

## Checklist: Matters to Consider When Deciding on a Handgun

- Purpose:  Carry  Home Defense  Target  Hunting  
 Carry:  Pocket  Ankle  Appendix  
 Inside the Waistband  Outside the Waistband  Shoulder  Off Body  
 Action Type:  Revolver  Semi-Automatic  
 If Revolver:  From 5–10 bullet chambers  
 If Semi-Auto:  From 5–33+ bullets per magazine  
 Grip:  Wood  Rubberized  Plastic  
 Grip:  Ergonomic  Customizable  Non-Customizable  
 Grip:  Thin  Thick  
 Frame:  All Metal  Polymer Frame/Metal Slide  
 Frame:  Colorized  Black  
 Slide:  Colorized  Black  
 Caliber (cost/bullet):  .22lr (~\$.07)  .380 (~\$.30)  9mm (~\$.25)  
  .40 (~\$.30)  .45 (~\$.40)  10mm (~\$.60)  
  .38spcl (~\$.50)  .357 (~\$.80)  Others  
 Barrel:  Short  Medium  Long  
 Barrel:  Non-Threaded  Threaded (for suppressor)  
 Sights:  Standard  3-Dot  Night/Glow  Fiber Optic  
 Sights:  Fixed  Adjustable  Red Dot/Reflex  
 Width:  Under 1 inch  Over 1 inch  
 Weight (loaded):  Under 1 pound  Over 1 pound  
 Action:  Single  Double  SA/DA  
 Action:  Hammer  Striker  
 Action:  Standard  Law Enforcement Model  
 Trigger Group:  Standard  Modular/Interchangeable  
 Trigger Reset:  Short  Long  
 Trigger Guard:  Standard  Oversized (for Glove)  
 Safety:  External  No External  
 External Safety:  Ambidextrous  One-Sided  
 External Safety:  On Trigger  On Frame  On Slide  On Grip  
 Decocker:  Yes  No  
 Decocker:  On Slide Side  On Slide Back  
 Magazine:  Single Stack  Double Stack  
 Magazine Disconnect:  Yes  No  
 Magazine Release:  Grip Button  Trigger Guard Paddle  Heel of Grip  
 Magazine Release:  Ambidextrous  One-Sided  
 Slide Lock:  Yes  No  
 Slide Serrations:  Deep  Shallow  
 Slide Serrations:  Back Only  Front and Back  
 Slide Pull:  Normal  Lighter  
 Picatinny Rail(s):  Yes  No  
 Laser:  Yes  No  
 Extra Magazine:  1  2  3  
 Takedown:  Simple/No Tool Required  Involved/Tool Required  
 Case:  Plastic  Cardboard

See this resource for testing what gun is right for you: <https://bit.ly/2Xo1BU1>