

Choosing between a 9 MM or 45 ACP Handgun Checklist

This checklist is designed to accompany our blog post (at the bottom of this document) and help you determine whether a handgun is a choice for you, and if so, answer your questions if a 9mm or 45 ACP is what you're looking for.

You should be able to provide this to any gun retailer or use it personally to refine your best choice.

Is a handgun right for me?

- Yes No

Intended use?

- Self Defense Target Shooting Hunting Competitive Shooting

If your answer is hunting, you should consider another caliber.

Which type do I like?

- Striker-fired 1911 Revolver

If your answer is revolver you may want to consider another caliber.

What things are most important to me?

- Magazine capacity (9mm) Light recoil (9mm) Lower cost ammunition (9mm)
 Larger Bullet (45 ACP) Better penetration (45 ACP) More stopping power (45 ACP)

What brands and models do I like?

What features are most important to me?

- Comfort Ergonomics Sights Trigger Recoil Accuracy Reliability
 Price What is my Budget_____
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What Size Handgun do I like best?

- Full-size Compact Subcompact Micro Compact (pocket size)
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Is the brand and model handgun you like, available in 9mm and 45 ACP and have you shot them both?

- Yes No
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Do you have a plan for training?

- Yes No
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Have you price-shopped your options?

- Yes No
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