

FIELD STRIPPING

Glock pistols are designed to be easily field stripped. Field stripping your handgun allows you to clean and lubricate the critical components, ensuring reliable operation. After practice, the entire field strip procedure can be accomplished in just a few seconds.

It is recommended that you wear safety glasses anytime you field strip or clean your pistol. This will help protect your eyes from misdirected aerosols as well as any items that may become dislodged or airborne during disassembly or cleaning.

Throughout this section you will find QR Codes that will allow you to view videos that accompany the process outlined in this book. To use the QR Code, scan the code with your Tablet or Smart Phone using a QR Code Reader; this will automatically load the appropriate site containing the video.



Magazine Removal

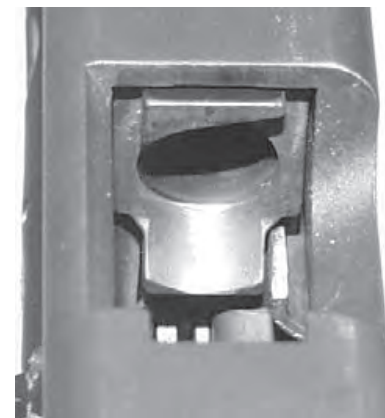
1. Remove all ammunition from immediate area.
2. While pointing the pistol in a safe direction, depress the magazine catch and remove the magazine.

NOTE: IF THE MAGAZINE IS LOADED, UNLOAD THE MAGAZINE AND REMOVE AMMUNITION FROM THE AREA BEFORE PROCEEDING.



Verification of Empty Pistol

1. Pull back the slide and lock the slide in the open position.
2. Visually inspect the chamber and magazine well.
3. Using your little finger, physically verify that the chamber is clear.



This is how an empty chamber will appear after the slide has been pulled back. It is generally a good idea to both visually and manually inspect the chamber for a cartridge.

WARNING: WHEN USING YOUR LITTLE FINGER TO CHECK THE CHAMBER BE CERTAIN THAT THE SLIDE IS LOCKED IN THE OPEN POSITION AND AVOID HITTING OR JARRING THE SLIDE STOP LEVER. THIS MAY CAUSE THE SLIDE TO CLOSE ON YOUR FINGER.

Release the Slide

While ensuring the chamber remains empty and the firearm is pointed in a safe direction, release the slide. To release the slide use either the "crosshand" method or the "slide stop lever" method.



Slidestop Lever Method

Push down on the slide stop lever until the slide closes. This method is most effective when using the extended slide stop lever.



Crosshand Method

Grab the slide between the thumb and index finger, pull the slide back until the slide stop drops and release the slide, similar to a slingshot.

Remove the Slide



Now that the slide is closed, point the pistol in a safe direction and depress the trigger. You will hear the firing pin move forward.



Grab muzzle with left hand (right handed users), while holding pistol in right hand, rotate pistol 90 degrees down (barrel pointed towards the floor).



Isolate the slide with palm of right hand and 4 fingers. Close right hand fingers over top of slide and grasp right thumb over the backstrap of the grip frame.



Apply downward pressure with right thumb, moving the slide approximately 1/8" to 1/4".

NOTE: IF THE SLIDE IS MOVED REARWARD MORE THAN 1/4" YOU WILL HEAR THE TRIGGER RESET AND YOU MUST START THE SLIDE REMOVAL PROCESS AGAIN.



Palming the trigger guard with the left hand, simultaneously pull down both sides of the slide lock lever with your left thumb and middle finger, maintain downward pressure of the slide lock lever and push the slide forward until it is fully separated from the receiver.



NOTE: IF A NEW YORK TRIGGER SPRING IS INSTALLED YOU WILL HAVE TO HOLD THE TRIGGER TO THE REAR TO REMOVE THE SLIDE.