

The Opinion: At the Gun Store: The Kel Tec PF9 is a short recoil operated DAO with an internal hammer. The hammer is visible from the rear but it does not protrude at any point in the firing sequence.

The specs from Kel Tec differ from what I put in the Fact Sheet. The Kel-Tec spec for width lists .88 inches. That is true of the slide if you measure at the serrations and the grip if measured between the gator skin bumps. I measure the widest point which is at the slide release.

The rear sight is held with a Allen screw which allows some adjustment.

The frame has an accessory rail with a single notch. Crimson Trace makes the LG-435 which provides an integrated looking laser with a finger grip activation.

The length of pull is a little long at 2.925". That's to get your finger on the trigger. There is about 0.13" of take up before you start getting the resistance of the trigger pull. I measured the pull weight at 5.5 pounds. The pull is long at about 0.54". I don't notice the trigger pull weight stacking on as I pull.

There are two noticeable "clicks" during the trigger reset. You have to get to the second click before the trigger is reset.

The instruction manual warns not to dry fire this gun. Some spring loaded snap caps will be essential for dry fire practice.

On the Range: To date, this is the most uncomfortable gun I have shot. The light weight and thin grip transfer recoil energy into your hand. It's just physics. You can't cheat that.

For my grip I get just enough with the magazine extension that has been trimmed to take off the leading edge. It makes a big difference in controlling the gun. With the extension I can get three fingers on the front strap. I trimmed the leading edge off the factory grip extension to make it more comfortable.

The gun has defensive accuracy. I have not fired my standard 3 shot group at 45' yet. I can get sub 2" groups at 15'.

I have shot the usual WalMart selection of 9mm ammo through this gun without a problem from any of them. Jacketed hollow points have functioned reliably. As with any gun used for personal protection. Shot several hundred rounds of your preferred defensive load to ensure reliability. This suggestion is not just for Kel Tec, but for any gun used for self-defense.

In the Field: The purpose of this gun is for concealed carry and for that it excels. For carry the light weight and thin design are excellent. As a carry gun under a shoulder it is comfortable all day long. You are not restricted from moderate activity. I would suggest the Cerakote or chromed finish on the slide to combat the effects of perspiration.

. Greg Poole – February 24, 2016