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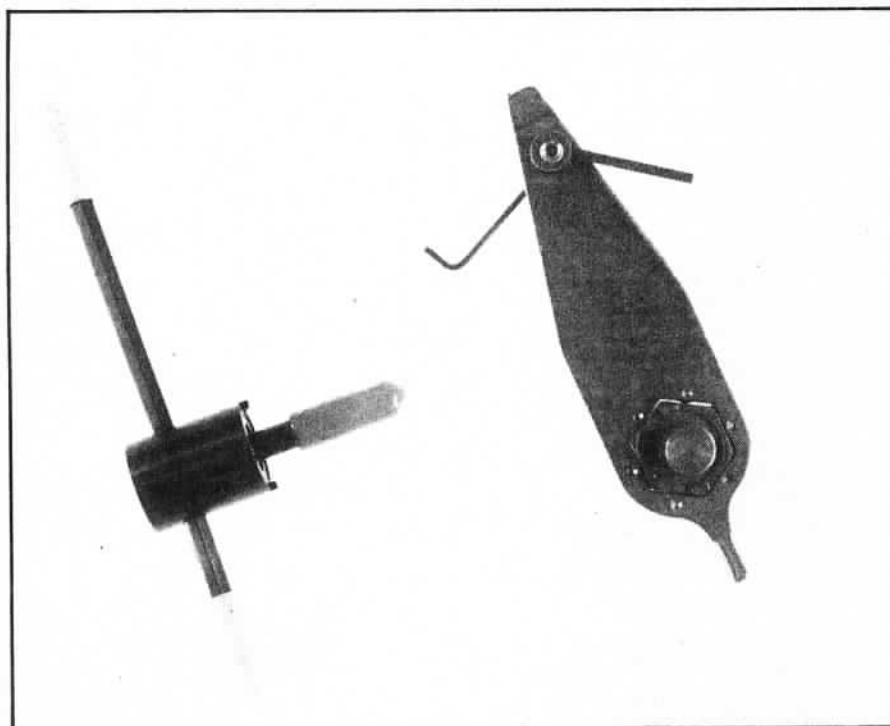
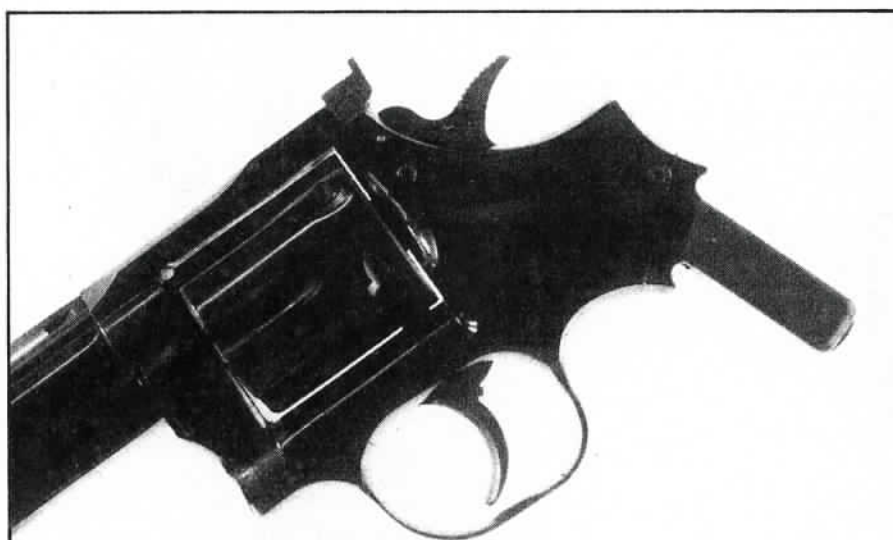
and much more!

Dan Wesson 15 VH



**Optional barrel
lengths, grips & sights
PLUS Astounding Accuracy!**

The Dan Wesson does not have a regular frame and the grips can be easily removed. You can carve a grip that would actually fit your hand with this system. Below are 2 of the wrenches that are supplied with the gun. You get one, I guess whichever they have more of when they ship. They both work so don't sweat it, OK?



This gun is unconventional in that the cylinder release is not at the rear of the cylinder. You have to go forward of the cylinder and push down, then pop out the cylinder. The first batch of guns a few years ago were junk. The current guns are excellent.

Accuracy is astounding. With Smith and Wesson 125 grain jacketed hollow points running at 1348 feet per second, we actually fired a 7/8 inch group. Our average group size for all ammunition tested was 2 inches, this was all bench rest shooting at 25 yards. I mean this is good shooting.

The factory red ramp and ventilated rib on this gun comes with the heavy barrel shroud. A tool for taking the gun apart is also supplied by Dan Wesson. We have shown you in a photograph the two different tools that are available. The newer one looks like a circle cutter. The older one

looks like a wrench. The newer one is easier to use and that's why they have changed!

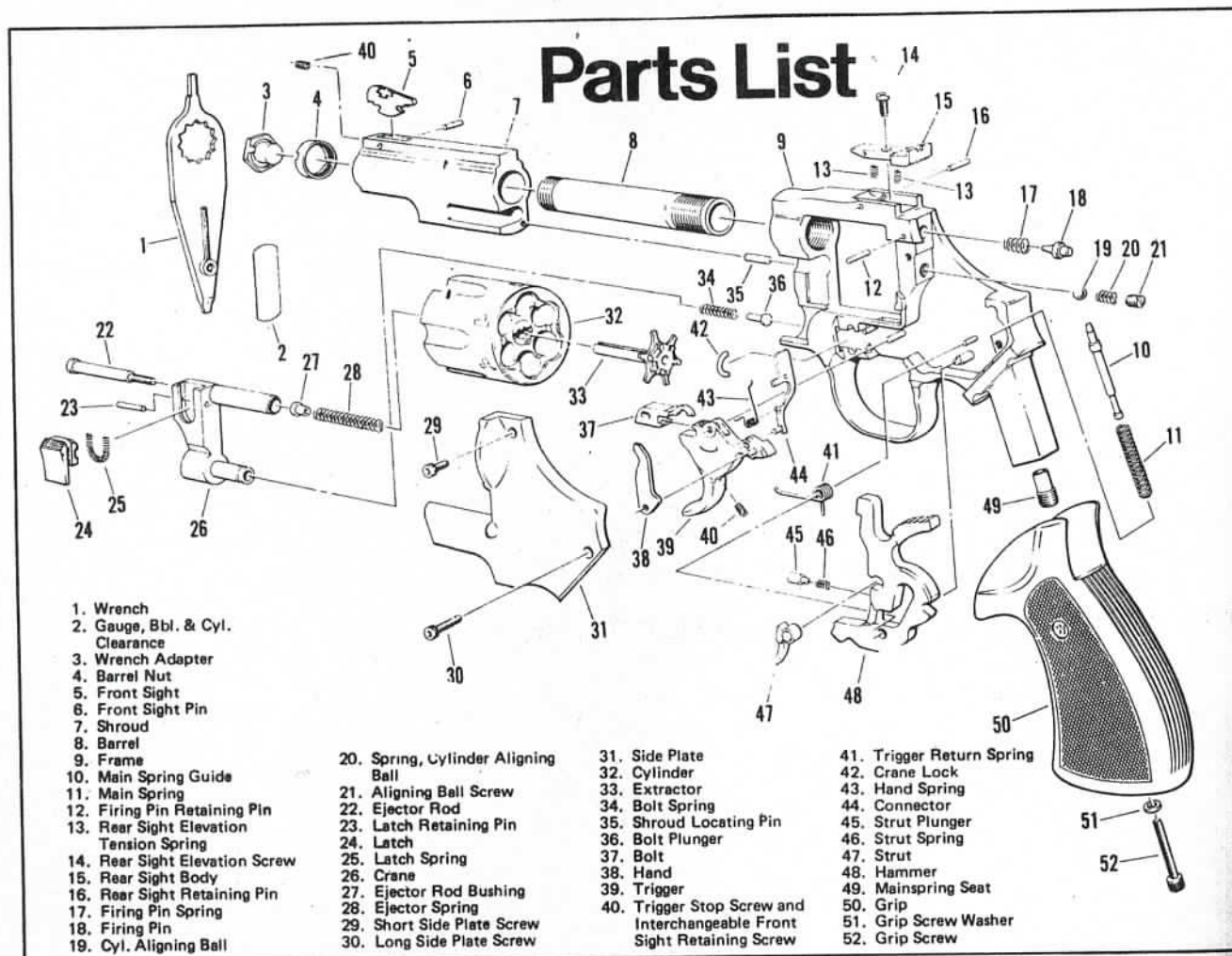
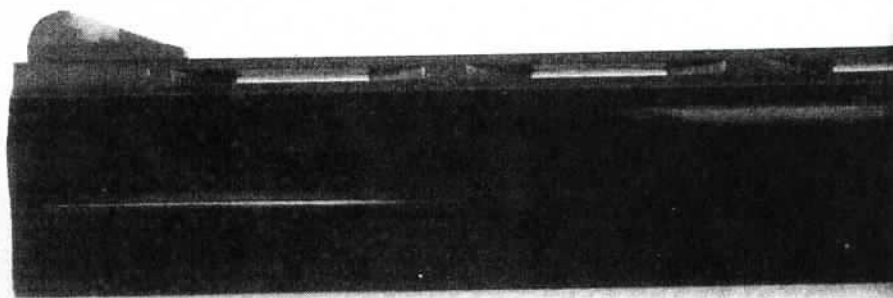
The grips are, in my opinion, ridiculous. The red ramp insert is excellent and you can change it to white or yellow if you want. Barrel lengths from 2½ inches to certainly 12 inches and by the time you read this — 15 inches will be available. There are 3 or 4 different grips available for the gun and it does not have a conventional back frame as you can see from the picture of the disassembled gun.

The hammer is fairly wide but it doesn't have the type of checkering that the Smith and Wesson premium line guns have and it's not quite as smooth or as natural to cock into single action as the Colt Python which we tested nor is it as good as the Model 19 Smith and Wesson Combat Magnum. It has a smooth trigger which was preferred by some of our shooters. They feel that a smooth trigger is better for fast combat shooting. Again it's a matter of personal preference. The trigger guard is big enough that even a person with large hands wearing gloves could easily fit his hands into it.

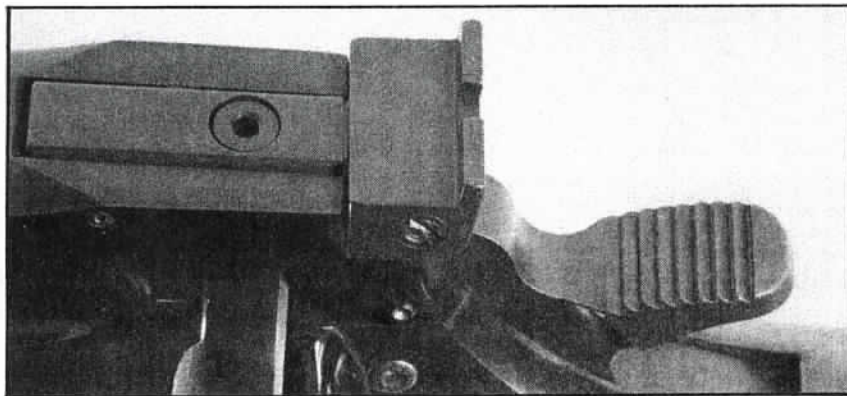
To adjust the sights, requires the use of an Allen wrench which is supplied as part of the tools. The big thing about the Dan Wesson is the interchangeability of components. If you live in a state which is run by mentally retarded politicians, namely, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey; where they limit the number of guns you can purchase or they give you so much red tape and hassle that it doesn't pay you to attempt to purchase additional guns, you can buy a Dan Wesson and since only the frame is serial numbered you can go crazy changing grips, changing barrel lengths, changing sight inserts and everything else and still wind up with good shooting gun. We did notice

though that it seems to pick up powder residue under the extractor star when using ball powder and this causes difficult functioning and extraction. If you use ball powder clean the gun and watch for this condition. In the field you can cure a lot of this problem by holding the barrel straight up while ejecting the shells. The ball powder residue should fall out if this drill is followed.

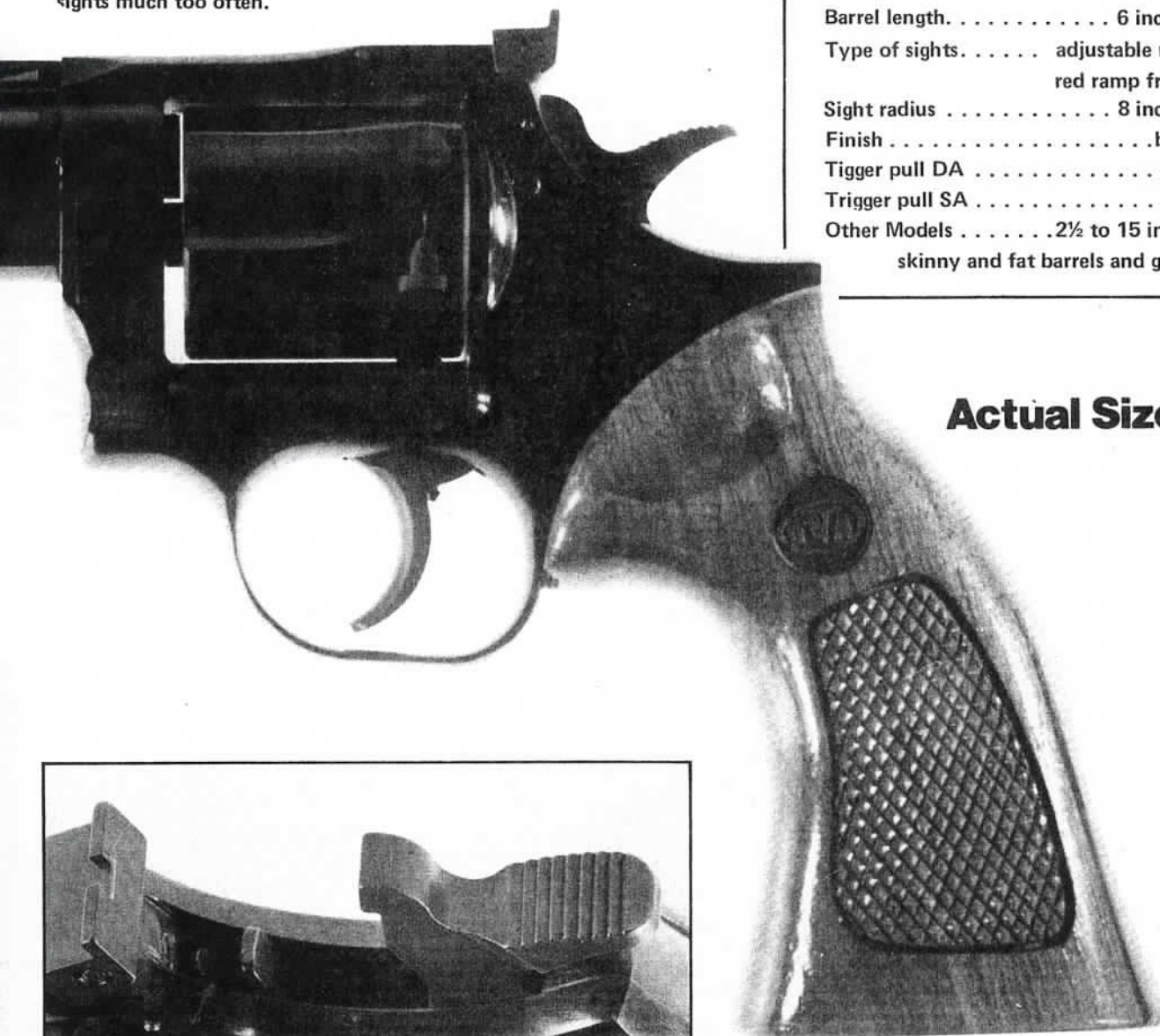
The sights are excellent even though the white outline on the one we had was starting to fade away. It's really not comparable in quality to the Smith and Wesson white outline sight and we think it should be improved. In fact it's almost mandatory because it's pretty Mickey Mouse the



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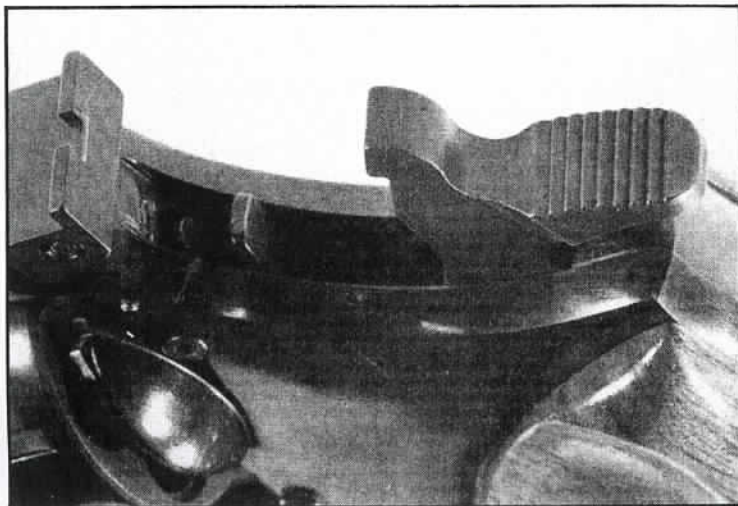
The sights were rated excellent by our testers. You must use the magic tool to change the adjustments. Just as well as too many people screw with the sights much too often.



Specifications

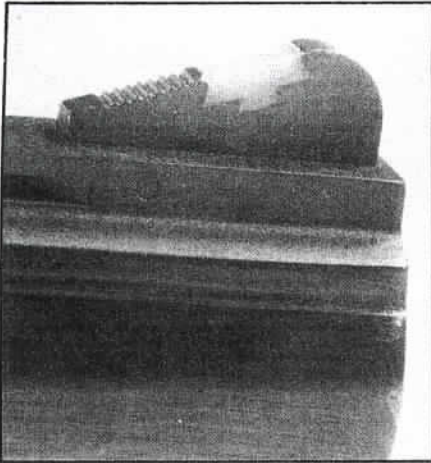
Approx. retail price	\$250
Maker	Dan Wesson
Model	15 - 2VH
Caliber357 Mag
Type	revolver
Action	double and single
Number of shots	6
Weight, loaded	47 oz.
Grips	large checkered walnut
Safety	none
Barrel length	6 inches
Type of sights	adjustable rear red ramp front
Sight radius	8 inches
Finish	blue
Tigger pull DA	15
Trigger pull SA	5
Other Models	2½ to 15 inch! skinny and fat barrels and grips

Actual Size!

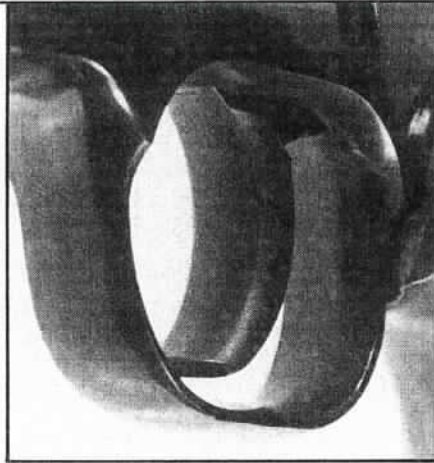


The hammer does not have the nice crosshatching that I have come to know and love but it does work. A transfer bar ignition is used. The white outline on this gun was a bit scabby. Others were better.

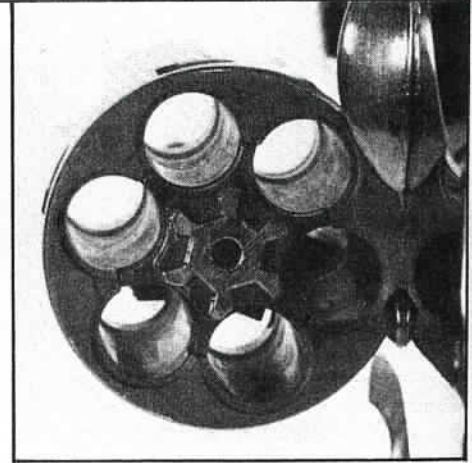
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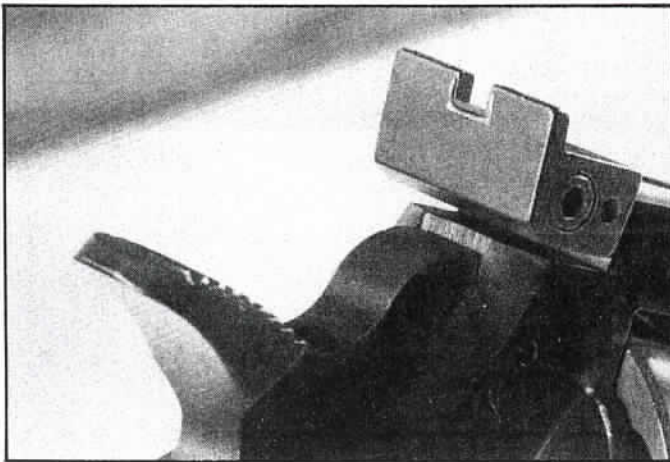
A colored sight insert is standard and can be changed to various colors.



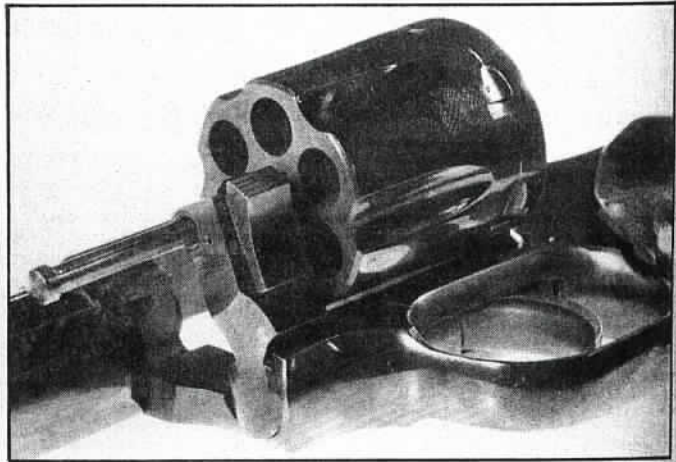
The trigger is smooth and some of our combat shooter friends preferred it!



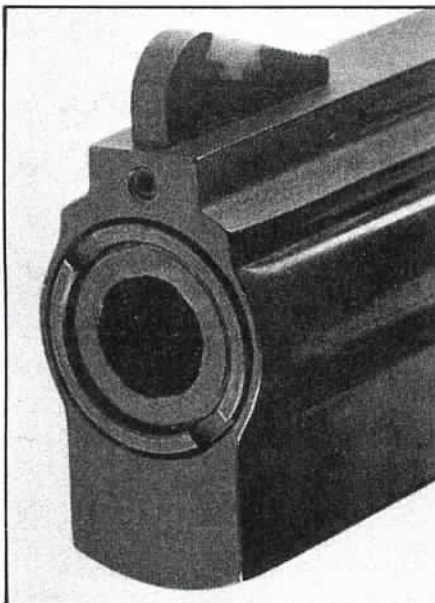
The cylinder does not swing out as far as it should for fast ejection of empties.



I hope they fired the boob who was supposed to outline the rear sight on this gun. Others have been much better.



The cylinder release is in front of the cylinder. It is different but it works. Maybe nobody else ever thought of it before!



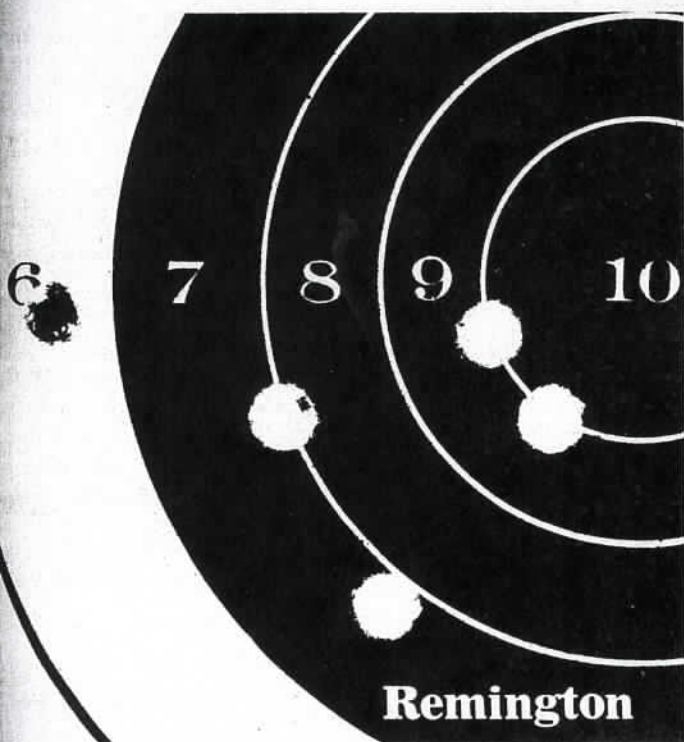
The barrel is held on by a nut. The muzzle is flat. Accuracy is great.

way it is right now.

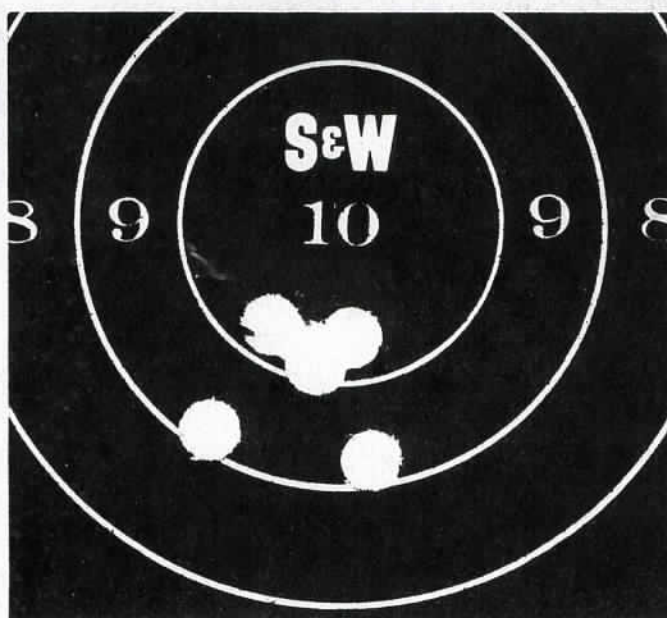
The gun shoots. It shoots good. It's accurate. We tried barrel tests, and had three different people change the barrels and brought it back to essentially the same point of impact or as close as we could get with the deviation we counted in factory ammunition. So we know that the interchangeable barrel system that Dan Wesson has does indeed work. If you don't like it in one fashion you certainly can find a way that you will like it because you can switch barrels, you can switch grips and sights. You name it, you can switch it!

The gun's a shooter and it's here to stay. We're glad to see it. It's unconventional and different and because it's unconventional and different it will probably never find favor with the police community. They would rather stay with Colt Police Positives and Smith and Wesson model 10's because

they've had them since around in 1920 and there seems to be about a 50 year technology gap in the United States between what really works and what police administrators are willing to put in the hands of the front line troops. The paranoia in police circles about updating and modernizing weapon systems is absolutely mind boggling, but as a civilian hunter, a target shooter, or better yet a citizen not a civilian, so we don't draw line between us and those sworn to uphold law and order, the Dan Wesson is a good gun and on cold winter's night you can probably make like 250 something different variations of the gun — using different barrels, barrel shrouds, sight inserts and grips. So if TV season gets bad, get hold of a Dan Wesson with lots of optional parts and just go bananas. You might also consider voting against politicians who restrict your right to own and use handguns!

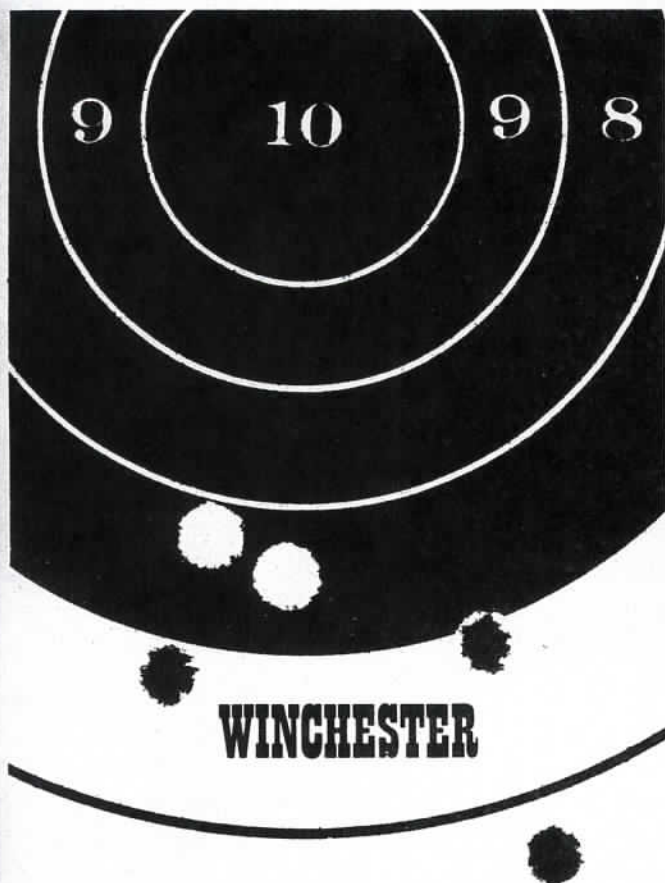


Remington 125 JHP gave a $2\frac{5}{8}$ th group with an average velocity of 1459 Feet Per Second.



Smith & Wesson ammo really did the number in the Dan Wesson. The group was $\frac{7}{8}$ ths of an inch! Average speed was 1348 Feet Per Second. Very impressive! 125 JHP.

targets actual size



Winchester came steaming in with the highest average velocity at 1479 FPS but the group was $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



Federal grouped at 2 inches with the 125 JHP and the velocity averaged 1391 Feet Per Second at $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet.