

Thank you for buying our product. In examining American handgun production figures for the 1970's and early 1980's we noted .32ACP pistols were dramatically underrepresented in the figures. Production of .25ACP pistols has been on the order of 100 to 1 against .32ACP pistol production although the .32 round is unquestionably the far superior defensive round. In guns of identical barrel length the .32 cartridge generates substantially more foot pounds in energy. Additionally, it produces a 64% larger and more damaging hole — yet .25ACP has been a hot seller whereas .32ACP sales have been negligible. Weapons chambered for either caliber, moreover, are primarily used for defensive purposes and the disparity in production/sales cannot be attributed to a difference in intended usages. The only reasonable explanation for the lack of a .32 following is that no pistol of recent vintage has been manufactured for which .32ACP is the primary intended cartridge. Every design available to the .32 is also available in .380, and the .32 has become a caliber in search of a gun. It is a good defensive round — far superior to .25ACP or .22LR in short barreled guns — yet it is not quite potent enough to compete with .380 when both come packaged for identically sized weapons. It is our intent, with the LWS .32, to help reestablish the .32 as a legitimate round in the defense arsenal — which move we feel has been long overdue.

There is a tendency for those of us who work in the gun trade as instructors, designers, or providers of specialized services to develop a tunnel vision philosophy on what constitutes a good defense gun. The longer we are involved with guns, the greater becomes our inclination to attach ourselves to a set of criteria so narrow that few guns qualify for respectability. Often, the gun praised most for its defense capability is the one seldom within reach, and the practical reality is ignored that a weapon has no defense value at all if it is not there when needed. It matters little whether a gun inaccessible to us at a moment of need is a BB gun or a cannon. Sales slips and proof of ownership are not defensive weapons. And how many of us have the body structure, occupation, and dressing habits that allow us to make a large caliber handgun our constant companion? Even the top of the line professionals we know have occasion to be grateful for an ultra compact pistol as a backup, or as a round the clock companion not prevented from tagging along on trips to the beach or those occasions where a large gun is simply impractical to carry.

