



# VP40 Pistol

.40 S&W

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# VP Series . . . now with .40 caliber power.

In the summer of 2014, the introduction of the Heckler & Koch 9 mm VP9 took the firearms industry by storm. Now comes the HK VP40 with .40 caliber power.

In development for more than four years, the VP Series is Heckler & Koch's latest handgun and the first striker fired HK since the renowned P7 series pistols were introduced in the 1980s.

Experience gained by HK engineers with the P30 pistol had a direct influence on the design of the VP, but the VP Series breaks new ground with its integration of a unique striker firing system with an enhanced HK "light pull" trigger. The net result is trigger quality unequalled in any production striker fired handgun.

Heckler & Koch pioneered the first striker fired handguns, producing both the VP70 and P7 series, designs that impacted several models by HK competitors. But a superior trigger has eluded most striker fired pistol designs.

The VP trigger surpasses those found on competitors. It has a short, light take-up with a solid, single action type break followed by a short positive reset.

The VP trigger has a consistent pre-travel pull with a positive wall/crisp break. Typically, striker fired guns have a pre-travel pull that increases in weight as you go through the trigger stroke. With the VP, you have a less than noticeable pre-travel pull until the trigger reaches the engagement point of the fire control parts prior to trigger break.

The VP uses HK's ergonomic handgun grip design that includes three changeable backstraps and six grip side panels—accommodating all hand sizes. Molded finger grooves in the front of the pistol's grip also instinctively position an operator's hand for optimal shooting. Only HK handguns have such a customized grip.

Although influenced by other HK models, the VP Series has all the hallmarks of the latest, state-of-the-art handgun. All controls are completely ambidextrous. Slide releases are present on both sides of the frame and the magazine release can be easily activated by left- or right-handed shooters.

A new feature is HK's patented charging supports — simple components that are mounted on each side of the rear of the slide and provide better gripping leverage for racking the slide rearward. The charging supports speed reloading and make operating the VP easier for shooters with reduced hand strength. VP Series pistols use the proven HK P30 steel magazine design; 15-round (9 mm) and 13-round (.40 S&W). Reduced, 10-round capacity magazines are also available.

VP Series pistols have an extended Picatinny MIL-STD-1913 rail molded into their polymer frame for mounting lights and accessories. The rail has been tested and certified to handle mounted accessories up to 5.6 ounces (160 grams).

VP pistols use a proprietary captive flat recoil spring that helps reduce the recoil forces effecting the operator and the handgun, improving shooter control during rapid firing and prolonging component service life.

HK's famous cold hammer forged barrel — made from cannon grade steel — ensures long service life. Similar HK barrels on 9 mm P30 models have fired more than 90,000 rounds in endurance tests in 2010. The polygonal bore profile, with no traditional lands-and-grooves rifling, contributes to longer service life as well as a slight increase in muzzle velocity.

The VP's machined steel slide is protected from corrosion and wear by HK's hostile environment finish and all metal components, including springs and pins have superior metallurgy.

VP pistols are made in Heckler & Koch's Oberndorf factory in southwest Germany and are well-suited for civilian sport shooting, security, military, and law enforcement use.

Covered by Heckler & Koch's limited lifetime warranty, the VP Series is a solid design engineered with the famous long-term durability that make HK products especially cost-effective when subjected to total life cycle cost analysis. And VP Series pistols are remarkably value priced.



Patented HK charging supports make pulling the VP slide rearward effortless

Low snag rear sight is drift adjustable for windage

Enlarged, heavy-duty extractor for reliability also functions as a loaded chamber indicator

Low profile right side slide release lever

All HK pistol slides made from high strength steel with carbon-nitride "hostile environment" corrosion resistant finish.

VP pistols have non-radioactive luminescent three dot sights for fast target acquisition. Accessory tritium sights also available.

Cold-hammered forged barrel ensures long service life and outstanding shooting accuracy. Polygonal bore profile for increased velocity, easier cleaning, and longer barrel life.

Higher grip saddle translates into lower effective bore axis; means quicker target acquisition, less felt recoil, and faster follow up shots

Extended Picatinny rail rated to handle lights, lasers, aimers, and other accessory loads up to 5.6 ounces with no impact on performance.

**NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH .40 S&W AND 9 MM**

Replaceable backstraps (choice of small, medium, or large with each VP)

Ambidextrous magazine release is easily operated using your thumb or index finger without changing grip position.

Front slide serrations

Disassembly lever

Slide release lever (ambidextrous)

Rear slide serrations

Replaceable grip side panels (choice of small, medium, or large with each VP)

Ergonomic grip profile used on the renowned HK45 and P30 pistols

Trigger designed for superior performance — short, light take up with single action quality and short, positive reset

The rear of the striker/firing pin is colored red and is visible by the shooter when the striker is cocked.

Lanyard loop attachment point

Steel P30-type magazine with protective polymer floorplate. 13-round capacity (.40 S&W), 15-round (9 mm), 10 round also available in both calibers.

## VP40 CALIBER .40 S&W RIGHT AND LEFT SIDE VIEWS ACTUAL SIZE



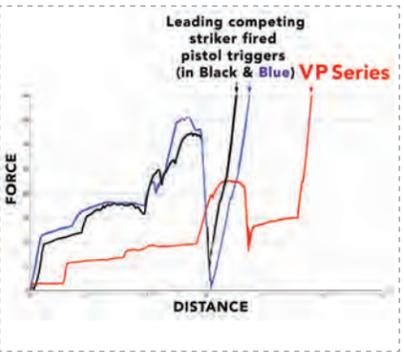
Large recurved trigger guard allows shooting when wearing gloves



Nearly identical, the VP40 has a taller (by 1 mm) and slightly heavier slide than the VP9. Patented HK Charging Supports help facilitate smoother and easier manipulation of the slide during clearing or reloading. The rear of the striker is colored red and serves as a cocking indicator.



Simple and easy disassembly with the new HK takedown lever. For optimal safe handling, VP pistols cannot be disassembled with a magazine in the magazine well—and the trigger doesn't need to be pulled to remove the slide.



VP trigger compared to triggers on leading competing striker fired pistols. The HK VP Series trigger tested lighter than the two most major models.



The VP Series pistol possesses HK's well-earned reputation for handgun accuracy (HK staff test target, 5 shots with a VP9 at 25 yards).



VP Series pistols use a striker fired ignition and a modified Browning operating system combined with an optimal "light pull" trigger control system — it is in essence a premium HK P30 frame mated to an advanced striker fired slide design. Materials include proprietary HK steel for barrel, slide, springs, pins, and internal components. The VP Series polymer frame is completely corrosion resistant.



Combination of 3 interchangeable backstraps and 6 grip panels allow custom fit for all shooters. 27 unique, custom-fitted grip combinations are possible for VP pistols.

## The VP Series Pistols... thoroughly tested and ready for you.

Mention the name Heckler & Koch in knowledgeable circles and immediately eyebrows raise and heads nod in recognition.

HK has earned the respect and admiration of the world's most elite military and law enforcement operators through its "no compromise" commitment to firearms innovation and performance.

But what really makes an HK pistol different from other pistols? Maybe the fact that Heckler & Koch maintains the most thorough testing regimen for new products in the firearms industry.

Little known outside of Heckler & Koch facilities and offices throughout the world is a highly structured HK testing program that strictly follows well-established company protocols and procedures.

Under development for more than four years, the HK VP Series has been subject to just about every test imaginable — NATO AC/225 and U.S. NIJ drop tests, water, dust, mud, and sand tests that duplicate the most extreme environments and harshest operational conditions in the world.

VP pistol function and abuse tests included firing more than 10,000 rounds of a wide variety of international ammunition types through sample pistols.

During these tests — accuracy, wear, and tolerance readings are taken to establish the capabilities, performance, and realistic service life of VP Series pistols in all environments.

Unlike some manufacturers, HK test fires all VP pistols for accuracy, function, and proofing (for international and German industrial certification) before they leave the factory.

This passion for testing is just one more part of what separates HK from the pack.

### AVAILABLE VP CONFIGURATIONS

- VP40 pistol with two 13 rd. magazines — M700040-A5 UPC 642230253582
- VP40 pistol with two 10 rd. magazines — 700040-A5 UPC 642230253605
- VP40 pistol with three 13 rd. magazines and tritium sights — 700040LE-A5 UPC 642230253599
- VP40 pistol with three 10 rd. magazines and tritium sights — 700040LE-A5 UPC 642230253612
- VP9 pistol with two 15 rd. magazines — M700009-A5 UPC 642230250857
- VP9 pistol with two 10 rd. magazines — 700009-A5 UPC 642230250864
- VP9 pistol with three 15 rd. magazines and tritium sights — 700009LE-A5 UPC 642230250888
- VP9 pistol with three 10 rd. magazines and tritium sights — 700009LE-A5 UPC 642230251793

### SPARE MAGAZINES

- VP40 (.40 S&W) 13 rd. magazine — 2298455  
UPC 642230247291
- VP40 (.40 S&W) 10 rd. magazine — 2299705  
UPC 642230248298
- VP9 (9 mm) 15 rd. magazine — 2343165  
UPC 642230244344
- VP9 (9 mm) 10 rd. magazine — 2297505  
UPC 642230247307



VP shown with  
accessory light



VP Series pistols can be easily field stripped and disassembled with the HK takedown lever on the frame. VP pistols are designed to be disassembled without the need to pull the trigger prior to removing the slide. A low maintenance design, VPs have a service life of many tens of thousands of rounds.

## VP SERIES TECHNICAL DATA

Pistol	VP40	VP9
Caliber	.40 S&W	9 mm x 19
Operating Principle	Recoil-operated	
Action Type	Browning type, modified linkless locking system	
Trigger System	Striker fired	
Magazine (P30 type)	13 round or 10 round capacity	15 round or 10 round capacity
<b>Dimensions &amp; Weight</b>		
Length	7.34 inches / 186.5 mm	7.34 inches / 186.5 mm
Width	1.32 inches / 33.5 mm	1.32 inches / 33.5 mm
Height	5.45 inches / 138.5 mm	5.41 inches / 137.5 mm
Barrel Length	4.09 inches / 104 mm	4.09 inches / 104 mm
Sight Radius (Sights)	6.38 inches / 162 mm (three dot)	6.38 inches / 162 mm (three dot)
Weight (with empty magazine)	28.93 ounces / 820 grams	26.56 ounces / 753 grams
Weight (empty magazine)	3.28 ounces / 93 grams	3.28 ounces / 93 grams
<b>Other Data</b>		
Trigger Pull	4.50-5.62 pound-force / 20-25 Newtons	4.50-5.62 pound-force / 20-25 Newtons
Trigger Travel	.24 inches / 6 mm	.24 inches / 6 mm
Return Travel	.12 inches / 3 mm	.12 inches / 3 mm
Barrel Profile/Twist	Polygonal, 6 grooves, right-hand twist, 1 in 9.8 inches / 1 in 250 mm	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Warranty	Limited Lifetime Warranty for the original retail (commercial/civilian) purchaser, one year for law enforcement and military customers	
Picatinny Rail	Extended MIL-STD-1913 rail with four segments located under dust cover — rated to 5.6 ounces / 160 grams load for accessory light, lasers, and aimers with no impact on performance	
Service Life	Test guns have fired more than 10,000 rounds, comparable HK models (9 mm P30) have achieved 91,000 rounds	
Safety	Firing pin block, trigger latch safety, disassembly safety, loaded chamber indicator Pistol and magazine AC/225 NATO and NIJ0112.03 safety certified including drop tested	
Disassembly	No tools required for user field strip, magazine must be removed for disassembly. Minimal tools (simple punches) required for detailed, depot level disassembly	

### VP SERIES KEY FEATURES

- ULTRA RELIABLE OPERATION
- EXCELLENT TRIGGER MATED TO A NEW HK STRIKER FIRED IGNITION SYSTEM
- HIGHLY ACCURATE
- SUPERIOR SAFETY WITH MULTIPLE SAFETIES
- EXTENSIVELY TESTED THROUGH FOUR YEARS OF DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
- ENGINEERED FOR A LONG SERVICE LIFE
- AMBIDEXTROUS CONTROLS
- OPTIMUM ERGONOMICS WITH CHANGEABLE BACKSTRAPS & SIDE PANELS
- VALUE-BASED PRICE & LOW LIFE CYCLE COST
- LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR CIVILIAN CUSTOMERS / 1 YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT & MILITARY



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