

EDC Pistol Training News

Every Day Carry training to safely and effectively save lives

Open Enrollment

Check our website for details and to enroll. Private 1:1 & Group always available.



Pistol Tune Up for Newer Shooters workshop at Homestead on November 13, 2021. Limited to 4 students.



Hardening of your Physical & Digital Home by retired Green Beret and CIA clandestine operative on December 11 and 12, 2021.



EDC Pistol Practice & Development at Homestead on February 19, 2022.



Tim Herron returns March 12 & 13, 2022 with **2 day Practical Pistol Performance**.



EDC Skills Weekend at The Sawmill (South Carolina) May 14 & 15, 2022. Live fire and Force on Force. Take one or both classes.
First early enrollment discount ends October 31, 2021!

Pistol Stoppages Simplified

(*Stoppage* is defined as "when you press the trigger and you're expecting a bang . . . but get something else.")

Stoppage Type	Presentation		Traditional Solution	Alternate Solution
"Closed Slide Stoppage"	Closed slide that's in battery. Press the trigger and get a click.	* IMMEDIATE ACTION	Move gun into workspace "Tap - Rack" Tap base of magazine with bottom of the support side palm and rack the slide.	With modern guns, roll the ejection port toward the ground to help clear horizontally trapped cases.
"Stovepipe Stoppage"	Partially open slide with empty case lodged in ejection port either vertically or horizontally. Press the trigger and it's frozen or spongy.			
"Open Slide Stoppage"	Open slide with feedway stoppage (topmost cartridge in a loaded magazine pushing against a chambered case). Press the trigger and it's frozen or spongy.	* REMEDIAL ACTION	Move gun into workspace Lock the slide to the rear, drop or rip magazine, rack slide until chamber clears, insert spare magazine, and rack.	(<i>Polymer guns only</i>) Move gun into workspace Simultaneously push magazine release while racking the slide enough times to drop magazine and clear chamber, insert spare magazine, and rack.
"Out of Battery Stoppage"	Nearly closed slide but slightly out of battery due to muzzle to body contact. Press the trigger and it's frozen or spongy.		User pulls gun rearward to allow recoil spring to re-seat slide into battery.	Place firing hand thumb behind slide back plate and push forward to return slide into battery.
"Slidelock Empty Stoppage"	Open slide fully locked back with empty magazine.		Move the gun into workspace Simultaneously press magazine release while grasping spare magazine, load spare into gun, use slide latch to drop slide using either firing thumb or support hand thumb.	

* Immediate and Remedial Actions are geared for non-diagnostic clearing; i.e. the user does not spend time diagnosing, rather they automatically execute an immediate action and if that doesn't solve it they perform remedial action. This method is in contrast to diagnostic clearing where the user tilts the gun muzzle up ~ 45° inside the workspace to visually diagnose the problem, then selects the solution and executes it.