

There's another significant advantage to the P250™ frame. The slide rides on metal rails on the frame, and the slide is stopped by steel. This results in more precision and durability.

As anyone who's fired a... one gun does not fit all... is the SIG SAUER... modular... ad...

**Possibilities
Unlimited
SIG SAUER P250**

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There's an old joke, stating that the first gun you buy is always pregnant; you invariably end up with more and more guns. At least, that's how it always worked out for me and for my similarly afflicted friends. Now, there's a new pistol on the market that has the near-magical capacity to become many pistols...and you'll have to fill out only one Form 4473!

I first spotted SIG SAUER's new P250 at the 2008 SHOT Show. I was quite well acquainted with SIG's products: I'd done some writing for them years ago, and had visited their ultramodern manufacturing facility in Exeter, New Hampshire, on a number of occasions. SIG pistols seemed to follow a common pattern: utterly reliable, unbreakable, accurate and operator-friendly. The new P250 follows in that tradition, and adds a whole new degree of versatility; it comes close to being all things to all men (and women).

At the heart of the P250 is a serial-numbered metal frame and fire control assembly, basically the guts of the pistol. This unit nests in a polymer grip module, which you can choose in full-size, compact or subcompact size, with slide to match. These grip modules are each available in

Large, Medium and Small grip sizes, except for the compact, which is available with Large and Medium only. Now it gets even more interesting. You can choose your caliber: 9mm Parabellum, .357 SIG, .40 S&W or .45 ACP. All of these options can be switched around in just minutes; no gunsmithing or heavy-duty technical know-how required. You can also opt for a standard or short trigger length. Oh, and one more thing...you have a choice of slide finish, either natural stainless or black Nitron®.

There is, I must admit, a downside to all this bounty. This is a seductively dangerous gun for many of us, myself included, who have no resistance whatsoever to optional accessories. If a wide variety of calibers, grip modules and grip sizes and slide and barrel lengths are available, we must have them all. Think of it as the Mr. Potato Head for firearms aficionados. It only makes sense – one gun becomes many, but you're really buying only one gun...or at last it's a good selling point at the dinner table.

The P250 that I received for testing was a mid-size (compact) 9mm with a Medium grip and a standard-length trigger. Barrel length was 3.9" and the weight, with empty magazine, was 24.6