

SUREFIRE X200 BARREL LIGHT AND GLOCK 22
Chico Police Department

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Dear Chiefs,

After many e-mails from you and/or your staff about this issue I have concluded the following. It is true that the Glock 22 does suffer failure-to-feed problems when the Surefire X200 barrel light is used. There was some discussion that particular ammo was also the culprit, but our failures were with different types of ammo and brands. The bottom line is this. Glock changed over to the 11 wire spring some years ago because of this problem and that has solved the issue. We are still testing, but we feel pretty good that this is the fix. In fairness to Surefire, there could be an issue with how the Surefire light is installed so I have information about that as well. In fairness to Glock, our rep has been working with my range staff and we will get to a final solution.

I must report that I did get into an e-mail boxing match with a staff person from Surefire who wanted to blame everyone but surefire. However Mr. Derek McDonald, Marketing Director for Surefire, intervened and took responsibility for the issue and admitted they knew about the problem. I had raised the issue that in the name of officer safety and good customer service, Surefire should warn the police officers that are purchasing their light for use on a Glock 22 that there may be failure-to-feed problems in certain circumstances. I got into a pretty nasty e-mail fight about this with that staffer. To Mr. Mc Donald's credit, he agreed with me and has directed that the Surefire X200 packaging be changed to give a warning about this very issue.

I am pleased with the results of this research and very pleased with the packaging change in the name of officer safety. Mr. Mc Donald also gave me very detailed instructions on how to install the barrel light. Anyone wishing a copy, please just e-mail me.

Thanks,

Chief Bruce Hagerty
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