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## USP Compact .40 S&W & 9mm



The HK USP Compact is available in 9mm and .40 S&W

The HK USP Compact is a small frame pistol capable of firing the most powerful cartridges in .40 S&W and 9mm x 19, including all +P 9mm chamberings. Based on the full size HK USP (Universal Self-loading Pistol), these handy pistols are a reasonable synthesis of compact size and effective shooting capabilities.

USP Compact pistols are significantly smaller and lighter than large frame USPs. The reduction in trigger reach and overall grip circumference increases concealability and enhances shooting ergonomics.

Unlike some subcompact semiautomatic pistols that use a difficult to shoot "two-finger grip" frame, the HK USP Compact uses a narrow, full hand grip frame. This makes the pistol easy to shoot without sacrificing concealability.

Like its large frame predecessor, the USP Compact is designed with the demanding needs of the American shooter in mind. Features favored by US civilian, law enforcement, and military users provided the design criteria for both the full size USP and the USP Compact.

All variants of the USP Compact have a modified contoured slide and frame for effective concealability. Variants 1-7 also have a no snag, bobbed hammer. The extended slide release is contoured to reduce wear and tear on clothing when the pistol is carried concealed.

Using a modified linkless Browning-type action, the USP Compact is built to take the punishment of high energy +P loads.

To reduce the length of the slide and barrel on the USP Compact, the mechanical recoil reduction system found on large frame USPs has been replaced by a specially designed flat compression spring contained in the captive recoil spring assembly by a polymer absorber bushing. Service life is still engineered to exceed 20,000 rounds.

The frame mounted control lever, a combination safety and decocking lever, has a slimline profile for compactness but is still quickly accessible, unlike the slide mounted safeties common on many semiautomatic pistols.

The USP control lever has a positive stop and automatically returns to the "fire" position after decocking. The control lever, featured on many variants of the USP and USP Compact allows these pistols to be safely carried "cocked and locked".

By using the same modular approach to the internal components found on large frame USPs, the control lever function of the USP Compact can be switched from the left to the right side of the pistol for left-handed shooters.

The USP Compact can also be converted from one type of trigger firing mode to another. This includes combination double-action and single-action modes and double action only modes. The USP Compact is currently available in nine trigger/firing mode configurations, or virtually any firing mode imaginable.

In addition to a wide selection of trigger/firing modes, all USP Compacts have an ambidextrous magazine release lever which is shielded by the flared trigger guard from inadvertent actuation. The magazine release lever can be pressed with the thumb or index finger of the firing hand, without adjusting the firing grip.

The polymer frame of the USP Compact was designed using technical experience gained by HK engineers in the development of the world's first composite material pistols, the HK VP70Z and P9S. These same high-strength/corrosion free materials are used in the MK 23 .45 ACP handgun produced by HK for the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Major metal components like the machined steel slide are also corrosion resistant, treated with a special "HE" (Hostile Environment) protective finish. The HE finish is an extremely hard, nitro-gas carburized black oxide coating, and resists even the worst types of corrosion and wear, including exposure to salt water.

Low profile 3-dot sights, adjustable for windage and elevation, are standard on the USP Compact. Optional tritium sights are also available.

The USP Compact uses metal magazines to keep grip size to a minimum. Magazines for the USP Compact also have two different interchangeable floor plates. One flat and one extended magazine floor plate with a finger extension are supplied with each USP Compact for the choice of grip options. Magazine floor plates can be easily removed without tools during disassembly.

All USP Compacts have polygonal hammer-forged barrels for less barrel wear, better gas seal behind the bullet, and easier bore cleaning.

An abbreviated set of universal mounting grooves for installing accessories is molded in the polymer frame of the USP Compact. These grooves allow the Mark II HK Universal Tactical Light and a variety of other accessories to be mounted on the HK USP Compact without modification to the pistol.

The HK USP Compact is an extremely safe firearm, with no less than four passive and active safeties, as well as a loaded chamber indicator. Simple to maintain, the USP Compact is a reliable, accurate, and highly concealable pistol.

### HK USP Control Lever

Due to this innovative feature, it is possible to modify a USP Compact into any one of the listed variants. Changing the trigger/firing mode of the pistol is accomplished by installing a different set of component parts. And the control lever function can be placed on either side of the pistol to accommodate left or right handed shooters—making the USP Compact a truly ambidextrous handgun.

This also allows the HK USP Compact to be configured for a variety of purposes depending on the requirements of the user, without having to purchase a new pistol.

Variants 1 and 2 allow the user to carry the USP Compact in a single-action mode (cocked and locked) with the manual safety engaged. This same pistol, without modification, can be carried in double-action mode, with or without the manual safety engaged.

Variants 3 and 4 provide the user with a frame-mounted decocking lever that does not have the "safe" position.

This combination only allows the hammer to be lowered from single action position to double action position. It does not provide the "safe" position to prevent the pistol from firing when the trigger is pulled.

For the double action only user, variants 5, 6, and 7 of the USP Compact operate as double action only pistols, with the hammer always returning to the double action position (forward) after each shot is fired. To fire each shot, the trigger must be pulled through the smooth double action trigger pull. Variants 5 and 6 have a manual safety lever. No manual safety lever is provided on variant 7. Variant 8 is an unassigned government test model.

Variants 9 and 10 allow the shooter to carry the USP Compact in a single-action mode (cocked and locked) with the manual safety engaged.

This same pistol, without modification, can be carried in double-action mode (hammer down), with or without the manual safety engaged. The single action mode offers a second strike/double action capability in case of a misfire. The control lever has no decocking function on variants 9 and 10.

USP Compact		FIRE MODES & CONTROL FUNCTIONS (conversion by HK certified armorer only)		
Variant	Control Lever (Left Side)	Control Lever (Right Side)	Control Lever (Decocking)	Control Lever (No Decocking)
Variant 1	•	•	•	•
Variant 2	•	•	•	•
Variant 3	•	•	•	•
Variant 4	•	•	•	•
Variant 5	•	•	•	•
Variant 6	•	•	•	•
Variant 7	•	•	•	•
Variant 8	•	•	•	•
Variant 9	•	•	•	•
Variant 10	•	•	•	•



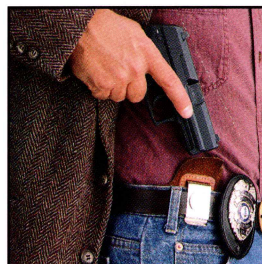
# USP Compact

.40 S&W & 9mm



USP Compact (right side view)

Universal mounting grooves for installing accessories are molded in the polymer frame of the USP Compact. These grooves allow a variety of accessories and targeting devices, such as the Mark II HK Universal Tactical Light (right) and laser aimers to be mounted on the HK USP Compact without modification to the pistol.



(Left) Unlike some subcompact semiautomatic pistols that use a difficult to shoot "two-finger grip" frame, the USP Compact uses a narrow, full hand grip frame. This makes the pistol easy to shoot well without sacrificing concealability.

## USP Compact Technical Specifications

	USP40 Compact (.40 S&W)	USP9 Compact (9mm)
<b>Caliber</b>	.40 S&W	9mm x 19mm Parabellum
<b>Operating Principle</b>	Short recoil	Short recoil
<b>Action Type</b>	Modified Browning type, linkless	Modified Browning type, linkless
<b>Sights</b>	Fixed patridge style, adjustable for windage and elevation. Standard 3-dot or optional tritium.	Fixed patridge style, adjustable for windage and elevation. Standard 3-dot or optional tritium.
<b>Total Length</b>	173 mm (6.81 in.)	173 mm (6.81 in.)
<b>Barrel Length</b>	91 mm (3.58 in.)	91 mm (3.58 in.)
<b>Sight Radius</b>	136 mm (5.35 in.)	136 mm (5.35 in.)
<b>Twist Length</b>	378 mm (14.88 in.)	250 mm (9.84 in.)
<b>Height (Total)</b>	127 mm (5.00 in.)	127 mm (5.00 in.)
<b>Width of Slide</b>	29 mm (1.14 in.)	29 mm (1.14 in.)
<b>Width of Frame (includes safety lever)</b>	34 mm (1.34 in.)	34 mm (1.34 in.)
<b>Weight (with empty magazine)</b>	780 grams (27.51 oz.)	750 grams (26.45 oz.)
<b>Weight of Empty Magazine</b>	83 grams (2.93 oz.)	83 grams (2.92 oz.)
<b>Slide Force (to retract slide)</b>	8.5 kg (18.74 pounds)	8.0 kg (17.64 pounds)
<b>Trigger Travel (rest to hammer release)</b>		
Single-action	5 mm (.20 in.)	5 mm (.20 in.)
Double-action	11.5 mm (.45 in.)	11.5 mm (.45 in.)
<b>Trigger Reach (center of trigger to back of frame)</b>		
Single-action	65 mm (2.56 in.)	65 mm (2.56 in.)
Double-action	72 mm (2.83 in.)	72 mm (2.83 in.)
<b>Capacity</b>	10 + 1 cartridge in the chamber	13* + 1 cartridge in the chamber
<b>Safety Features</b> ❶ Manual safety lever (Variants 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10), ❷ Double-action mode with hammer intercept notch, ❸ Firing pin block, ❹ Disconnecter		
* Due to provisions of the 1994 Crime Bill, magazine capacity for U.S. civilian pistols is 10 cartridges.		



USP Compact (left side view)