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CHOOSING A CONCEALED WEAPON



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Battle Run Tactical asked Scott Lark if he would care to write up his experiences during his recent search for a compact .380 semi-automatic pistol. The following article was prepared based on his observations and experience and is being passed on for your review. "enjoy".

SigSauerGuns.com



Above photograph - <http://www.sig-sauer.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/sig-sauer-238-tl-01.jpg>.

I recently went to a local gun store to purchase a summer carry 380. After researching different 380's, I had it narrowed down to the Smith and Wesson bodyguard or the Sig Sauer p238. I had not shot either, but had played around with the Smith.

The Sig came highly recommended by my wife's cousin who is a North Carolina Highway Patrolman and it is his backup weapon. When I held

the Sig, my mind was made up quickly, with the extended clip and finger grooved grip, it felt like it was made for me. A Sig factory red laser, the plastic Sig owb holster and an extra magazine came with the pistol. When I got home I ordered a Tommy Theis iwb holster and cleaned and oiled it.

It comes apart for cleaning very simply and goes back together just

as easy. This pistol is a mini 1911 platform, with an external safety. It is a single action design and the hammer has to be cocked either by the action of the slide or manually to fire the weapon. The safety can be activated while the hammer is back making it very safe to carry in condition one. If you are not a fan of safeties, you can leave it off and drop the hammer to carry with a round in the chamber.

The size is a little bigger than some of the 380's on the market now but still fits in the palm of your hand. This is not a polymer pistol, it has a stainless steel slide and an



Above photograph: Tommy Theis Holster.
<http://theisholsters.com/holsters.php>

aluminum frame:

Weight 13.6 unloaded

Height 3.9

Length 5.5

Frame thickness .9

Barrel length 2.8

Trigger pull 7 pounds

Capacity 7 rounds.

When I took it to the range, it fired just as I hoped it would, flawlessly. There were no issues at all with any ammo I used, very little felt recoil making it a pleasure to shoot.

I am by no means a great shot, although I did qualify expert on Navy and Marine Corps pistol ranges, tried US Navy. The sights are standard three dot sight, this particular model does have night sights. Unlike a lot of pocket 380's, the sights on the Sig are very usable which I find to be a huge advantage.

I was able to hold three inch groups at 7, 10 and 12 yards. At 15 and 25

If you are in the market for a new pistol, and have done research like Scott has, We at Battle Run Tactical would love to read about your research, reviews and what you based your decisions on to make your purchase.

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it spread out more but still stayed on target.

If you are in the market for a 380 or just a carry gun, I would highly suggest looking at the Sig p238, they are a bit pricey but well worth it in my opinion, if you ever have to pull a weapon to defend yourself or your family, you want the best choice available. This weapon is highly concealable and very reliable.

Scott Lark

Scott recently retired in 2009 from a 20 year Career with the speciality as a Navy Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer First Class, fleet marine force. Petty Officer First Class is the 6th rank in the United States Navy, ranking above [Petty Officer Second Class](#) and directly below [Chief Petty Officer](#). A Petty Officer First Class is a Petty Officer at DOD paygrade E-6.

Scott has relocated back home where

he is raising a family. Scott occasionally hunts deer, but mainly just enjoys shooting and spending time with family.

Scott "Thank You" for the review article and for serving your country..



Above photograph - Scott Lark

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