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BROWNELLS EXTENDED THREADED BARREL FOR YOUR GLOCK 17

So, You Want to Suppress Your Glock 17?

Brownells makes it easy for you with their excellent line of threaded Glock barrels

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There are more suppressed Glock pistols in the hands of law-abiding gun owners than any other platform. It appears that Glock Perfection gets even better when it's quieter – at least that's been my personal observation.

Glock owners will purchase a Glock; then, almost immediately, add an extended slide stop, change out the polymer sights, replace the trigger and add an extended threaded barrel if they decide to suppress their pistol.

Complicating matters is the myriad of options in both vendor and approach. In fact, there are more accessories and customizations for Glock pistols than for the 57 Chevy; all of which will set you back some serious bucks, and many have diminishing returns. If you're like me, I go from low budget to no budget, so

maximizing your accessory dollar is important. Extended and threaded barrels are no exception to that observation.

Again, there are a number of barrel choices available from a variety of vendors. Some touting stainless steel construction rolled by in thighs of Parthenon maidens and still others offer the same rolled construction but use fluting to stiffen and lighten the barrel, and then, of course, there are the specialized finishes to facilitate electrostatic discharge from HALO jumps. Then there's Brownells, who recently introduced their own line of Glock barrels.

It's becoming increasingly popular for shooters to build their own Glock pistols so it was a natural progression for Tier 1 retailers, like Brownells, to offer proprietary branded components, and earlier this year the company introduced standard barrels for the Glock 17 and Glock 19 Gen1 through Gen4; they also added an extended and threaded offering for each of those Glock pistols.

So, how good are these barrels? In this article, I'll present the extended threaded Glock 17 barrel. I can't speak to your personal experience but I've never had a Brownells branded component that was not

excellent in every respect; the same proved true with this barrel.

Brownells Glock barrel is constructed from 416-R stainless steel bar stock and finished with in a flawless nitride-treated finish. Brownells advertises compatibility with Gen 1 through Gen 4 Glock pistols. Regrettably, I didn't have all three generation pistols on hand to confirm that claim, but on the Gen 4 Glock 17 the fit was simply perfect.



I did a side by side comparison with the Glock Inc. threaded barrel and found the Glock barrel to be slightly longer overall; however, they were identical when measure from the barrel shoulder. The Glock barrel is a metric thread pattern 13.5 x 1 whereas the Brownells barrel was threaded in 1/2x28.



The barrel threading on the Brownells barrel is clean with no nicks or burrs. The 1/2x28 suppressor mount seated easily and

threaded on cleanly with no binding or resistance of any kind.



With the SWR Trident installed, there was ample clearance between the suppressor mount and slide face.

Brownells barrel abandons the traditional Glock polygonal rifling for a traditional land and groove 1:10. To protect the bore threads, they finished the barrel muzzle with an 11° target crown. All of these features should translate to improve accuracy over the standard issue Glock 17. I'll find that out next during my range session.

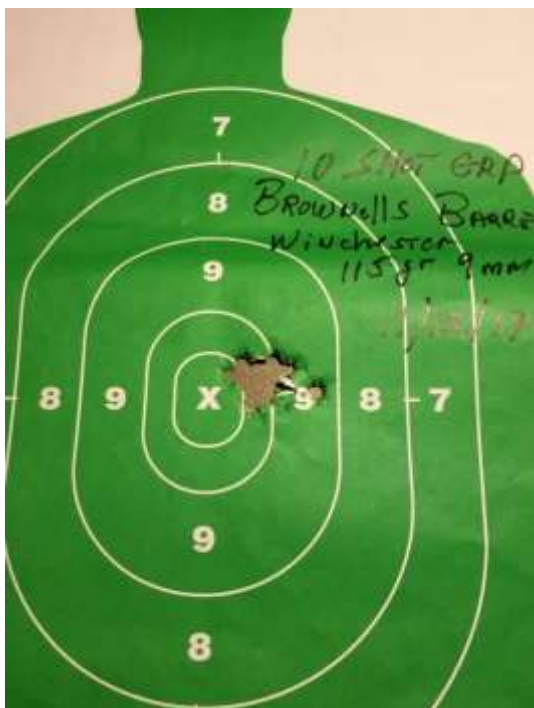


My only ding is Brownells decision to make a thread protector optional. I also recognize that there's a market in custom thread

protectors i.e. skulls, U.S. Flags, and good looking babes ... who could have guessed it... nonetheless, a thread protector should be included.

To say that I am completely impressed with Brownells' Glock barrel offering is an understatement. But, the proof is in the pudding and a range session will confirm if that opinion is supported by performance.

My best group was a ten shot group with Winchester 115gr 9mm.



I then moved on to a heavier 9mm using the 123 grain 9mm from ZQI. Interestingly enough it produced the worst group.



I wonder how much ME was in those three flyers.

My range session proved to be a real joy and completely validates my being thoroughly impressed with Brownells' Glock threaded barrel. Even more impressive is the \$134.99 to \$139.99 price tag!

Whether you're building a Glock from an 80% Glock receiver or simply wanting to suppress your Glock 17 or Glock 19 without having to mortgage the house, the Brownell Glock barrels are of exceptional quality and represent a significant value. I can enthusiastically recommend these threaded barrels, and I do so without reservation. These Brownells barrels deliver value galore without compromising performance or cosmetics.

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Manufacturer Specifications

- Rifled with 1:10 rate of twist.
- Includes 11-degree target crown
- 1/2x28 TPI threads for suppressor compatibility.
- Features nitride-treated finish.
- Thread protector not included.
- The Brownells Full Size 9mm Glock 17 barrels are designed to fit Glock 17 pistols from Gen 1-4 configurations.