

Pistol Operator's Introductory Course

Valor Defense Depot LLC.

8 hour course

Course Intro

This course is designed to introduce the student to fundamental safety techniques as well as teach the student how to operate their firearm safely and effectively. At the completion of this course the student will be able to proficiently demonstrate safe firearms handling procedures to include:

- Weapon maintenance
- Proper loading and unloading
- Proper storage and transportation
- Selection and use of proper personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Range safety
- Handgun types/models: SA, DA, SA/DA, Safe Action (Glock and Glock-style)
 - Semi-auto
 - Wheel guns
- Safe and effective firearms carry considerations/holster considerations/mag/speed loaders
- Firearms accessory considerations/application- MRDS, lasers, Lights/handheld vs. weapon mounted
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The shooting and operating course will teach the students proficiency in the following:

- Weapons presentation
- Basic fundamentals of marksmanship
- Reloading considerations (speed reloading and tactical reloading)
- Accurately engaging targets from 25 yds to 1 yd
- Shot placement considerations

Classroom Portion

- PowerPoint- The length of time TBD. Suggested no longer than 1 ½ hrs. PowerPoint to include range safety, personal safety, course expectations, equipment requirements, medical considerations (disabilities, disqualifying medical conditions?, allergies ((epi pen)), narcotic medications, etc..., marksmanship fundamentals, establishing dominate eye
- PPE fitment and inspection (Suggestion: have PPE on hand for purchase in cases where students' PPE may not be proficient or they want to upgrade)

- Firearms functionality inspection by instructor - Students would be asked to bring in their firearms to the classroom, unloaded and in a case, or holster. The instructor will be responsible for any and all firearms handling in the classroom.
- Students will read, sign, and date a written copy of the range safety rules. The signed sheet will be returned to the instructor and maintained by Valor for liability purposes.

Range Portion

- Range Safety brief (Pre-written and read verbatim prior to the start of the range portion)
- Location of first aid kits
 - Evacuation plan
 - Range location for 911 purposes
 - Procedures for emergencies
- Post targets
 - Instructors will draw box drills on targets (3 boxes with a large circle encompassing the boxes)
- Students will report to the 3 yd. line
- Instructor will demo “unload and show clear” procedure
 - Students will then unload and show clear. Instructors will physically and visually clear each weapon
- Dry fire exercise
 - Instructor will demonstrate a dry fire exercise and explain:
 - Seven fundamentals
 - Trigger press
 - Follow through
 - Indexing the magazine
 - Getting the weapon into the “workspace”
 - Scan- post shot engagement sequence, to include “Sul” position
 - Phase 1 and Phase 2 malfunctions
 - Students will perform “step-up” drills for 10 mins., working on proficiency in presentation, grip, acquiring sight picture, sight alignment, trigger press, follow through, holstering
- **Box Drill**- 30 rounds
 - Students will load 3 magazines with 6 rounds per magazine
 - Each student will stand by until an instructor approaches them
 - The student will load and make ready ONLY when told to do so by the instructor
 - The student will aim in on the top box and obtain a sight picture and sight alignment
 - Once the student is ready the instructor will press the trigger for the student for 6 rounds. The student will then perform a reload.
 - The student will then aim in on the second box. The student AND the instructor will both place their fingers on the trigger. The instructor will press the trigger and

let the student feel proper trigger press and follow-through for 6 rounds. The student will then perform a reload

- The student will aim in on the third box and fire 6 rounds on their own. Upon lock-back the instructor will clear the weapon and the student will holster.
 - After all students have completed all three boxes they will load two magazines with 6 rounds a piece
 - The instructor will then have all students load one magazine of 6 rounds. Students will be instructed to trace the circle clockwise while maintaining proper sight alignment. Students will then fire one round every time the instructor gives the “up” command, attempting to hit the line of the circle while continuing to trace the circle during the shot.
 - Once all rounds have been fired the students will conduct a reload upon lock-back.
 - Students will now trace the circle counter-clockwise and repeat the same course of fire
 - Upon completion of the course of fire the students’ weapon should be in a lock-back. The instructor will clear the weapons and students will holster.
- 5 yard line- 18 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 6 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will draw from their holster and fire 2 rounds center mass, scan, then reholster.
 - Students will continue through this firing order until all magazines are empty
- 5 yard line- 18 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 6 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will draw from their holster and fire 2 rounds center mass and 1 round to the face, scan, then reholster
 - Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- 5 yard line- 18 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 6 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will draw from their holster and fire 3 rounds center mass using their strong hand only
 - Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- - 5 yard line- 12 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 4 rounds a piece

- Load and make ready
- On command, students will draw from their holster and fire 2 rounds center mass using their support hand only
- Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- 7 yard line- 24 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 8 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will fire 4 rounds center mass
 - Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- 15 yard line- 12 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 4 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will fire 4 rounds center mass
 - Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- 25 yard line- 12 rounds
 - 3 magazines of 4 rounds a piece
 - Load and make ready
 - On command, students will fire 4 rounds center mass
 - Students will continue through this firing order, reloading when necessary, until all magazines are empty
- 5 yard line- 12 rounds
 - 1R1 drill, students will need 2 magazines
 - Students will load one mag with 12 rounds
 - Students will load and make ready with a magazine of 12 rounds.
 - Students will then tactically reload their weapon with an empty magazine. They will then stow the magazine with the remaining rounds in their emergency reload pouch, or pocket.
 - On command, students will fire one round, speed reload with the stowed magazine, and fire one more round.
 - Once all weapons are holstered the students will recover the empty magazine and set their weapon up again for the 1R1 drill.
 - Students will continue through this firing order until all magazines are empty
- Final Fire- 20 rounds
 - 15 yd line- 4 rounds standing, scan and holster

- 7 yd line- 4 rounds standing, scan and holster
 - 5 yd line- 4 rounds standing, scan and holster
 - 5 yd line- Load two magazines with 2 rounds a piece, fire 2 rounds, speed reload, fire 2 rounds, scan and holster
 - 3 yd line- Load one magazine with 4 rounds. Fire 2 rounds with strong hand only, transition to support hand, fire 2 more rounds support hand only. Scan and holster
 - Unload and show clear
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- Range clean up
 - Hot wash
 - Certificate presentation