

# ➔ ASG CZ P-09

## ➔ PERFORMANCE

After a thorough disassembly and inspection, we raced to get the P-09 back together to give it a shoot on the range. Although the temperature is reasonably high at the moment, the substantial build quality of the gun left us in no fear of using Green gas and even more powerful stuff. The pistol recoils with a fearsome amount of blowback and launches BBs out to beyond 50m without any trouble at all. The velocity levelled out at around 330FPS before the magazine was empty. It's worth noting that the gun is rated for use with CO2 and if that's something you would prefer, specific magazines are available in addition to the standard fill-valved ones.

“SHOOTING THE P-09 IS A REAL JOY. PERHAPS THE ONLY COMPLAINTS WE CAN MAKE ARE ABOUT THE VERY SHALLOW SLIDE THAT MAKES GRIPPING IT TO COCK THE GUN A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT. THE UPSIDE OF THE DESIGN IS THAT THERE'S LESS CAPACITY FOR GRIP AND DIRT TO FOUL THE RUNNERS AND ALSO THE OVERALL WEIGHT OF THE SLIDE IS LOWERED. IN TERMS OF FUNCTIONALITY AND AS A REPLICA OF THE REAL P-09, THIS OFFERING FROM ASG IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE! BRAVO GUYS!”



## VITAL STATS

- PRICE: £119
- LENGTH: 200mm
- MAG: 24+1 rnds
- WEIGHT: 0.9Kg
- HOP: Adjustable
- FPS: 335fps

### ➔ EXTRAS

Comes with a lockable plastic case.

### ➔ THE GOOD STUFF

Great quality, detailed replica.

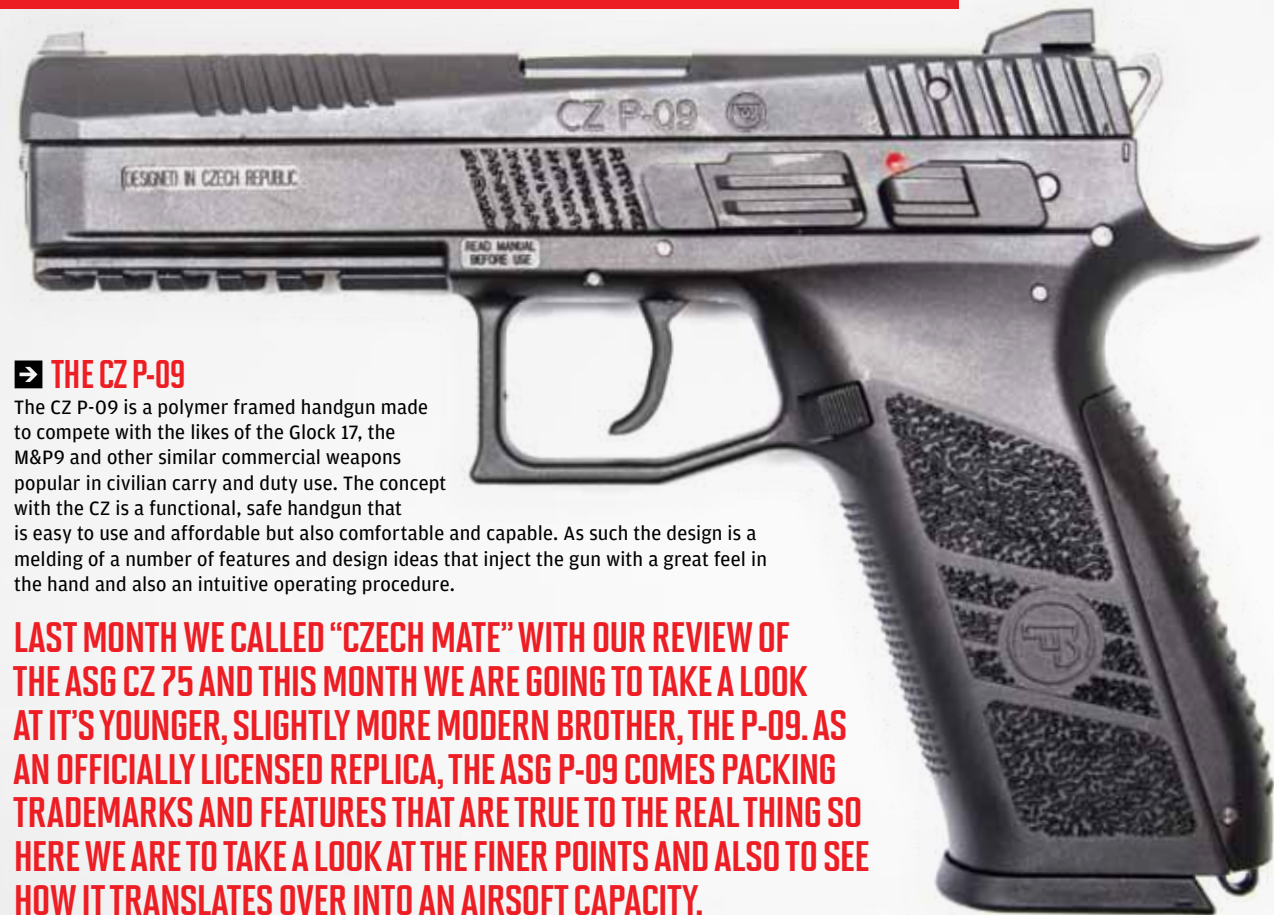
### ➔ THE NOT-SO-GOOD STUFF

Slide can be difficult to grip.





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## ➔ THE CZ P-09

The CZ P-09 is a polymer framed handgun made to compete with the likes of the Glock 17, the M&P9 and other similar commercial weapons popular in civilian carry and duty use. The concept with the CZ is a functional, safe handgun that is easy to use and affordable but also comfortable and capable. As such the design is a melding of a number of features and design ideas that inject the gun with a great feel in the hand and also an intuitive operating procedure.

**LAST MONTH WE CALLED "CZECH MATE" WITH OUR REVIEW OF THE ASG CZ 75 AND THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT'S YOUNGER, SLIGHTLY MORE MODERN BROTHER, THE P-09. AS AN OFFICIALLY LICENSED REPLIC, THE ASG P-09 COMES PACKING TRADEMARKS AND FEATURES THAT ARE TRUE TO THE REAL THING SO HERE WE ARE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE FINER POINTS AND ALSO TO SEE HOW IT TRANSLATES OVER INTO AN AIRSOFT CAPACITY.**

Firstly, we kick off with a polymer lower as you would expect. The ASG gun here is made from a quality polymer with a smooth but slightly grainy texture to it. The molding is excellent and highly detailed with the texture of the grip panels coming out very crisply. There's a slight seam running around the lower of the gun but it's up there with some of the best plastic parts we've seen. The frame has a spacious 5-slot rail moulded into the

forward section for lights, lasers and other accessories and the trigger guard is large and angular with texture grip panels to locate your supporting hand. There's a short beaver tail protruding from the rear which protects the web of your hand but keeps the weapon comfortable to hold.

The grip feel quite flat in the hand and although the back straps on the real weapon are interchangeable, this one doesn't appear to want to come off without a fight and no alternatives are supplied with the gun.

There's also a removable lanyard connection point at the bottom of the grip to help secure the gun if you desire.

Back to the texturing on the lower, it's an aggressive almost stipple effect that really does bite into the hand well giving a very positive and firm control of the gun, combined with the flattened feeling grip, the whole thing feels eminently pointable. Additionally grip sections are added to the forward portions of the frame to encourage and support an effective grip of the weapon.



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## ➔ INTERNALS

The P-09 is easy to field strip by just retracting the slide slightly until two notches match up on the slide and the frame, then pushing the slide catch through the frame. It's held in place under the tension of a spring but it's easy to poke through at the right point. The spring retainer is a great feature and far better than a simple friction fit that you find in many other guns.

Once the slide has been removed the internal parts of the gun are visible. Despite being mostly polymer the frame has a metal internal chassis and the slide runs on short metal rails for minimal resistance. The pistol is expertly assembled, well lubricated and generally built to last. Of particular note is the trigger linkage bar that's made from 3mm thick steel... That's far more substantial than you'll find in a lot of GBB replicas.

Inside the slide you can find the lengthy recoil spring and guide rod that locate on a nub formed into the hop unit. At the other end the guide rod has a rubber damper to lessen the jolt of the slide in use. The outer barrel and hop unit are all finely made from metal and the adjuster on the hop itself is the same screw system found in the CZ 75, something that we thought was a great touch. It works just as well in this application moving the hop now down squarely and there's a good range of motion to adjust for different weights of BB up to about .30g.

Overall, the internal construction of the P-09 is of very high quality and the assembly is also obviously carried out with care and precision. It's certainly a little different from the likes of Tokyo Marui but it works and work rather well indeed. If you are interested in upgrades you will probably find them few and far between but there is genuinely very, very little we would consider changing.

The slide, much like the rest of the CZ handgun line-up, runs INSIDE the frame as opposed to outside. This makes it appear very low in profile which to an extent is true regardless of how it meshed with the frame. This has the benefit of putting the bore very low in the gun, effectively making the grip higher and giving better form when shooting and controlling recoil but it does have the effect of making the slide more difficult to grasp when cocking the weapon since there is little surface area. This problem is

heightened by the angled cutaways on the forward section of the slide itself. Fortunately serrations along the length of the slide make things a little easier to manage.

Thanks to the real weapon's Omega trigger design, it's possible to choose between a decocker or manual safeties. This replica is fitted with the manual safety option and it doesn't seem to be possible to switch it to a decocker. the effect of this is that the operation of the gun is similar to that of the 1911 where the hammer can be retracted and

the safety applied. The safety switches are ambidextrous whilst the slide lock release lever is positioned only on the left hand side of the gun.

Generally the P-09 feels and appears to be quite large but in direct comparison, it's not as big as it seems. The pistol grip is pretty large and completely envelops a flush-fitting magazine that in real steel-terms, holds 19 rounds; the airsoft replica holds a healthy 25 and plenty of gas but the overall footprint of the gun isn't a LOT bigger than the Glock 17.

