



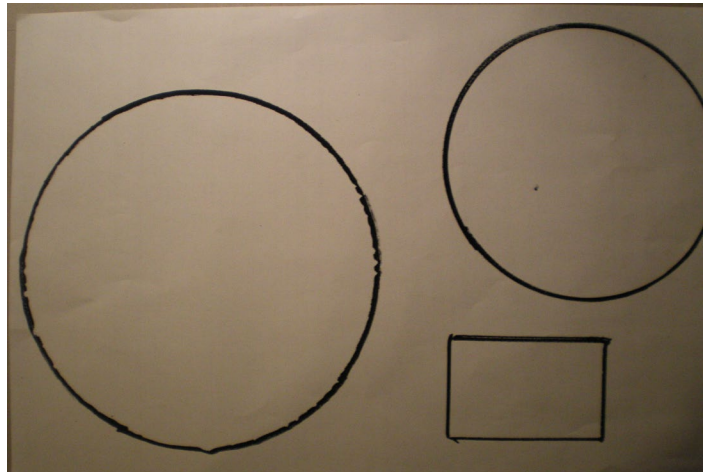
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Drill of The Month

Throughout 2020 we will be running a Drill of the Month in each edition of the newsletter. The goal is help motivate folks to get to the range and actually shoot their defensive weapons, and to have some fun in the process. Each month we'll post a drill or a short course of fire. You are encouraged to go to the range, shoot the drill, and then post your thoughts and a photo of your target on the Rangemaster Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rangemaster/>.

This month's drill is the "6/5/4 Drill," we've been using for many years to work on timing/cadence shifts. The drill involves 6 rounds, at 5 yards, in 4 seconds, hence the name. You will need an 11"x17" sheet of copy paper, on which you have drawn an 8" circle, a 6" circle, and the actual outline of a standard business card (see photo). If your printer won't handle 11"x17" paper, once you have made one Staples or Kinko's will make as many as you like.

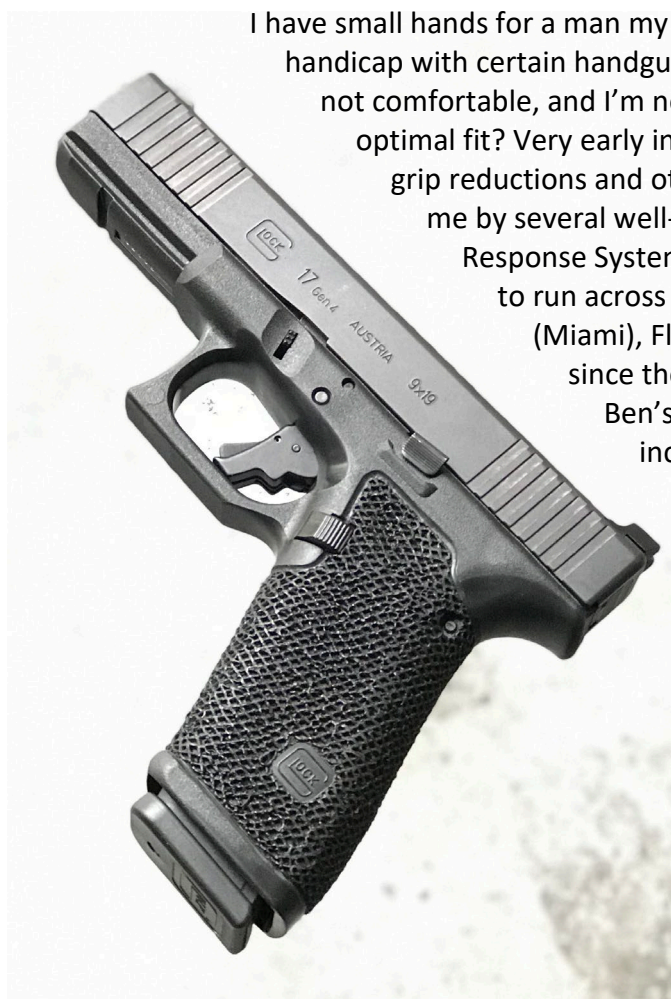


Start at 5 yards, gun loaded and in hand, at The Ready. Use an electronic timer, or a partner with a stopwatch. On signal, fire 2 rds into the 8" circle, 2 rds into the business card, and 2 rds into the 6" circle. Your goal is all hits in under 4 seconds. To make the time limit, you'll have to shoot the 8" circle very quickly, slow down enough to hit the business card, then speed back up for the 6" circle. Once you are shooting this drill clean, 100% hits under 4 seconds, you can change the target sequence, work from the holster, or move the target to 7 yards. Always strive for 100% hits under the time limit. Give this drill a try—I think you will like it. ■

Boresight Solutions: My EDC Handguns

By Tom Givens

I've carried a number of firearms for personal defense over my five decade long career. At times I was mandated to carry a .38/.357 revolver, which included Smith & Wesson Models 19, 64, 65, and 66, plus a j-frame or a Colt Cobra as a back-up gun. At other times, different Sheriff's had different policies, and I carried a 1911 .45, a SIG P229 in .40, or an S&W 3rd Generation 9mm. Once I became a full time private sector trainer in 1996, I carried a 1911 for another ten years. In 2006, I decided to transition to the Glock line, primarily for more ammunition capacity. A Glock and one spare magazine gives me several more rounds than a 1911 and two spare magazines, which I find comforting.



I have small hands for a man my size, and an especially short trigger finger, a real handicap with certain handguns. I can shoot a stock Glock well enough, but it is not comfortable, and I'm not stuck with a stock gun, so why accept less than optimal fit? Very early in my Glock experience, I did a lot of research into grip reductions and other custom Glock work, and had guns done up for me by several well-known gunworks, including Robar, Arizona Response Systems, Bowie Custom, and others. I was lucky enough to run across Ben Simonson of Boresight Solutions in Davie (Miami), Florida, about 2008, and he has built all of my Glocks since then. Between Lynn and me, we have over a dozen of Ben's guns, to serve a number of different functions, including everyday carry, training/practice guns, and hunting. His grip reduction fits my hand perfectly (Level 2 reduction), and his surface texture is the result of a lot of experimentation and fine tuning. The texture is very aggressively non-slip when you tighten your grip on it, but it does not abrade clothing carried concealed, nor does it abrade the hand during high round count sessions. Ben's grip reductions include levels 1, 1.5 and 2, with the grip circumference and trigger reach getting progressively smaller. The Level 2 works great for me.

Ben grew up in Montana, hunting and shooting, and his father was a gunsmith, who taught Ben the mechanical side of gun plumbing. He served in an elite military unit, and when he re-entered civilian life continued to train heavily with some of the best in the business, including Pat Rogers and Jared Reston, among many others. Ben has now logged several thousand hours of professional tactical firearms training, and he carries a gun daily. I consider that experience vital to anyone who works on guns meant for serious (read that, life support) work. ■



My EDC is a Glock 17 worked over by Ben, with his Level 2 grip reduction, better sights, a trigger job with Apex parts, and general tuning. If I wear a suit, a Boresight Glock 19 is substituted, and I have a Boresight G48 for maximum concealment when needed.

Ben has a very informative website at boresightsolutions.com. He likes to be certain his clients get exactly what they need, so he actually prefers to talk to new customers by phone in what he calls an “interview,” to get a

feel for their hand size, body build, how they dress, and how they normally carry a handgun, so he can make informed recommendations. His phone number is 786-323-6811. Ben works on S&W Shields and M&P’s, SIG 320’s, and FN pistols, in addition to his Glock work. Also, Ben offers a generous discount to Rangemaster students, if you supply a copy of a class certificate that is not more than 30 days old at the time of your order.

How strong a recommendation do I give Ben’s work? I bet my life on one of his pistols, every day of every week. I can’t give a better recommendation than that! ■

Upcoming Events

February 22-23

[Combative Pistol](#)

Bandera, Texas

March 6-8

[Defensive Shotgun Instructor Development](#)

Leesburg, FL

March 27-29

[Tactical Conference](#)

Dallas, TX

April 3

[Defensive Shotgun \(One-Day Format\)](#)

KR Training, Austin, TX

April 4-5

[Combative Pistol](#)

KR Training, Austin, TX

April 16-19

[NRA Annual Meeting](#)

Nashville, TN

April 24-25

[Combative Pistol](#)

Dahlonega, GA

April 26

[Defensive Shotgun \(One-Day Format\)](#)

Dahlonega, GA

Glock 48, A New Choice for Concealed Carry

By Tom Givens

About 99% of the time I wear a Glock 17 and two spare magazines, fully concealed. I've been wearing a full-size gun for so many years that it's easy for me. However, I wanted something that was still a capable sidearm but would be more concealable on the rare occasions when I wear a suit and tie or go somewhere I can't have a gun.



I acquired a Glock 48 that Ben Simonson at Boresight Solutions worked over. It has a grip reduction, Apex trigger parts, and Ameriglo sights. Tony Mayer at JM Custom Kydex made me an IWB #3 holster for it, just like the one I wear my G17 in every day. He also sent me his new low-profile magazine pouches, which I love.

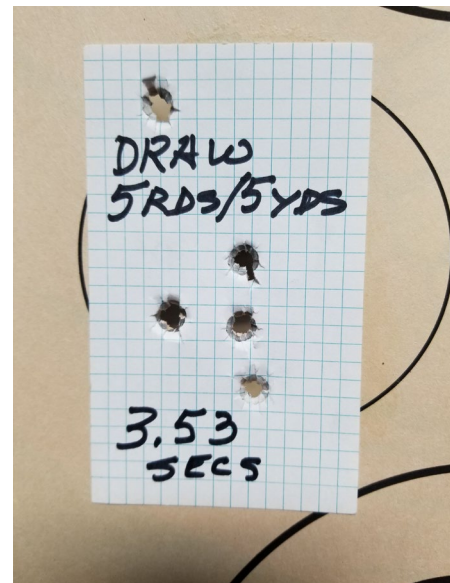


When I first looked at the Glock 48, the smaller, slimmer grip frame seemed slippery, or "squirmy" to me. Ben's grip treatment eliminates that issue completely. I got to the range recently with this combo, and with the enhancements done to this one, it's a real shooter. I shot Justin Dyal's "5 Yard Round-Up Drill," scoring 98 or 99 out of 100, depending on how hard assed the scorer is. I drew from concealment and put 5 rounds in a 3X5 card at 5 yards in 3.53 seconds. I also fired 10 rounds slow fire at 10 yards and 7 them went into the same hole. That is all very good performance from such a compact, trim little gun. I like it. ■

Tom's New Book is Now Available

Tom's newest book is now available from Gun Digest Books. This is a must have for your reference library.

<https://www.gundigeststore.com/product/concealed-carry-class-the-abcs-of-self-defense-tools-and-tactics/>



Malfunctions I Have Known

By Lee Weems

So there I was, in the homestretch to the office having already stopped to get my biscuit and caffeine when a call came over the radio detailing a shooting that had just occurred. The caller gave a vehicle and suspect description. I was near one of two locations from which the shooter could emerge; so, I quickly headed to that intersection and then drove toward the scene. The shooter had gone in the opposite direction and was quickly captured.

As I arrived on scene, I saw Captain James Hale (of 10.33 Casino Drill fame), our patrol commander and an EMT, providing medical care to the victim. I've seen James work enough patients to know that this one was bad.

My thoughts then turned to securing the scene. I approached the doorway to the garage in which the shooting had occurred and saw a 9mm shell casing on the floor.

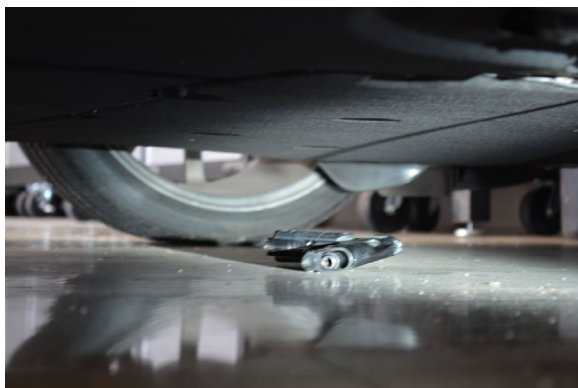


That didn't strike me as odd as one would expect to find an empty shell casing at the scene of a shooting, but then I saw several live rounds on the floor.

In total, we found two empty casings and three live rounds. That did strike me as odd.



Our crime scene technician arrived on scene and began documenting evidence. We discovered a pistol underneath a car that was parked in the garage. It was clearly "jammed."



Once everything had been photographed and documented, the pistol was retrieved from under the car, and I, while wearing gloves of course, cleared a double feed.



The magazine was marked “.38 ACP”.

Now at this point, I thought to myself, “Self, what is the point of having knowledgeable gun guy friends if you don’t call them in times like this.” So, I called Tom Givens.

Thankfully, Tom was at home. I sent him some pictures of the pistol, and he called back telling me that the pistol was a Colt Pocket Hammer. Tom also relayed the following information:

“It’s chambered in .38 ACP. A 9mm round will chamber and fire in one, but you’d probably have feeding issues.” Mystery solved.

Unfortunately, our victim didn’t make it. The shooter was the victim’s son. He has since pled guilty and is serving a 25-year sentence. The pistol had been taken in the burglary of an antique shop along with several other firearms. We never definitively determined how it wound up in the possession of the shooter.

The victim was shot twice. My educated surmising is that the shooter fired once, the pistol jammed, he then racked out the live round and fired the second shot and then the pistol jammed again. In trying to clear that malfunction, he created a double feed, and then he flung (Southern term for threw) the pistol across the garage where it came to rest underneath the Porsche, which was parked between the vintage Corvette and a Harley.

Perhaps it is just conjecture (a fancy word for wanton speculation) on my part, but I suspect that the killer having the wrong ammo in his pistol saved us from having two murders that day as his step-mother witnessed the entire ordeal. She called 911 as our killer fled the scene. ■

