IF I ONLY HAD ONE CONCEALED CARRY GUN

RELIABILITY, CONCEALMENT, AFFORDABILTY



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raditionally, picking a concealed carry gun meant finding your favorite gun, which was usually full sized guns, and dressing around that firearm. Personally, I think

modern day living is too dynamic and firearm technology too advanced to limit yourself to one concealed carry gun, especially a full-sized gun. This idea works if you live in a vacuum where you wear the same clothes every day and despise the



idea of being fashionable. However, in modern society where I could be in a suit at 8 am, Nike Dri-Fit Sweats at 5 pm, and Jeans and a t-Shirt at 7 pm, It's safe to say I won't be conceal carrying that gold desert eagle very often. This dynamic of life is why I have



multiple guns in my concealed carry rotation. Essentially, I have a gym gun, work gun, running errands gun, dinner gun, movie gun, workout gun and you pretty much get the point.

Here's the thing. I more or less review guns as part of my living. As a result, I have access to a lot of firearms. This access allows me to have specific carry guns for particular carry situations. This access



wasn't always the case. Whether it be finances or just different priorities, most people only have one carry gun. If I had to pick one gun to serve as my sole concealed carry gun, without a doubt that gun would be the Glock 26.

When you have only one carry gun,

versatility is everything. It's got to be concealable in all or most occasions, must have decent capacity, must be utterly reliable, comfortable enough that you'll carry the gun all the times you can, be affordable, and shoot the caliber that you prefer. With that, here is why I think the Glock 26 is that gun, at least for me.



CONCEALMENT

The operative word in concealed carry is "Concealed". Concealment is incredibly important to me. Sure, I'm a second amendment public figure, which makes trying to hide the fact that I'm carrying a gun an exercise in futility. Still, I obsess over concealing the fact that I'm carrying a gun. Especially, when you're standing in line at Chipotle and the girl who follows you on Instagram turns to you and in the loudest whisper voice ever, asks, "Are you carrying your gun right now?".

The grip of a handgun and to a lesser degree it's thickness are the biggest determinative factors when it comes to concealment. The

Glock 26 balances thickness and grip length better than most guns. What you're not hearing me say is that it's perfect. The Grip on the 26 is almost too short, but it's thickness provides enough





extra surface area to get a pretty good grip on the gun. Some people have what I like to call, "Tactical Pinky Anxiety." The idea of their pinky hanging off the grip terrifies them. The Good thing is, there a ton of aftermarket pinky extensions like the Pierce Grips (>>Click Here For Example<<) which add just enough length to get your pinky on the gun without turning the Glock 26 into A Glock 19.

A lot of people make the mistake of paying too much attention to the length of the barrel. Barrel length is a concealed carry red herring. The barrel sits inside your pants. You can have a 10-inch barrel, and no one would see it. On the other hand, if you have a ten-inch grip you're going to have some issues in the "Concealed"



department. The smallest gun I feel comfortable carrying is the , which by any standard is a little gun. The Height on the Kahr PM9 is 4 inches, compared to

the 4.17 inches of the Glock. Any shorter than 4 inches and you start heading towards the land of diminishing returns.



Minimalism is everything. However, if minimalism is everything the Glock 26 is hardly the best candidate. However, the important thing here isn't so much the size of the 26 as it is the size of the holster. Many people go out, find a decently sized gun, and then put it in a holster that adds damn near 2 inches and then they wonder why the gun they thought was concealable isn't so much anymore.

Without turning this into a holster review let me say this, without The Vanguard 2 Advanced Kit from Raven Concealment (>>Click Here for Exact Link<<) the Glock 26 may not suffice as my, "If I had only one concealed carry gun." The VG 2 Advanced kit allows me to carry my gun in just about any clothing I can find myself. From Slacks to basketball shorts, the VG2 Advanced kit works. Not only does the VG2 work functionally it's also the most minimal holster I feel comfortable using. Coupled with the Glock 26 there are a few, and I mean very few situations where I can't carry.



CAPACITY

Capacity, capacity, capacity. "I wish I had fewer bullets, said no-one who has been in a gun fight." If I could I'd carry a gun with 100 rounds, but there's this pesky thing called reality, and I regularly find myself succumbing to its limitations. With its standard flush



magazine the Glock 26 holds 10+1 rounds. Let's just be honest, in most selfdefense situations no one fires a shot and if they do it's about 1-2 rounds. But here's the thing, I don't care.

I want as many rounds as I can reasonably carry without the gun becoming more of a burden than it can already be, and hands down the Glock 26 has the best capacity to size ratio on the market. There are other guns in the Glock 26s class that have ten rounds, but they're thicker, heavier, and just not as concealable.



RELIABILITY

I'll make this short. The Glock 26 is reliable.

Ok, I'll explain for those you who are not familiar with the Legendary reliability of Glocks. Every gun will and can jam, malfunction, or whatever fancy word you want to come up with to say, "This damn gun isn't working." However, some guns are more prone to it than others, and the Glock 26 and Glocks, in general, have a proven track record for being incredibly reliable, comparatively speaking. Like I said, shoot a gun enough and it will at some point fail on you, just accept that and you won't get your feelings hurt when the gun you thought was indestructible tries to double penetrate your barrel with two 9mm rounds.

COMFORT

Hahahah...I'm laughing because comfort and Glock in the same sentence are borderline comical. There's nothing deliberately comfortable about a Glock. When it comes to comfort, the Glock is no different than an American Standard toilet seat. They're not designed to pamper your ass; they're designed to facilitate a task



as efficiently as possible. Here's the thing, the Glock 26 isn't universally comfortable nor is it offensively uncomfortable. The Glock 26 is a flat square design, so it naturally carries close to the body without stuff digging into your body unless you fit them with Trijicon HD sites (Which I love), but the sites can dig into your body at times, and it's a bit annoying.

MODULARITY

Remember when I said I have more than one carry gun for multiple carry situations? When it comes to the guns that I carry on my body (Yes, I carry a gun in my bag, and I use different guns for those), it boils down to four handguns: The Glock 17, 19, 26, and 43. In the interest of full disclosure, I rarely carry the 17 and honestly don't carry the 19 as much as I used to, and here is why. The main reason I'd carry a 17 or 19 is for increased shoot ability and capacity. When it comes to shooting ability, the Glock 26 is great for a gun in its class (Sub-Compacts). However, if I knew I was going into a gunfight, I'm bringing the 17 or 19. So, stacked up against a 19 the 26 is good it's just not as good as the 19, but it's close enough that I have no real insecurity about my ability to



shoot the Glock 26 well. As for capacity, the magazine in the Glock 19 and the 17 both work in the 26, the same can't be said of the 17 and the 19. So if I just really want the 17 rounds from the Glock 17, but don't want the bulk, I'll just grab a Glock 17 magazine as a backup magazine.

PRICE

When it comes to the gun that provides the best bang for your buck, the Glock sits at the top of the hill. When it comes to a stock Glock 26, you should never pay more than \$650.



Except to to pay between \$\$475 - \$600 for a Glock 26, depending on the generation. There are 4 Generations, my advice, stick with Gen 3 and Gen 4. Sure, there are cheaper guns on the market that are pretty good, but the Glock is an affordable gun that is excellent. The Glock is so simple it's borderline disrespectful, But I feel it's



because of this simplicity that it has nothing better to do than to focus on being a better gun. The Glock 26 excels in Reliability, modularity, size, weight, and capacity. There are guns that only do one of these things well and cost twice as much as the Glock 26.

CALIBER

The Glock 26, 27 and 33 and arguably the 39 are essentially the same guns just in different calibers. In short, there are four different caliber options available in the Glock 26 package. All of my carry guns are chambered in 9mm for reasons I will address at a later date. If you're not a fan of the 9mm, carry the Glock 27 chambered in .40s&w or the Glock 39 chambered in .357, and if you're feeling freaky, you can carry the Glock 33 chambered in 10mm. Long story short, there may be slight differences in size, but you have options that provide the same benefits of the 26.

CONCLUSION

Concealed Carry is a journey. There is no perfection, only learning, and more learning. Some people settle with a system, and that's that. Other people, like me, are constantly trying to perfect the way



we carry, even though that perfection does not exist. However, not everyone has the luxury of trying to perfect a carry system, and they just need something that works. I believe the Glock 26 is an excellent starting and even ending point for someone looking for a dedicated concealed carry gun. The Glock 26 is not perfect by a long shot, but man does it do a lot of things well.

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