

# Six Easy Steps to Clean Your 9 MM Pistol

Cleaning your semi-automatic 9mm pistol can be simple if you follow the correct steps. Before beginning make sure you find a well-ventilated spot to clean your gun. Always clean your gun after firing at the shooting range or being in a rugged environment.

## 1. Get your cleaning supplies ready



- Gun Cleaner
- Gun Brush
- Cleaning Rod
- Cleaning solvent
- Loop Attachment
- Q-Tips/Cotton Swabs
- Microfiber cloth
- Hand Brush

## 2. Safety Check



Begin with a safety check by locking the slide all the way back to the rear and ensuring that nothing is in the chamber.

## 3. Proper Takedown

Remove your magazine and proceed with the takedown by moving the takedown lever to the forward-facing position. Hold firmly onto the slide and release it slowly off the front.

## 4. Cleaning the Barrel



- Begin by removing the guide rod and spring by pulling on the back end.
- Now, take out the barrel by moving it forward then back out of the slide.
- Spray the inside of the barrel with a cleaning solution (We recommend G 96, a cleaner, lubricant, and protectant) and let it sit for a moment.
- After the cleaner has had time to sit, scrub the inside of the barrel using a brass bristle brush.
- Following the brush, run a cleaning patch soaked in the cleaning solution through the barrel.
- Once the patch has been run through the barrel a few times, remove it and do a visual check of the barrel.
- If satisfied with the visual check, run a clean, dry patch through the barrel to ensure it's clean.
- Finally, clean the exterior surfaces of the barrel, paying particular attention to the muzzle and the chamber, using a rag and your cleaner.

## 5. Cleaning the Slide



- Use a dry Q-tip to remove residue from the various crevices within the slide.
- For more stubborn residue, apply some of the cleaner to the Q-tip and wipe the residue away.
- Additionally, a hand brush may be used in areas where the barrel sits to remove debris.
- After brushing, use your rag to wipe away any loosened debris.
- Pay attention to the area where your firing pin sits. This area is prone to get dirty due to back blast from the cartridge. Use a lubricated Q-tip to clean this area.

## 6. Cleaning the Frame



- The frame requires the most use of Q-tips due to the numerous holes and crevices.
- Insert the Q-tip into any area it can fit along the frame to remove any residue.
- When the cleaning is completed, each part should be shining again with a nice sheen on them, showing that they are lubricated and ready for assembly.

Disclaimer: Each gun is different, and some may require additional or specialized tools for cleaning. Always refer to your firearm's manual for specific cleaning instructions. This infographic is for informational purposes only.

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