



Glock 17 Pistol Magazine Load

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This training bulletin was created by the Weapons Training Unit (WTU) to inform Sheriff's Deputies on the proper loading of the issued Glock 17 magazines.

We have seen during training classes that it is possible to load one or two extra rounds into the Glock 17 factory magazines. Please ensure you only load 17 rounds into the Glock 17 magazines.

The highlighted areas shown below are the affected areas regarding the function of the Glock 17 firearm. Do not rely on the witness holes on the magazines (FIG 1) for your round count.

Figure 2 shows the cartridge stripping rail highlighted in red. Figure 3 illustrates the position of the cartridge stripping rail where it contacts with the rounds in the magazine. Loading more than 17 rounds can cause excessive pressure and friction on the cartridge stripping rail. This can induce issues to a Glock 17 such as:

- Difficulty inserting a magazine into the pistol with the slide closed.
- Difficulty racking the slide.

Furthermore, the additional cartridges may restrict the slide movement during recoil causing a malfunction.

Loading your G17 magazine with 17 rounds will ensure the best reliability and prolonged magazine life.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig.3