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Suppressor height sights on a pistol serve a couple of primary purposes, and their utility has increased significantly with the popularity of pistol-mounted red dot optics.

The most straightforward reason is to provide a sight picture that isn't obstructed by a suppressor. Because suppressors are cylindrical and attach to the barrel, they often block standard-height sights. Suppressor height sights are taller, allowing the shooter to aim over the suppressor.

Many modern pistols are designed to accept red dot optics. When a red dot sight fails, backup iron sights become crucial. Suppressor height sights are often used to "co-witness" with the red dot, meaning they are tall enough to be visible in the optic's window. This provides a reliable backup aiming solution. "Co-witnessing" can be either "lower 1/3" (sights are visible in the

lower part of the optic window) or "absolute" (sights align directly with the red dot).

The Minimalist is a lower 1/3 co-witness for a Trijicon RMR or Holosun 507C red dot sight.

But, even without a suppressor or red dot, some shooters prefer the increased visibility of taller sights. They can be easier to acquire quickly, especially in high-stress situations.

The XS Sights Minimalist is an excellent choice for the VP9 for several reasons:

1. **Design Philosophy:** XS Sights emphasizes a "less is more" approach with their Minimalist line. The design focuses on a clear, uncluttered sight picture, prioritizing the front sight. The blacked-out and serrated rear sight reduces distractions, allowing the shooter to concentrate on the front sight.
2. **Visibility and Low-Light Performance:** They feature a high-visibility front sight with tritium and a photoluminescent dot, providing excellent performance in various lighting conditions. The use of their Ember Glow Dot Technology helps to increase the brightness of the front sight under low light situations.



3. **Durability:** XS Sights are known for their robust construction, using CNC-machined steel. This ensures the sights

can withstand the rigors of regular use and harsh conditions.

4. **Red Dot Compatibility:** The Minimalist suppressor height sights are designed to co-witness with popular red dot optics, providing a reliable backup.
5. **Sight picture:** The wide rear notch, combined with the front sight design, allows for quick target acquisition.

On the VP9, the XS Minimalist Suppressor Height Sights does not cover the rear ambidextrous charging support tabs. The tabs can be readily removed but if you choose to keep them, simply apply a bit of adhesive to ensure they remain in place.



XS Sights has built a strong reputation for producing high-quality, durable, and highly visible sights, particularly their suppressor height models.

Summarizing, XS Sights Minimalist suppressor height sights are excellent combat oriented sights, they offer a combination of durability, visibility, and compatibility, making them an excellent choice for shooters who prioritize reliability and performance.

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Manufacturer Specifications

- Tritium Powered Front Sight - Glows in low light to aid in sight alignment.
- High-Contrast Color Front Sight - Available in bright orange
- Ember Glow Dot - Photoluminescent dot absorbs ambient light and glows in low light.
- Rear Sight Overhang - Reduces rear sight glare in bright light for greater sight definition.
- Anti-Reflective Rear Serrations - Reduces glare in bright light and increases contrast against the front sight.
- Rear Sight Ledge - Aids in one-handed slide manipulations
- CNC Steel - Extremely durable for duty use
- 12 Year Warranty on Tritium
- Easy Installation - Easily installed by hand or sight pusher tool.
- Fits standard holster options.
- Item Number: HK-M017P-4N
- Fits: HK VP9 Optic Ready - Suppressor Height
- Regulated to lower 1/3 co-witness on the Trijicon RMR 7 SRO, the Holosun 507c series, and the Vortex Viper.
- Kit Includes: front sight, rear sight, red threadlocker, insert with instructions.