



# Robar's Dream Gun

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My parents always said imitation was the sincerest form of flattery. Not sure why they mentioned this. I never set any styles, or spawned a passel of admirers. In the last 20 years, writing about the firearms industry, I've seen flattery generate a booming expansion, and as a consumer I am tickled to death to see it!

John Moses Browning's 1911 has been the most copied and modified pistol ever, by a LOT of companies. Today Eugene Stoner's AR-15 is on fire with versions galore. And, while there had been other polymer pistols, after Gaston Glock's progeny hit their stride, all other polymer pistols owe their existence to them.

The same could be said for all the folks who slap paint and polymer on firearms.

They owe a lot to Robbie Barrkman's Robar, who began coating guns 25 years ago.

I had the pleasure of visiting Robar once, and got something of a feel for how his company works. Everyone there was hopping, busy with their own assignments, and little direction seemed to be required to produce what are some of the best custom handguns and long guns in the country, wearing the metal coatings to which all others are compared.

Part of the customization Robar has been doing for a number of years is on GLOCK pistols, including fitting traditionally rifled barrels, tweaking trig-

gers, and grip reductions for those of us not blessed with massive mitts or who trained to appreciate the grip angle of the 1911. This GLOCK work provided Robbie with an excellent feel for the things folks would want in their dream GLOCK.

In January 2009, Robbie told me he spent the last 13 months on a project for what many might feel is a dream GLOCK – the Robar Alloy Xtreme.

What makes a dream GLOCK? Only the best! I know Robbie is a VERY particular guy, who would work with nothing less.

Robbie hooked up with CCF Raceframes because they offer three important parts to the dream GLOCK puzzle: metal frames, steel slides for the frames, and traditionally rifled barrels.

Xtreme frames are stainless steel or aluminum alloy (I requested the aluminum

because I actually carry test guns) wearing equipment rails. Either offers elimination of the propensity for limp wristing causing malfunctions, and allows parts to be fitted perfectly. Not to mention about 4 ounces to 17 ounces more weight, respectively. Further enhancements are: rounded, enlarged, radiused trigger guard, undercut to work with the high-cut beavertail for a higher grip; enlarged mag well; ambidextrous thumb grooves; and a scalloped area around the mag release for easier, positive activation. In addition, the permanently bonded lock block is beefed up.

## Robar's Alloy Xtreme is the pinnacle of GLOCKdom!