

# Can a Pocket Pistol be Accurate, Reliable, and Powerful?

## The Ruger LCP

Like most everyone in the free world today (roughly 47 states or so within these great United States of America!), I've been infected with the pocket pistol virus. It started out as a simple backup gun, and then with the mouse gun wars, it has simply become a buyers' market! There is really something for everyone, from revolvers to autos, from .38 Special up to even .45 ACP - there truly IS a pocket pistol out there for everyone!

Here at AnyGunWillDo, we picked up a shipment of the Ruger LCPs. Ruger created quite a buzz a few years ago when they released this little pistol. Until then, there were quite a few pocket pistols out there (Kel-Tec has quite a great line), but for some reason, the free world went crazy for the Ruger LCP. I saw these babies going on GunBroker for \$375 and up!

Today you can buy a Ruger LCP from AnyGunWillDo for a bargain price of \$295.00 (ships free)! Even the big stores have them for better prices (on sale for \$299 usually, plus tax ☺). Fortunately for me, a Ruger LCP was in my future.



Here at AnyGunWillDo, we love to shoot guns! So we took a few of our private collection out, and a Ruger LCP. There was quite a collection of great guns, a Colt, a Glock, a Taurus (Judge), and the Ruger LCP.

Is the Ruger LCP accurate? After our extended late night session, we were not only extremely pleased with the performance of the Ruger LCP, it actually was the best overall shooter of the group. Maybe it's



the long revolver like trigger, or the light recoil – but the Ruger LCP showed the best overall groups at 21 feet! We were shocked! Now I know I've said it before, but I won't carry a gun until I've put over 200 rounds through it – and we did put over 200 rounds through this little pocket gun!

Is the Ruger LCP reliable? Simply put, we fired over 200 rounds without a single failure of any kind. We shot the heck out of this little gun, WAY more than you'd ever need to in a defensive situation – and it performed! I might add, right out of the box! We didn't clean it, lube it, or cycle it, we simply took it from the box, loaded the magazine, and fired it. Now, I still strongly advise that you put at least 200 rounds through a gun before you carry it – but it is nice to know that the Ruger LCP works right out of the box!

Is the Ruger LCP powerful? Well, that question about the defensive power of the .380 ACP round can start heated and protracted debates! I will say that in most self-defense circles, the .380 ACP is considered the lowest acceptable self-defense caliber. I'd hate to be shot with any caliber myself – but we did test out the .380 ACP round (Hornady's [Critical Defense](#) round). The results were quite impressive! You can see the [result here](#)!

Carrying the Ruger LCP is easy. Find yourself a good pocket holster for summer, or a belly band and you are set! Personally, I prefer to keep my Ruger LCP as a backup, but I do sometimes carry it as my primary pistol (with two spare magazines of course!). Be careful though – if you're not careful, you can actually forget you are carrying a pistol! Those of you out there who already own one know just what I'm talking about!

What don't I like about the Ruger? The sights are not my favorite – that is a personal preference. I'd like to see the front sight a bit easier. Fix - I'm simply going to paint my front sight. What else? Well, I guess if I were to really be critical, Ruger could include at least one more magazine in the box!

So – is the Ruger LCP a good deal? Nope, it is a GREAT deal! Accurate, reliable, and powerful (enough) to do the job! I'm extremely pleased with the Ruger LCP – it accomplishes the mission that Ruger has set out to perform – provide rugged, reliable firearms to responsible citizens. Here at AnyGunWillDo we say "Mission accomplished Ruger!"