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DoubleTap Defense receives two patents for tactical pocket pistol



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St. Louis-based DoubleTap Defense LLC had orders for more than 30,000 tactical pocket pistols when it started shipping them two months ago, DoubleTap inventor and founder [Raymond Kohout](#) told the Business Journal.

The aluminum version of the gun retails for \$499, and the titanium version retails for \$729. That means just filling existing orders will bring in from \$15 million to \$21.9 million in sales.

Kohout and [Marvin Dufner](#) invested millions to found the company after Kohout drew the plans for the pistol on a legal pad in December 2010.

The company also recently received a design and a utility patent on its tactical pocket pistol, the DoubleTap, and is now shipping about 1,000 of them a week.

In November, [Kohout announced that the company selected Naples, Fla.-based Azimuth Technology LLC, which has 80 employees, to manufacture its concealed carry pistol.](#)

DoubleTap ended its partnership with St. Louis-based firearms company Heizer, which previously had been tapped to produce the pistol.

At the time, Kohout announced that he was ending his relationship with "Heizer Defense, our manufacturing partner, due to their inability to manufacture the DoubleTap pistol."

The DoubleTap pistol is five-eighths of an inch wide and weighs 14 ounces, or about the size of an iPhone, making it the slimmest and lightest on the market, according to the company. Although other small guns also are small caliber, Kohout said, the no snag, hammerless DoubleTap carries two .45-caliber or 9 mm rounds in the chamber and two spare rounds in the grip.

"It's ultra strong and ultra light weight" but still a big bore caliber pistol, Kohout said.

Kohout has more than 30 years of experience in the firearms industry. In the 1980s, he owned gun retailer Shooting Systems, which was located in Fenton. He sold the business in the early 1990s to some of Shooting Systems' managers and it now operates as Mid America Arms on Gravois Road in St. Louis.

DoubleTap Defense has eight employees in south county that package, ship and distribute its pistols.