

Springfield XDm 3.8 vs. Glock 30SF

Two .45 ACP Pistols

Legal conceal carry is as popular as ever – even more so with the recent tragedies that have happened in our great city (Aurora, CO) and other places. We believe at AnyGunWillDo that every American has a choice – defend yourself, or hope someone else will defend you... At AnyGunWillDo, our stance is that we would rather be able to defend ourselves and those we love then to wait and hope for someone else to do this for us. If you are out looking at firearms website and reviews, I'm guessing you are of a similar mindset.

So, we agree on mindset, and the 2nd Amendment – GOOD. As I'm sure you can guess, here at AGWD we've had the opportunity to buy and try out a few of the guns we obtain for inventory. Recently I purchased one of our Springfield XDm 3.8 .45 ACP pistols. Let me tell you, Springfield really does a great

job packaging the XDm. The package deal includes a holster, magazine pouch, three back straps, a magazine loader, two Xtreme Magazine sleeves, the pistol, one 9 round and one 13 round magazine, and a great carry case. At our low price of \$599, that's a heck of a deal!



I was extremely excited to take this baby to the range and put some rounds through. Now we all know .45 ACP isn't cheap, but it IS effective! Besides, if you read our reviews, you know that we will not trust our life to any gun (well, with one "notable exception") without putting quite a few rounds downrange. More on the "notable exception" later 😊.

Well, after 200 rounds, the gun was happy – she ate everything we fed her and was asking for more! However, I wasn't happy... Don't get me wrong folks; I'm sure the XDm is a fine weapon. My friend here at AGWD was able to shoot some great groups with the gun, and I did as well. But my groups were way off to the left... Now, to be fair, I am left eye dominant. But these groupings were strange for me...





I've said it before, I'm not the best shot, but I'm not this bad! The strange thing for me is that this was consistent. I was shooting this grouping time after time. As mentioned prior, my friend was shooting some great groups (center punch) – and that is why I know the sites weren't off for the weapon. Perfect function – fed well, ate well, but wasn't going where I wanted her to go... Sounds like my old dog 😊. Anyway, being hard headed and stubborn, I kept shooting and shooting...

My friend also noticed that when I shot this baby, the muzzle flip was considerable. He even noticed it when he was shooting the pistol. With some good focus on grip, I was able to manage some good double taps, but as you can see, everything was to the left of center (for the most part)... What to do? Man, oh man, I was dejected, sad, and frustrated with my purchase! Then my buddy said something that was so wise that I had to double check to see if he really said it, Ha! Ha! Ha! He said "if you don't like it, you can always sell it"....

Well folks, I sold it. Gave someone a killer deal (I'd added two more 13 round magazines to the deal). The buyer was very, very, very happy with the deal, and I have no doubt that he'll shoot her way better than I could...

You've all been here – what to buy next... Well folks, it is no secret that I am a fan of Gaston Glock's design. I'd had a G30 in the past and loved it, but for some stupid reason (1911 anniversary), I sold it to buy a 1911 😊. Yeah, I think I'd lost my mind. But I do love my 1911's too...

I found a G30SF (used) for a great deal, and after setting up the time to meet, gave the guy cash from my XDm deal (and a bill of sale after a cursory check of the CCW Permit and Driver's License to confirm legality). I went home to clean my used G30SF and guess what? She was pretty much new. The guy told me he'd put 200 rounds through her, but after a detailed slide/frame strip, I think he was being generous. She didn't even have the rings around the barrel...

Took the G30SF to the range, and wow... Almost no muzzle flip, and boy, did I look like a great shooter with the G30SF! Same distance and everything, but what a difference for me! Now to be fair, I do adjust all my rear sights to the right a bit to cover for my left eye dominance, but I'd not adjusted the XDm, and I didn't adjust the G30SF (it is now adjusted to fit my eyes). These shots were taken without the adjustment, and I was able to put 150 flawless rounds through this baby!



Did you still want to know what that “notable exception” is for my carry guns? Well, it’s the Glock. The Glock is the ONLY model of weapon that myself or my buddy at AGWD will carry without putting a couple hundred rounds through first. We trust them with our lives.

Which weapon shoots better? It’s the Glock 30SF without question... There is no doubt in my mind that the G30SF managed recoil much, much better! Yes, you can control the XDm with a focus on doing so, but the Glock just rocks out of the box baby...

Which weapon feels better? Well, for me, again it is the Glock 30SF. Better fit in my hands for sure – and you can see the difference in the shooting, which I attribute to the way it fits. The XDm has a match barrel, and this is great! But everyone who knows anything about the Glock will tell you that the G30 and G21 models are probably THE most accurate Glock models available today.

Plus with 10+1 and a couple 13 round G21 magazines, you have plenty of ammunition!



Now the XDm is close with 9+1 and 13+1, so I’d call that even Steven...



Which one LOOKS better? Heck, beauty is in the eye of the beholder – I think they both look cool.

The one place where Springfield has it well over Glock – packaging and what they ship with the XDm. It sure would be nice for Glock to include a nice Kydex holster, magazine pouch, and a lockable case. But I digress...

Which one is the clear winner for me? I’ll just say this, I own a Glock 30SF, but I no longer own an XDm 3.8 .45 Compact...

Have a nice day folks, and safe shooting!