

GLOCK's Slimline models offer a more narrow overall profile that makes for easier and more comfortable shooting and concealed carry.



# THE GLOCK SLIMLINE ADVANTAGE

**MORE COMPACT PISTOL OPTIONS ENSURE YOU ARE  
ABLE TO CARRY CONCEALED AT ALL TIMES**

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I have made a conscious decision to carry a self-defense weapon on my body for more than 35 years. I firmly believe I am responsible for my safety, and for the safety of my loved ones. Therefore, this duty requires the personal sacrifice of some comfort regarding the extra weight and bulk of a firearm.

With each departure from my home I am confronted with balancing the requirements of attire appropriate for the occasion with the concealed carry methods and guns available to me. While I prefer to carry my custom GLOCK 19, I do not always have the option to do so, especially in summer months, when the weight and length of the G19 makes it more difficult to conceal beneath a t-shirt and shorts.

Fortunately, GLOCK pistols come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and like the clothes I wear, afford me many options from which to choose for an event.

The dimensions of a firearm impact each of us differently, depending on body size and carry method, so they should be considered individually as well as cumulatively to determine which carry method and gun is best suited for a given activity or manner of dress.

What we choose to wear when heading out to dinner or a movie is typically very different from what we wear working in our yard, on our daily jobs, or while traveling around our

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beautiful country. Ideally, having more than one firearm from which to choose will provide you with more options when trying to balance a carry method, whether in an inside-or outside-the-waistband holster, in a CCW backpack, in a fanny pack, purse or any other carry method with suitable attire, while trying to be as comfortable as possible.

As with any lifesaving tool or practice, constant training with various carry methods is essential to ensure safe and accurate habits when a self-defense situation arises. Remember, limited carry options can cause you to go unarmed on some occasions, and that is not good.





**TOP:** Shown here is the GLOCK 42 chambered in .380 AUTO, a popular defensive cartridge.

**CENTER:** The Slimline frame is barely any wider than the pistol's slide.



The GLOCK 43X MOS comes ready to accept the most popular miniature red-dot sights on the market.

**SLIMLINE FOR SUMMER**

GLOCK's new Slimline models fill the gap between the G43 and the G19 models and give us more choices to fit our daily options. My previous options for summer carry were limited to the G43 and the G26 in 9x19. The G43 and G26 were of equal length, similar height, but the G43 was thinner than the G26 with a smaller magazine capacity (six versus 10 rounds).

Both of these options were difficult for me to grasp with more than two fingers on the grip without a finger extension on the magazine, and due to my larger hands, I often pinched the palm of my shooting hand while reloading during training. These were great options for me during summer months when it was impossible to hide my G19, but my grip was not the same.



**MORE OPTIONS WITH THE G43X AND G48**

With the release of the new Slimline G43X and G48, I now have several slimmer, shorter, and lighter carry options that have the same grip size as the G19 I normally carry. Since I prefer the use of red-dot sighting systems, the available option of GLOCK's Modular Optic System (MOS) on both models gives me more options and saves me time and money.

The G43X MOS also streamlines my training requirements by providing a very similar set up between carry options of the G43X MOS and the G19 with a red-dot that I have carried for more than a decade.

In previous years, I limited myself to the red-dot adorned G19 and had great difficulty hiding it without looking sloppy wearing an untucked oversized shirt. When GLOCK released the G42, I bought several, just as I did with the G43. When carrying the G42 and G43, I always carried two spare magazines to make up for their reduced ammunition capacity, but felt comfortable knowing I had a gun on me with sufficient ammunition to readily address an attack.

When GLOCK released the G43X MOS, I immediately bought two and outfitted each of them with a red-dot sight. I carry mine in an appendix holster where my G19 normally sits and my wife carries hers in a purse designed for quick access. The new 10-round magazine capacity seems sufficient to carry without spare magazines and is much easier to conceal in warmer weather. As soon as the weather permits, I will certainly move back to my G19, but I do not feel short changed in the least carrying the G43X.

Remember, pistol red-dot sights enable you to shoot the way your body will naturally function under stress: Your eyes will lock onto the target, preventing near-range focus on a front sight. A red dot allows you to keep your focus on the target while aiming accurately with the bright dot, and to do it very quickly. No amount of training can overcome this Body Alarm Reaction, so you may as well train the way the body is going to fight and modify your guns accordingly.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Slimline GLOCK pistols provide concealed carriers with more options so they can carry comfortably and effectively, regardless of the clothes they wear or the season they have to dress for, and always be ready to defend themselves and their loved ones. There's a GLOCK model for everyone and for every type of carry, you just have to find yours. To learn more and compare features of the Slimline models, visit <https://us.glock.com/en/slimline>



Slimline GLOCK pistols are a great option for appendix carry, an increasingly popular holster position. Photo by author.