

EDC Pistol Training News

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Open Enrollment

(Private 1:1 & Group training always available.)



EDC Pistol Skills & Development (Homestead) May 21, 2022 | 08:00 to 12:00. Bring 400 rounds, gear, and fluids. For information and to enroll: <https://www.edcpistoltraining.com/edc-pistol-practice-and-development>



Modern Samurai Project (Scott "Jedi" Jedlinski) + Reston Group (Jared Reston) For a third year, EDC Pistol Training will be hosting their 2 Day **Pistol Red Dot** course February 4 & 5, 2023, followed by **Red Dot Instructor** February 7 & 8. Details forthcoming.

This month we're taking a look at the diagnostic in-test we created at EDC Pistol Training to immediately evaluate unknown students who arrive at an intermediate or advanced live fire pistol class. This test can be administered on a group line of shooters or individually (our preference), and is something you can use every so often to see where your own basic skills are at.

This diagnostic test is conducted at the 5 yard line, consists of one 13 round string of fire, and has a par time of 25 seconds, though the student is allowed to shoot beyond the par time if needed to complete the test. Any target with a center of mass zone and a head zone will work (USPSA or IDPA A zones, Rangemaster RFTS-Q 8" center and head, or our favorite the **Shoot Steel** cardboard training target B zone and A zone).



Diagnostic Evaluation

With the EDC Pistol Training 13 round diagnostic test, we can evaluate the following:

- ✦ Loading procedure
- ✦ Unloading procedure
- ✦ Reload from slide lock
- ✦ Clearing a closed slide stoppage (failure to feed, failure to fire)
- ✦ Clearing an open slide stoppage (failure to extract) *without a spare magazine*
- ✦ Presentation from concealment
- ✦ Holstering
- ✦ Marksmanship fundamentals
- ✦ Target transitions
- ✦ Sight picture throttling based on target size and distance
- ✦ Trigger control throttling based on target size and distance
- ✦ Mental agility
- ✦ Composure

Course of Fire

Draw from concealment and in one string fire 5 rounds to center mass, then 3 rounds to the head, then 5 rounds to center mass, in 25 seconds.

Step 1: Student arrives to the line with one 6 round magazine, one 8 round magazine, and an empty gun.

Step 2: Student loads the 6 round magazine, holsters, and conceals.

Step 3: Student hands over their spare 8 round magazine to the instructor.

With the student looking away, the instructor removes the the top two live rounds. The instructor then inserts a red T3 round, followed by a live round, followed by a dummy round, followed by a live round, and returns to this spare magazine to the student.

Step 4: Student is advised of the course of fire, including a 2 second penalty per miss.

General Observations

Most students start off just fine until they get to the head shots.

Since they start off with 6 rounds, the first of the three head shots goes as expected.

Then they perform a reload from slide lock and fire the second shot. Some folks can settle right back into their cadence after this reload, but many rush it and miss.

After the second shot, they fire and get a “click” from a closed slide stoppage so they tap rack and fire their third shot. Like with the earlier reload from slide lock, some can settle back in while others rush.

After this third shot, they get an open slide stoppage and this is where things get interesting. Not only do they have to know how to clear this stoppage quickly, but do so with just the one magazine already in the gun because it's the spare and they have no more spare magazines. For some shooters this can be a real time waster and sometimes they will even lose a live round to the ground during their fix which is why I have them start with 14 rounds for a 13 round drill. Moreover, some folks lose track of their shots and will take their next shot at the head instead of center of mass.

Eventually they will fix it and proceed to fire 5 rounds to the center of mass, although many rush it again and miss.

While 25 seconds may appear generous, you would be surprised how many “experienced” shooters struggle with this par time, especially on the Shoot Steel's smaller B and A zones.

Enjoy!