



SIG SAUER OFFERING P320 PISTOL FOR THE GENERAL SERVICE PISTOL PROGRAM

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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA has issued the RFP to replace the nearly 75-year old Browning pistols still in use by the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). It is, as many acknowledge, past time for these sidearms, the last line of personal defence for a soldier, to be replaced by a modern, modular, effective and reliable weapon system.

MD Charlton, a Victoria based company, with over 40 years of experience is the leading distributor of military and tactical equipment in Canada. MD Charlton is offering the combat proven highly adaptable Sig Sauer P320, chosen by all branches of the US Forces for its accuracy, modularity and reliability. Militaries in France, Norway, Denmark, Thailand, and police forces across Canada, have selected this sidearm for their soldiers or officers— for very good reasons.

The P320 has several advantages. It is an ambidextrous pistol that can be used with ease by either left or right-handed individuals. The pistol sports an ambidextrous slide catch lever and a user-reversible magazine release. It is modular weapon that offers different size grip modules adaptable to a range of users—the very diversity of user that the CAF is aiming to increasingly reflect. The modularity also includes calibre conversions which are also interchangeable as well. Commanders have the flexibility to switch from 9mm to .357Sig or 40 S&W on operations which can be critical. Trainers can also custom tailor a pistol to fit a soldier's needs and abilities.

Built in safety features of the P320 make it appealing to a range of users. The hammerless, striker-fired system of the P320 makes the pistol ideally suited for use as a sidearm and dramatically reduces the chances of the gun snagging and firing accidentally. The P320 does not require the use of tools or pressing of the trigger to remove the slide assembly for cleaning or maintenance.

For the soldier the firearm can be field stripped without the use of tools or the manipulation of the trigger – an additional safety



feature which prevents accidental discharge of the weapon. MD Charlton has chosen to offer this ultra-modern pistol to the CAF because the Sig P320 reflects the same values MD Charlton and the CAF aim to exhibit—reliability, responsiveness and inclusivity. MD Charlton has over 40 years of providing the CAF with quality equipment and prides itself on a tradition of service and dependability. In support of that tradition, the company runs the only authorized Sig Sauer warranty repair and maintenance facility in Mississauga, Ontario which is authorized to repair, service and overhaul all Sig Sauer firearms sold in Canada. In every respect, the P320 and MD Charlton are right on target to provide Canada's military with the best possible personal weapons system. 🍁

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