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Where did the GLOCK 49 come from?

The specific details of who approached whom to initiate the Glock 49 project are not publicly available. However, given TALO's role as a distributor and their exclusive rights to the Glock 49, it's likely there was a collaborative effort between Glock and TALO. Both companies would have had mutual interests in creating a new and unique product that would appeal to the firearms market.

Did TALO recognize a gap in the market, or market demand via its member distributors, then approached Glock with the idea for a hybrid handgun, or did Glock conceive the idea and sought out a partner like TALO for distribution and additional development support. We may never know the answer, but the result was an exceptional new offering.

The Glock 49 is a unique hybrid of the G19 and G17. It brings to the table the compactness of the GLOCK 19 and the shootability of the GLOCK 17, the premier full sized pistol on the world market.

As of this writing, the G49 Gen 5 MOS is available only from dealers who buy from one of TALO member distributors. This exclusivity may offer benefits, such as specialized customer support or limited-edition variations, but I think it's safe to say that availability of the Glock 49 is limited to TALO's network of retailers. Who is TALO?

TALO is a wholesale buying cooperative specializing in the distribution of exclusive firearms and related accessories. It was established in 1965 and has earned a reputation for overseeing and delivering high-quality, limited-edition firearms to the market. As of 2023 TALO members include: Bill Hicks & Co., Camfour, Davidson's, Gunarama, Hill Country, Iron Valley Supply, Lipsey's, Rileys, RSR, V.F. Grace, Zanders

With some background out of the way, let's get into what you get when you buy a GLOCK 49.

The GLOCK 49 exemplifies GLOCK's commitment to quality and reliability. This unique pistol features a GLOCK 17 slide on a GLOCK 19 frame, offering a versatile and practical design. As a Gen 5 MOS model, it's compatible with various red dot sights when used in conjunction with the appropriate mounting plate.





The Glock 49 occupies an unusual space. The shorter grip offers easier concealment, and its longer slide provides increased mass, making it a soft shooting pistol, and its increased sight radius improves accuracy.

The importance of a longer slide is a great debate topic. Although it's generally true that a longer sight radius translates to improved accuracy, the difference in slide lengths between the G49 and G19 is negligible. Furthermore, the installation of a red dot sight makes slide length accuracy discussion a moot point. However, the greater weight of the longer slide contributes to recoil mitigation and in fact, the G49 is a soft shooting pistol.



**G49 (Top) G19 (bottom)**

The Glock 49 is undoubtedly a well-engineered firearm; however, it's questionable whether it fills a significant gap in the market. The G19 is already a highly popular and versatile choice, and the G17 remains a standard for full-sized pistols so the G49 might struggle to find its place amidst these established models, an evaluation best left to the buyer. However, if you're new to GLOCK and looking to make your first purchase, the G49 will serve you well as a home defense or conceal carry pistol. It's GLOCK Perfection.

At the range, the G49 shoots like a Glock, utterly reliable with a 4.2 pound trigger pull. The G49

reliably feeds and extracts any brand of 9mm ammunition of any bullet weight, including the subsonic 147 grain round.

In addition to reliability, Glock pistols are renowned for their simplicity of maintenance, the G49 is no different than any other GLOCK models.

Fully accessorized and loaded with 115 grain 9x19 mm ammunition, the G49 is going to feel a bit heavy at 2 lbs. 2.3 oz; particularly, if carrying a sidearm is a relatively new experience for you.



Should You Skip the Glock 49? Here's what I think you should consider.

The Glock 49 is a hybrid of the G19 frame and G17 slide, the offering has caused excitement in the firearms community. While it offers an interesting combination of features, there are reasons why it might not be the perfect fit for everyone.

The G49's shorter grip offers easier concealment, but the longer slide doesn't provide a significant advantage over the G19. If you already own a G19 or G17, the Glock 49 might not offer a substantial enough difference

to justify the purchase. Your existing models might meet your needs for concealed carry, home defense or target shooting equally well.

The Glock 49 is a TALO Distributors exclusive, so you won't find it listed on GLOCK Inc.'s website. Should we interpret the exclusivity as a broad based lack of support or parts? Certainly, something to consider, but frankly unlikely.

In closing, "If you're looking for the best of both worlds—the compact carry of a G19 and the extended slide of a G17—the Glock 49 is the answer. Its precision and reliability make it a worthy addition to any collection, and it continues to be Glock Perfection.

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#### **Manufacturer Specifications**

**Overall length:** 7.95 inches

**Barrel length:** 4.49 inches.

**Overall width:** 1.30 inches at widest point (1 inch over slide)

**Overall height including mag:** 5.04 -inches.

**Magazine capacity:** 15+1 flush, 10+1 rounders available for restricted states

**Weight, with empty magazine:** 22.4 ounces

**Weight, loaded: 31 ounces** (with 15+1 rounds of 147-grain 9mm Federal JHP)