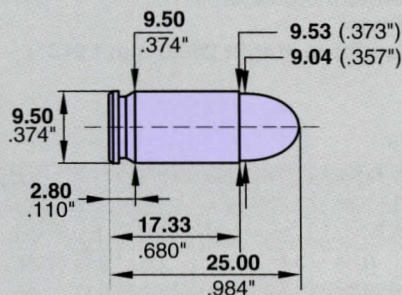


.380 ACP

CIP max. dimensions in millimeters (inches)



Country of origin:	Belgium
Year of introduction:	1912
Max. bullet diameter:	9.04 mm (.357")
Max. cartridge length:	25.00 mm (.984")
Max. shell length:	17.33 mm (.680"), trim to 17.20 mm (.670")
Max. CIP piezo pressure:	135 MPa (19575 psi)

The 380 ACP, known also as 9mm Kurz and 9mm Browning Short, was introduced by the Belgium company Fabrique Nationale in 1912. This fine 9 mm cartridge is one of the many pistol cartridges designed by John M. Browning, and it served and still serves as the official police and military cartridge for many countries. It has been very popular because of the light, handy pistols chambered for it.

Although the more powerful 9mm Parabellum has enjoyed greater overall popularity the .380 ACP is alive and well. Many firearm manufacturers offer compact pistols in this caliber.

The .380 ACP may be classified as a minimum automatic pistol cartridge suited for self-defence, and it has sufficient power for hunting small game, like rabbits, where allowed. The firearms in this caliber are, however, not generally accurate enough for hunting purposes. Most of these firearms are autoloader pistols constructed for self-defence, where a high degree of accuracy is not necessary. However, some of the better models with adjustable sights are suitable for informal target shooting and plinking at limited ranges, too.

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TEST COMPONENTS:

Test barrel: 90 mm (3½"), 1 in 10" twist, manufactured to meet CIP minimum dimensions.

Primers: Small Pistol

Cases: Sako, trim-to length 17.20 mm (.677")

Reloading Data, Metric Units:

Bullet				Powder	Starting Load			Maximum Load			
Weight [g]	Type	Mfg.	C.O.L. [mm]	Type	Weight [g]	[grs]	Velocity [m/s]	Weight [g]	[grs]	Velocity [m/s]	Pressure [MPa]
5.8	HP-XTP	Hornady	24.9	N310				0.18	2.8	308	max.
				N320				0.23	3.5	327	max.
6.2	TMJ	Speer	24.9	N310				0.18	2.8	303	max.
				N320				0.23	3.6	325	max.
6.5	FMJ	Hornady	24.9	N310				0.16	2.5	278	max.
				N320				0.21	3.3	307	max.

Reloading Data, English Units:

Bullet				Powder	Starting Load			Maximum Load			
Weight [grs]	Type	Mfg.	C.O.L. [in.]	Type	Weight [grs]	[fps]	Velocity [fps]	Weight [grs]	[fps]	Velocity [fps]	Pressure [psi]
90	HP-XTP	Hornady	.980	N310				2.8	1010		max.
				N320				3.5	1073		max.
95	TMJ	Speer	.980	N310				2.8	994		max.
				N320				3.6	1066		max.
100	FMJ	Hornady	.980	N310				2.5	912		max.
				N320				3.3	1007		max.

NOTE!

ONLY THE MAXIMUM LOAD IS SHOWN IN THE TABLES ABOVE. START LOADING WITH APPROXIMATELY 10% SMALLER POWDER CHARGE.

INDICATES MAXIMUM LOAD - USE WITH CAUTION!

LOADS LESS THAN MINIMUM CHARGES SHOWN ARE NOT RECOMMENDED