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molded the frame with the medium and large grips fitting over the frame as a user sees fit. Along these same lines 4th Generation GLOCKs receive a modified rough texture frame and grip texturing. Basic grip size is smaller with the 4th Generation introductions with the GLOCK backstrap "hump" lessened along the lines of the previously introduced Short Frame (SF) 3rd Generation GLOCKs. This aids shooters with smaller hands by reducing the circumference of the grip frame. The medium grip size of the 4th Generation GLOCK can be likened to the grip found on 3rd Generation GLOCKs. The magazine catch on the 4th Gen GLOCK is enlarged and reversible requiring no additional parts to do so. 4th Generation GLOCKs come with three (3) magazines configured with the cutout catches on either side of the magazine body. All previous GLOCK magazines will work with the 4th Generation GLOCK as long as the magazine catch is configured on the frames left side.

The G20 10mm is the "standard" sized GLOCK resembling a muscled up G17 with 8 inch length and 1.27 inch width (G17 is 1.18 inches wide). The G20's hexagonal rifled barrel (more on this later) measures 4.6 inches. The Gen 4 G20 variant arrives

with three (3) 15 round magazines. The G29 10mm is the more compact variant measuring 6.88 inches in length thanks to 3.7 inch barrel. Width is 1.27 inches. The G29 features 10 round magazines, though the 15 round G20 magazines will fit as well. The G29's size offers compact size, roughly analogous to 1911 Commander, with superior capacity and firepower. The last tale of the tape will focus on the new G40 MOS. It is a true "long slide" reminding one of 17L dimensions. A length of 9.5 inches provides extended sight radius. G40 MOS width is 1.27 inches. The 6.02 inch barrel gets the most out of the 10mm Auto in terms of velocity.

10mm Auto ammunition from Federal, Buffalo Bore and Hornady was accessed for use in the 10mm GLOCK handguns. Buffalo Bore is a prime source of true 10mm Auto ammunition offering several bullet types ranging from hard cast, JHC, to FMJ-FN. Buffalo Bore hard cast bullets are not verboten with the GLOCK hexagonal rifling. This goes against typical warnings related to lead bullets. This is because of the differences between soft lead "cowboy" bullets and hard cast bullets. True hard cast bullets (as opposed to lead swaged bullets) that are properly lubed

will not lead foul hexagonal barrels any more than any other type of rifled barrel. Hard cast bullets are not "lead" bullets as most associate with the term. The Buffalo Bore hard cast loads are an excellent option for anyone contemplating using the 10mm Auto for hunting.

Users must be aware that some 10mm Auto loads are watered down resembling 40 S&W velocities. Not the case with the loads tested for this article. For example, the recently introduced Federal Premium 180 grain Vital Shok Trophy Bonded 10mm Auto shows the cartridges potential. The bullet used with the Federal load is based on the proven Trophy Bonded Bear Claw rifle bullet and features a jacket with formed inner profile that controls expansion to ensure deep penetration. The load features a 180 grain bullet that leaves the muzzle at 1,275 feet per second (fps) compared to the usual 1,030 fps of many manufacturer offerings. The Federal load delivers 650 foot-pounds of energy which puts it roughly between the 357Magnum and 41Magnum for comparison purposes. This kind of power offers great flexibility for the user in terms of use in a personal defense or hunting of medium sized game.