overall size, weight and nothing to hang-up when presenting to target. Ruger engineers took the minimum acceptable defense cartridge and proceeded to build a new launching platform for it.

For many years, Ruger has used different materials to the best advantage in their firearms, particularly handguns. It was only natural when glass-filled Nylon was used for the LCP's frame. Heavier steel was only used where needed — the barrel and slide.

I would rather have seen the blued slide finished in a more rust-proof finish. This size of the LCP is perfect for

someone to simply drop it in a rear pants pocket. Such carry could easily subject the blued finish to corrosive body sweat. It behooves the owner to pay close attention to keeping it clean and lightly oiled.

This is a natural carry gun for ladies and lends itself to being carried in a fanny-pack or a dedicated pocket of a conventional purse. It's double-action is controllably light and smooth

Not shown in the photo above, it comes with a magazine floor plate featuring a finger grip extension. This provides a more secure and steady grip. When presented to a Weaver stance, the little LCP is capable of delivering stopping firepower.

While the LCP is a quality pistol, it fires a .380 ACP which must be considered the very minimum acceptable defensive caliber. If you must meet several compromises when selecting a concealed carry pistol, this might be your choice.

While we didn't address ammunition, reliable feeding is a must. Ruger has a good track record for feeding with-

out jams. On the subject of cartridges and bullet shapes, your enter an area of varied opinions. All we venture to say in this article is it takes some hard sell to move us away from the plain old FMJ (Full Metal Jacketed) bullet when addressing semi-auto pistols.

To view or download Ruger's complete 36 page owner's manual, go to:

www.ruger.com/products/manuals/lcp.pdf

Ruger maintains a great website with lots of valuable information about their entire line. Go to:

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LCP Exploded View

