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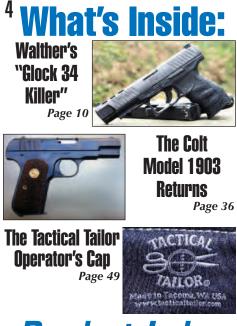
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# We READ Our Mail!

Re: ["Can I Have a Moment of Silence?" – January 2016 issue] I'm sure glad that I read that article. It lit up a light bulb for me, so I just ordered a second set of electronic hearing protector muffs. Now I'll have an old set of electronic Peltors for the range, plus a new set for my home. I'll be able to protect my hearing if I need to fire either my Glock 22 or the Mossberg 500 against an intruder. A plus will be that I'll be able to hear an intruder without looking for my hearing aids. A suppressor at over 1,000 bucks screwed into the barrel of my Glock doesn't appeal to me or my wallet, it wouldn't fit into my pistol safe, and it would limit me in my choice of firearms in an emergency. According to the story, the suppressor lowers dB about 30 while muffs are about 22 dB. Final cost 33 bucks for the suppressor per dB, 2.5 bucks for the muffs. Electronic hearing protectors hanging on the wall for each person in the house seems like a more practical choice, and much, much cheaper. BTW, hearing aid batteries are cheap! I know.

Wayne Doenges – New Haven, IN Wayne, to me the obvious question is, "How much did your hearing aids cost?"

/hile Dr. Dillon's article ["Grandpa Dillon's Saddle Gun" - January 2016 issue] is very interesting, it illustrates something I have advocated for years. As an amateur military historian, I always wonder about the history of the guns I collect. The old, "If only this gun could talk!" And I encourage everyone - every gun owner - that if you have a "family" gun, sit down today and write down everything you know about it. It may not have been used in war, or protected hearth and home, but it is a part of our history - our heritage. So what if it's an old single-barrel 20 gauge that granddad bought in Pennsylvania before the family moved West. It embodies the memories of Granddad, Dad, You, and hopefully the next generations. Every item on the Antigues Road Show is more valuable if it has "provenance" - a story. So does every gun. Together, they weave the history of your family into the fabric of our Nation's history, and along the way show that these artifacts, these guns, are a normal part of life. I have several guns I carried while employed as a Federal Agent. None were ever fired in defense, but they trace a pattern of evolution of Law Enforcement guns, from the 5-shot .38, to the 6-shot .357 Magnum, finally to the semi-autos. They are already destined to go to a museum, along with some other artifacts from my career - and some facts about where I served

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| COST   |                                |               |               |               |                 |
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|  | Caliber Conversion price range | \$87.95-97.95 | \$45.95-55.95 | \$77.95-87.95 | \$124.95-204.95 |
| RATE   |                                |               |               |               |                 |
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|  | One hour production rate       | 350           | 500           | 800**         | 1000            |
|  | Caliber change time            | 10 min        | 5 min         | 10 min        | 20 min          |
| FEATURES   | ;                              |               |               |               |                 |
|  | Number of stations             | 4             | 4             | 5             | 8               |
|  | Auto index                     | yes           | no            | yes           | yes             |
|  | Auto Casefeeder                | no            | optional      | optional      | standard        |
|  | Uses standard (7/8" x 14) dies | no            | yes           | yes           | yes             |
|  | Powdercheck System             | no            | no            | optional      | optional        |
|  | Primer Early Warning System    | standard      | standard      | standard      | standard        |
|  | Failsafe Powder System         | standard      | standard      | standard      | standard        |
|  | Separate Crimp Station         | yes           | yes           | yes           | yes             |
| <b>SPECIFIC</b>  |                                |               |               |               |                 |
|  | Primer magazine capacity       | 100           | 100           | 100           | 100             |
|  | Casefeed capacity (.38/.223)   | N/A           | N/A           | 600/500       | 600/500         |
|  | Powder measure capacity        | 3/4 lb        | 3/4 lb        | 3/4 lb        | 3/4 lb          |
|  | Shipping weight                | 17 lbs.       | 25 lbs.       | 36 lbs.*      | 66 lbs.         |
|  | Height required above bench*** | 34 in.        | 35 in.        | 44 in.        | 43 in.          |
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| CALIBERS   |                                |               |               |               |                 |
|  | Pistol                         | .32 S&W45 Col |               | All common    | All common      |
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| .44 Magnum        | L86-20052 |
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# "The "Glock 34 Killer"

### By Robin Taylor, www.taylorfreelance.com

Long, lean, and dark, the 5" PPQ M2 has an understated lethality about it. Like some kind of metallic shark, it blends in with all the other "Glock wannabes" – until you shoot it. At that point, the shark shows its teeth.

Gunwriter Patrick Kelley first described the 5"

PPO as Walther's "Glock 34 killer." It's too short in the frame to totally dethrone the king of plastic pistols, but unless you have wide hands, the PPO deserves a second look. It offers a much smoother, cleaner trigger release and a morerobust interchangeable grip system, along with excellent accuracy potential. For its part, the Glock has a lower bore axis, a grip system that works for big hands, and you can find parts anywhere.

Friends of mine have shied away from the PPQ due its lack of aftermarket support, but that's changing

in 2016, with various sorts of options, including extended basepads, and even a magwell from multiple sources.

The real "edge" the PPQ offers is its trigger. Every one I've picked up has been remarkably smooth, with a positive single-click reset. After about 150 rounds my 5" M2 settled to where it broke ultra-smoothly at a measured 3.5 pounds. Compare that to the relatively rough "3.5 pound trigger" of the Glock 34 (which actually breaks at 5 pounds plus), and the PPQ starts look appealing. Better yet, the PPQ drops into holsters meant for the S&W M&P, which means ready-to-go gear is as close as your corner sport-

close as your corner sporting goods store. For mag pouches, look for ones that work with mags in the SIG 226 class – the PPQ's are noticeably narrower than the M&P.

"The PPQ has really taken off lately," says Cody Osborn, a Walther dealer support rep. He's been actively bringing the PPQ out to IDPA and USPSA matches, getting shooters familiar with their top-ofthe-line model. "Once they feel that trigger, it's a lot better than trying to spend \$200 to improve another system."

From what I see, the 5"

PPQ could have been purpose-built to conquer IDPA's "Stock Service Pistol" and USPSA's "Production" divisions. It's got the longer sight radius, adjustable sights, and rough-and-tumble reliability cues that are the hallmark of good USPSA/IDPA guns. Those aftermarket options will help the PPQ

"It offers a much smoother, cleaner trigger release and a more-robust interchangeable grip system, along with excellent accuracy potential."

# Walther's 5" PPQ M2"

in the "racier" divisions too - especially magwells that extend the effective length of the frame.

Walther's trigger stands apart because of its rotating sear – which works like a miniature trap door. Most striker-fired pistols operate by pulling the sear directly off the striker. Small angled surfaces drag the sear across the face of the striker until the striker pops free. On the PPQ, the striker is held back by a rotating sear, which in turn is held up by what I call the "sear lever" (which connects to the trigger). Picture that big lever that

drops the floor of a gallows in Western movies. The sear lever gives the "hangman" tremendous leverage. You feel very little "drag" as it moves just a steady, even approach to an inevitably smooth release.

Some Olympic air pistols employ a similar concept. The Crossman Skanaker and Feinwerkbau 65 I shot in college used a uniform smooth stroke like this - rather than the "breaking glass rod" idea common to 1911s. Slicked-up Glocks operate that way too, but the PPQ does it without having to spend hours installing and polishing new springs or parts.

I had the chance to share the PPQ with some expert shots at the range, including Team Gotta captain Jordon Castro lead athlete for the



Ammo practice ammunition. On a lark, I taped a business card to the target 15 yards out - then shot five rounds at it. All five impacted inside the business card. Another five rounds shredded the card. I'd be hard-pressed to do as well with a match .22, much less an out-of-the box strikerfired 9mm.

### **GRANDSON OF THE P99**

Talking with Cody Osborn and Walther exec Everett Deger, I learned that the PPQ descends directly from the S&W/Walther P99. I've shot a

handful of original PPO M1s, and the paddlestyle mag releases and compact format they inherited from the P99 were a little too European for my taste. Apparently I wasn't alone, because the controls on the PPO M2s (all of them) have morphed into something more "American." The paddles are gone, replaced by a reversible mag release button, adjustable sights, and forward cocking serrations. The steel mag release engages the mag tube at a different location (M1 and M2 mags aren't compatible); so order carefully when you're buying spares.

The M2's drift toward 1911-style controls was an intentional gambit to better suit the American shooter, and speaking for my small slice of the market, it worked!

Walther PPQ M1 (left) and M2 mags aren't compatible, so order carefully when you're buying spares.

fastest Scholastic Pistol Program team in the United States in 2015. He and his high school teammates had just set the national centerfire speed record with a mix of G34s and M&P Pros (nudging out the US Military Academy at West Point).

"I like how responsive the trigger is," says Castro. "It's positive on the reset."

We all agreed the higher bore axis and shorter frame tends to make the PPQ feel "snappier" in recoil than the Glock 34, but it compares favorably to guns with similar bore heights, like the SIG 320 or HK P30.

Practical accuracy seems to be the PPQ's strong suit. Once I had the zero, I started hammering tight little groups with Atlanta Arms and

"Walther was looking to get into the competition market," says Osborn. "They wanted something that stood out a little bit."

Walther's assault on the competition market has begun. They've already made agreements with multiple top-level shooters in IDPA, and just signed a 3-Gunner as well. That focus on performance bodes well for customers, as so many of the features on today's defensive handguns spring directly from practical competition. Whether or not you compete, keep an eye out for the PPQ. With the rise of aftermarket support, serious shooters of all stripes have a new corporate player in the game, pushing a new, viable option - the 5" PPO M2.

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## AT 500 POWDER DIE

Extra powder dies allow you to move your powder measure from toolhead to toolhead without changing the "belling" adjustment.

Powder Die: L86-16629, \$19.95 Oversize Die: L86-16626, \$19.95 Plastic Funnel: L86-16617, \$5.95





### POWDER MEASURE ADAPTER

If you load rifle cartridges with long-grain extruded powder, you can now use any manufacturer's powder measure with 7/8" x 14 threads on your RL 450, AT 500, BL 550 or RL 550B. (Requires the use of an RL 450 powder die – see below.)

L86-20029, \$23.95 RL 450 Powder Die: L86-20308, \$21.95

available if you want to use a manual measure that you already own. Or, if you want to weigh every powder charge you load, it's easy – you can use a

powder trickler with the powder die/funnel assembly that comes with the BL 550.

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**RL 550B DVD** Instruction Manual 186-19483 \$19.95

# RL 550B STANDARD FEATURES:

# • Accommodates Over 160 Calibers

- Uses Standard 7/8" x 14 Dies
- Loading Rate: 500-600 Rds./Hr.
- Comes With One Caliber Conversion
- Interchangeable Toolhead Assembly
- Automatic Powder Measure
- Automatic Primer System
- Lifetime "No-B.S." Warranty
- **RISK FREE** 30-Day Trial Period!

All for ONLY...

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**L86-14261** Reloading dies sold separately. \*Prices vary on exotic-caliber machines.

Total Price as pictured here with optional accessories: \$738.60 .45 ACP Die Set L86-14404 \$65.95 Strong Mount L86-22051 \$48.95 Alum. Roller Handle L86-17950 \$45.95 Low Powder Sensor L86-16306 \$41.95 Aluminum Bullet Tray L86-22214 \$41.95 RL 550 Toolholder with Wrench Set \$28.95 L86-11541 Cartridge Case Bin/Bracket L86-11185 \$24.95



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A. RL 550B CALIBER **CONVERSION KITS** 

Contains: Shellplate, powder funnel and locator buttons, Available in all calibers; please specify caliber desired.

L86-RL550B CON-

VERSION \$45.95 (Exotic calibers, \$55.95)

### **B. AUTO POWDER** MEASURE SYSTEMS

Additional powder measures stay on the toolhead. Never change powder measurements again!

RL 550 Powder Measure L86-20782, \$77.95 ea. Magnum Rifle Powder Bar L86-21353, \$29.95 each X-Small Powder Bar

### L86-20780, \$29.95 each C. DELUXE OUICK CHANGE ASSEMBLY

With a quick change assembly and a caliber conversion kit (SOLD

SEPARATELY), you can convert in less than a minute. Complete with:

- Toolhead
- Powder Measure
- Powder Die
- Toolhead Stand

Price without Dies, L86-22058, \$104.95 Loading dies sold separately on Pages 34, 35 & 52.

## **D. POWDER DIES**

Extra powder dies allow you to move your powder measure from toolhead to toolhead without changing the "belling" adjustment.



L86-20064, \$11.35 each Three or more, \$10.25 ea.

X-Large Powder Die, L86-21253, \$19.95 each E. TOOLHEADS

Don't adjust dies when switching calibers. These precision tool holders hold your dies in perfect alignment, making caliber changes quick and easy.

L86-13909. \$22.95 each Three or more, \$20.95 ea.



# F. TOOLHEAD STANDS

The ultimate in convenience for keeping your reloading bench clean and uncluttered.

L86-22055, \$20.95 each Three or more, \$18.95 ea.



## H. RL 550B CASEFEEDER UPGRADE

Available for most pistol cartridges will not work with rifle cartridges. Large Pistol L86-14450 Small Pistol L86-14451

\$264.95 (110v US Model) Large Pistol L86-14453 Small Pistol L86-14454 \$274.95 (220v Euro Model)





### K. 550 SPARE PARTS KIT

- 4 Locator Pins (#1, #2, #3, #4)
- 1 Seating Punch, Large 1 550 Index Ball Spring
- 2 Pickup Tube, Small, Yellow Tips
- 2 Magazine Orifices, Large 1 Toolhead Pin

## L. MACHINE MAINTENANCE KIT



Provides you with everything you need to keep your Dil-Ion loader cleaned and lubricated up to factory specifications. Available in combination with a spare parts kit for your machine.

Maint. Kit & RL 550B Spare Parts Kit L86-97016, \$32.95

# M. LOW POWDER SENSOR

Provides an audible and visual reminder when it's time to refill your powder reservoir. When the powder level drops to about 1000 grains, a buzzer will sound and a bright red LED will light.



L86-16306, \$41.95

# N. EQUIPMENT DUST COVERS

This packcloth nylon machine cover comes equipped with a D-ring, allowing the heavy duty zipper to be locked.

RL 550B Cover, L86-13795, \$23.95 (O.) Master lock, L86-13083, \$3.95

Quick-Change Cover (for use with powder measure) L86-11143, \$14.95



P. UNIVERSAL MOUNTING HARDWARE KIT Includes: 4-Grade 5 Hex Bolts, 4-Lock Nuts, 4 Flat Washers, 4-Fender Washers, 2-Wood Screws. L86-14355, \$5.49

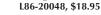
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Pickup Tube, Large, Green Tips Magazine Orifices, Small 550 Primer Cup Spring Retaining Clips 2 Dispensing Tip, Large 2 Dispensing Tip, Small 1 Failsafe Bushing Rev. B



# <sup>16</sup> Dillon Reloading Accessories

\$182.95 251.95 181.95 250.95 197.95 266.95

illon's Reloading Accessory Package Deals include: either Dillon's D-Terminator Electronic Scale or Eliminator Balance Beam Scale, a Dial Caliper, a Primer Flip Tray, a Bench Wrench, an 8 oz. bottle of Case Lube, a pair of clear safety glasses, a machine cover and the latest edition of the Lyman Reloading Handbook.

| SDB (Balance Beam Scale)     |
|------------------------------|
| SDB (Electronic Scale)       |
| RL 550B (Balance Beam Scale) |
| RL 550B (Electronic Scale)   |
| XL 650 (Balance Beam Scale)  |
| XL 650 (Electronic Scale)    |

| L86-14482 |  |
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| L86-14483 |  |
| L86-21143 |  |
| L86-22117 |  |
| L86-21430 |  |
| L86-22118 |  |

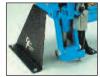




illon's Toolholders are available for your RL 550B, XL 650, SL 900, and Square Deal B, and ensure that the tools you need to service your reloader are handy and organized. No more digging around your bench trying to find the right size hex wrench! XL 650 with Wrench Set L86-11555 \$29.95 γ

| KL 650 w/o Wrench Set         | L86-11554 | 18.95 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| RL 550 with Wrench Set        | L86-11541 | 28.95 |
| RL 550 w/o Wrench Set         | L86-11543 | 17.95 |
| Square Deal B with Wrench Set | L86-19441 | 26.95 |
| Dipped Ball-End Hex Wrenches  | L86-11483 | 17.95 |
| One-Inch Bench Wrench         | L86-10842 | 7.95  |
| Square-Deal-Only Wrench       | L86-19970 | 8.95  |
|                               |           |       |

### illon's Strong Mounts increase your machine's "footprint" to over 10",



spreading the load over the whole bench instead of stressing the leading edge. For XL 650 owners with limited overhead clearance, the XL 650-only mount raises the machine 6" above the bench top. All mounts come with all the fasteners necessary to mount vour machine and are coated with a durable black wrinkle finish

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|------------------|--------------|---------|
| RL550/XL650      | L86-22051    | \$48.95 |
| XL650-only       | L86-22052    | 45.95   |
| Square Deal "B"  | L86-22223    | 64.95   |



illon's Bullet Tray is a simple, shallow aluminum bullet trav designed and located for economy of motion. Our trav works on the Square Deal "B". RL 550B and XL 650 when equipped with the RL 550/XL 650 Strong Mount, and a separate kit is available for the RL 1050. Bullet Tray Kit L86-22214 \$41.95 RL 1050 Tray Kit L86-22215 41.95

illon's "Belted Magnum" Powder System features a maximum-capacity steel powder bar that can dispense more than 100 grains of extruded IMR powder. Magnum rifle cartridges can require from 70 grains to well in excess of 100 grains for a single charge. We tested this

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system with various extruded rifle powders and found that powder charge variations stayed within plusor-minus three-tenths of a grain.

Magnum Powder System L86-97126 \$145.95

illon's Low Powder Sensor provides an audible and visual reminder when it's time to refill your powder reservoir. When the powder level drops to about 1,000 grains remaining in the



reservoir, a buzzer will sound and a bright red LED will light. Designed to fit all Dillon powder measures. Made of clear polycarbonate, it simply replaces the die-cast metal lid supplied with the measure, and operates on two AAA batteries (included). L86-16306 \$41.95





Alum. Roller Plastic Roller L86-17950 \$45.95 L86-22183 40.95



Quick-Change Cover for use with powder measure. L86-11143 \$14.95

/ith Dillon's RL 450 Upgrade components, you can, either all at once or one assembly at a time, upgrade your RL 450 reloader to an RI 550BI

| RL 450 Upgrade  | Components |         |
|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Frame Change    | L86-20094  | \$94.95 |
| Powder Failsafe | L86-20251  | 88.95   |
| Auto Prime      | L86-20055  | 85.95   |
| Auto Eject      | L86-20002  | 59.95   |
| Primer Warning  | L86-20302  | 25.95   |

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# 17 **Dillon's Stainless Steel Case Gages**

| L86-13254 | \$26.95  |
|-----------|--|
| L86-12867 | 27.95  |
| L86-12679 | 28.95  |
| L86-15160 | 15.45  |
| L86-15161 | 15.45  |
| L86-15158 | 15.45  |
| L86-15159 | 15.45  |
| L86-15163 | 15.45  |
| L86-15164 | 15.45  |
| L86-15162 | 15.45  |
| L86-15165 | 15.45  |
| L86-15166 | 15.45  |
| L86-15167 | 15.45  |
| L86-12672 | 15.45  |
|           | L86-12867<br>L86-12679<br>L86-15160<br>L86-15158<br>L86-15158<br>L86-15159<br>L86-15163<br>L86-15164<br>L86-15165<br>L86-15165<br>L86-15166<br>L86-15166 |

# L. E. Wilson Case Gages, Deburring Tool



| .22-250                        | L86-12718 | \$36.00 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| .243                           | L86-12828 | 36.00   |
| .25-06                         | L86-11760 | 36.00   |
| .270                           | L86-11828 | 36.00   |
| 6.8 SPC                        | L86-19522 | 36.00   |
| .30 Carbine (Case Length Only) | L86-18784 | 36.00   |
| .30-30                         | L86-12924 | 36.00   |
| 7.62 x 39                      | L86-14901 | 36.00   |
| 7mm Mag.                       | L86-12336 | 46.00   |
| .300 AAC Blackout              | L86-19515 | 36.00   |
| .300 Win. Mag.                 | L86-11752 | 46.00   |
| .300 WSM                       | L86-18709 | 36.00   |
| .357 SIG                       | L86-18708 | 36.00   |
| .38-40 Winchester              | L86-10682 | 36.00   |
| .44-40 Winchester              | L86-10697 | 36.00   |
| .50 Browning MG                | L86-14447 | 60.00   |
| Deburring Tool                 | L86-16038 | \$20.00 |

# Attain Peak Accuracy With Hornady's L-N-L O.A.L. Gauge and Bullet Comparator



Overall Length Gauge The initial distance a bullet must travel when fired (from the cartridge case mouth until it engages the rifling) is absolutely critical to achieving peak accuracy.

Straight L86-14622 \$38.9 Curved (use for auto, lever and pump rifles) L86-14862 \$39.9 Modified Case (required)

|                | \$6.99 each | .24 caliber |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| .223 Rem.      | L86-14627   | .25 caliber |
| .22-250        | L86-14628   | .26 caliber |
| .243 Win.      | L86-14631   | .27 caliber |
| .270 Win.      | L86-14641   | .28 caliber |
| 7mm Rem. Mag.  | L86-14648   | .30 caliber |
| .308 Win.      | L86-14652   | .33 caliber |
| .30-06         | L86-14653   | .35 caliber |
| .300 Win. Mag. | L86-14655   | .37 caliber |
| 0              |             | .45 caliber |



Bullet Comparator Correct bullet seating depth is critical to accuracy. In addition, minor variations in bullet seating depth will have an effect on both pressure and velocity. Bullet Comparator

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5 | L80             | 6-14670 \$16.95 |
|   | Comparator Ins  | sert (required) |
| 5 |                 | \$8.95 each     |
|   | .22 caliber     | L86-14672       |
| h | .24 caliber     | L86-14673       |
| 7 | .25 caliber     | L86-14674       |
| 8 | .26 caliber     | L86-14675       |
| 1 | .27 caliber     | L86-14676       |
| 1 | .28 caliber     | L86-14677       |
| 8 | .30 caliber     | L86-14678       |
| 2 | .33 caliber     | L86-14679       |
| 3 | .35 caliber     | L86-14680       |
| 5 | .37 caliber     | L86-14681       |
|   | .45 caliber     | L86-14682       |

lehoM 211 the Large Pistol L86-14450 Small Pistol L86-14451 220 Volt Euro Model, \$274.95 Large Pistol L86-14453 Small Pistol L86-14454 er Conversions sold senarately

# Caliber Conversions for the **RL 550B Casefeeder** \$23.95 Fach

| QL0.00 LUUII                    |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| .25-20/.32-20 Winchester        | L86-14206 |
| .30 Mauser/7.62x25              | L86-14204 |
| .32 S&W Long                    | L86-14205 |
| .32 H&R Magnum                  | L86-14283 |
| 9mm/9x21/.38 Super/.30 Luger    | L86-14284 |
| 10mm/9x25 Dillon                | L86-14285 |
| .38 S&W                         | L86-14208 |
| .38 Super Comp.                 | L86-14287 |
| .38/.357 Magnum                 | L86-14286 |
| .357 SIG/.40 S&W                | L86-14289 |
| .38-40/.44-40 Winchester        | L86-14288 |
| .41 Magnum                      | L86-14290 |
| .44 Russian                     | L86-14209 |
| .44 Special/.44 Magnum/.44 Colt | L86-14291 |
| .45 GAP                         | L86-11441 |
| .45 ACP/.40 Super/.400 Cor-Bon  | L86-14292 |
| .45 Auto Rim                    | L86-19140 |
| .45 Colt/.45 S&W/.454 Casull    | L86-14279 |
| .45 Winchester Magnum           | L86-14210 |

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# <sup>18</sup> Dillon's Case Preparation Equipment



CV-2001 *L86-20493* \$188.95

# CV-2001 – The Industry Standard

Dillon's CV-2001 Vibratory Case Cleaner is the largest in the industry. Its 12-1/2 quart bowl capacity will allow you to polish up to 1,300 .38/.357 or 550 .30-06 cases per hour.

Not only is our capacity greater, but our motor is larger in horsepower, internally cooled, thermally protected, and turns on precision ball bearings. This is no "hobby" machine!

The bowl and base are constructed of 7/32" thick injection molded high-strength polypropylene which is impact and abrasion resistant.

# **Case/Media Separators**

After we sold thousands of our famous first generation FL-2000 case cleaners, customers who had purchased them began asking us to address the problem of separating the cleaned and polished brass from the cleaning media.

We knew from the beginning that the simplest method of separating would be a rotating squirrel cage, but we had to find a design we could manufacture economically. Our problem was that it had to be BIG – big enough to handle the entire load of the FL-2000 series case cleaners.

The solution was an injection molded reversible part. Simple, and it works great.

Our device is large, 10" x 14", and will hold more than 1,600 .38 Special cases. It sits on a large media collection tub that measures  $18" \times 22"$ . The tub keeps the mess off the floor and bench.

It's fast – so fast it will remove media from 1500 rounds of .223 brass in a matter of seconds.

# **Limited Work Space?**

Dillon's introducing the new CV-750 heavy duty Vibratory Case Cleaner for those with limited space. This new case cleaner uses the same motor as the CV-2001 and is every bit as tough – just more compact. To accompany the CV-750, the CM-500 does the same job as the larger CM-2000 Case/Media Separator; and, like the CV-750, handles just about half the capacity of the larger unit.



CM-2000 Case/Media Separator *186-20675* \$75.95 CM-500 Case/Media Separator *186-21045* \$47.95

> Although scaled down in size, these two pieces of equipment are every bit as tough as their full-sized counterparts. We used the same materials in their construction and designed them to work just as hard – and do it in a more compact area!

Attention European Customers: Case Cleaners are available in 220 volt! Euro CV-2001 L86-22047 \$213.95 Euro CV-750 L86-19473 \$169.95

All Dillon CV-2001 and CV-750 Vibratory Case Cleaners have a One-Year Warranty on the electric motor.



# Rapid Polish 290

SHINE? You bet your brass! Dillon Precision has developed another exciting new product to make your reloading faster and easier. Rapid Polish 290 is the first cartridge case finish designed specifically to bring a brilliant shine (20 percent brighter than tumbling media alone) and a protective coating to reloaded

ammunition. Simply add several capfuls to the media in your tumbler and run. Rapid Polish 290 has a great residual value and stays in your tumbling media. You'll use less each time you clean your cases.

Rapid Polish 290 contains no ammonia, so it won't weaken brass cases!

|               | Rapid Polish 290 |        |
|---------------|------------------|--------|
| 8 oz. bottle. | L86-13804        | \$8.95 |
| Case (20 pc.) | L86-20255        | 135.95 |

# Dillon Case Lube

Rapid Lube 5000, Dillon's aerosol cartridge case lubricant, has been replaced by an "environmentally correct," non-aerosol case lube. It works the same: Simply lay your cases out, spray lightly with one or two passes and you've done it. No mess, no guesswork. Within minutes the lubricant distributes itself around the cartridge

ca<mark>ses and you're r</mark>eady to load. Try a bottle. You'll never use a grease pad again.

| D.C.L.        | . Dillon Case Lubrican | t      |
|---------------|------------------------|--------|
| 8 oz. bottle  | L86-13733              | \$8.95 |
| Case (20 pc.) | L86-20256              | 135.95 |

 Half and Half
 10 bottles of polish /10 of lube

 Case (20 pc.)
 L86-21375
 \$135.95

# Don't Forget Polishing Media!

Crushed walnut hull polishing media – quickly cleans even the dirtiest of cases. 15-pound bag **L86-13287 \$23.95**  Ground corn cob polishing media – the best there is for that final polish. 10-pound bag **L86-13496 \$15.95** 

This month's cover features Delia in the Tactical Conference Room at C2 Tactical (www.c2tactical.com) in Tempe, AZ. To see more photos of Delia and other **Blue Press** cover models, you can "follow" us on **Instagram@bluepress** on your smartphone, or go to **www.instagram.com/ bluepress** and click "follow."

# XL 650 standard features:

- Automatic Indexing
- Uses Standard 7/8" x 14 Dies
- Loading Rate: 800-1000 Rds./Hr.
- Comes With One Caliber Conversion
- 5-Station Interchangeable Toolhead
- Automatic Powder Measure
- Automatic Primer System
- Lifetime "No-B.S." Warranty
- **RISK FREE** 30-Day Trial Period!

All for ONLY... \$566695\* L86-650

Reloading dies sold separately. \*Prices vary on exotic-caliber machines.



XL 650 DVD Instruction Manual 186-19484 \$19.95

Total price as pictured here with optional accessories: \$1130.55 Electric Casefeeder L86-210\*\* \$219.95 Powdercheck System L86-21044 \$68.95 .45 ACP Die Set L86-14404 \$65.95 Strong Mount (550/650) L86-22051 \$48.95 Aluminum Roller Handle L86-17950 \$45.95 Low Powder Sensor \$41.95 L86-16306 Aluminum Bullet Tray L86-22214 \$41.95 XL 650 Toolholder with Wrench Set L86-11555 \$29.95

# XL 650 Accessories

A. XL 650 CALIBER **CONVERSION KITS** Include shellplate, locator buttons, powder funnel and casefeed adapter parts. Available in most calibers; please specify caliber desired.



(You MAY need a different casefeed plate, see item L.) L86-XL650 CONVERSION (Specify Caliber) \$77.95\* \*(All belted magnums and exotic calibers, \$87.95 ea.)



**B. POWDER MEASURE** L86-20782. \$77.95 each Magnum Rifle Powder Bar L86-21353, \$29.95 each X-Small Powder Bar L86-20780, \$29.95 each

C. POWDER CHECK L86-21044, \$68.95 each Three or more, \$61.95 ea. D. QUICK CHANGE Toolhead, TH Stand and Powder Measure

L86-22059, \$108.95

## E. PRIMER PICKUP TUBES

Used to transfer primers from flip tray to priming system.

1 Lg. tube L86-22029 \$7.99 1 Sm. tube L86-22028 2 Sm., 2 Lg. 4 Lg. tubes 4 Sm. tubes L86-20049 23.95

### F. PRIMER FLIP TRAY

A heavy, high-quality tray large enough for the Federal primer package.

L86-13606, \$20.95 each



### G. TOOLHEAD STANDS

The ultimate in convenience for keeping your reloading bench clean and uncluttered. L86-22055, \$20.95 each Three or more, \$18.95 ea.

# H. TOOLHEADS

L86-13863, \$27.95 each Three or more, \$25.95 ea. **I. POWDER DIES** 



Extra powder dies allow you to move your powder measure from toolhead to toolhead without changing the "belling" adjustment.

L86-20064, \$11.35 each, three or more, \$10.25 ea. X-Large Powder Dies, L86-21253, \$19.95 each

### J. XL 650 PRIMING SYSTEM (Not Pictured)

Small Priming System L86-21065 \$80.95 Large Priming System L86-20982 80.95

### DON'T FORGET ONE OF THESE!

Universal Mounting Hardware Kit L86-14355 \$5.49 1" Bench Wrench L86-10842 7.95 Buy two or more Bench Wrenches for \$7.10 each

M. MACHINE MAINTENANCE KIT

XL 650 Casefeed Plate



K. CASEFEED ASSEMBLY

XL 650 Casefeed Assembly

L. EXTRA

PLATES

Large pistol

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Large rifle

Small rifle

Small pistol

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Small rifle

CASEFEED

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(110v) **L86-21081** 

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L86-21072

L86-21075

L86-18492

L86-21074

L86-21073

\$229.95 (Euro. 220v)

Everything you need to keep your Dillon loader

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### N. SPARE PARTS F Don't risk downti waiting for a repla ment part!

- Priming Station Locator Tab 650 Ejector Wire
- Slide Spring Pin
- Indexer Spring
- 650 Primer Indexing Arm
- 650 Index Pawl
- 650 Primer Cam
- 650 Ring Indexer
- Pistol Decapping Pins 650 Index Spring Revision A
- #10 Tinnerman Insert
- Index Arm Bowed Washer
- Short Lever Spring
- Bellcrank Cube
- 3/8" Index Ball
- Powder Bar Spacer Plug
- 650 Brass Tip Set Screw 4 Locator Pins (#1, #2, #3, #4)
- 5/16" Index Ball
- Tab/Spring Arm Spring
- Case Insert Slide Spring
- 1 650 Pawl Spring

# O. EOUIPMENT DUST COVERS

This packcloth nylon machine cover comes equipped with a D-ring, allowing the heavy-duty zipper to be locked.

XL 650 Cover, L86-10443, \$39.95 (P.) Master lock, L86-13083, \$3.95 Quick-Change Cover (for use with powder measure) L86-11143, \$14.95



# **O. LOW POWDER SENSOR**

Provides an audible and visual reminder when it's time to refill your





(Euro. 220v) L86-97025

(Euro. 220v) L86-97022

(Euro. 220v) L86-97021

(Euro. 220v) L86-97023

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1 Indexing Arm Spring 1 Index Ball Spring

- 2 Pickup Tube, Small, Yellow Tips
- 1 650 Tool Head Pin
- 2 Pickup Tube, Large, Green Tips
- Primer Cup Spring
- 2 Retaining Clips 2 650 Shellplate Cap
- 650 Primer Support Shim
- Case Insert Slide Spring Cap
- Priming Station Locator Tab
- Bushing
- 2 Dispensing Tips, Large 2 Dispensing Tips, Small
- 1 Failsafe Bushing Revision B L86-21146, \$25.95



powder reservoir.



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L86-20056 23.95 L86-20050 23.95

# 22 Color Coded Aluminum RL 550B/XL 650 Toolheads

# Super 1050/RL 1050 Short Trim Die Toolhead

# L86-62219 \$224.95

Blue Anodized RL 550B ToolheadLBlack Anodized RL 550B ToolheadLGold Anodized RL 550B ToolheadLSilver RL 550B ToolheadLBlue Anodized XL 650 ToolheadLBlack Anodized XL 650 ToolheadLGold Anodized XL 650 ToolheadLSilver XL 650 ToolheadLSilver XL 650 ToolheadLSilver XL 650 ToolheadL

PREMIUM

| L86-62132 | \$29.95 |
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| L86-62135 | 29.95   |
| L86-62136 | 34.95   |
| L86-62137 | 34.95   |
| L86-62138 | 34.95   |
| L86-62139 | 34.95   |
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For short rifle cartridges like the .300 Blackout, you must use a Short Trim Die Toolhead when using a Dillon Rapid Trim 1500 Case Trimmer during case preparation. Otherwise, the toolhead is too thick to facilitate the correct case length. This specialty toolhead enables you to correctly trim and prepare short rifle cases on your 1050. (NOTE: the Blue 1050 toolhead stand – Part Number L86-62200, \$49.95 – is not included.)



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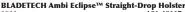
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| .44 Magnum                           | L86-21141    |
| .44-40 Winchester                    | L86-21159    |
| .45 ACP                              | L86-21061    |
| .45 Colt                             | L86-21133    |
| .45 GAP                              | L86-21002    |
| .500 S&W (*\$1814.95)                | L86-20428    |
|                                      |              |

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\$68.95 \$41.95 \$41.95

# 1050 Accessories

| A(1). QUICK-CHANGE                        |                        | Test 1           |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| TOOLHEAD CONVER-                          | A(1).                  | 100              |
| SION                                      |                        |                  |
| Includes:                                 |                        |                  |
|   |                        |                  |
| •Toolhead                                 |                        |                  |
| <ul> <li>Powder Measure</li> </ul>        |                        |                  |
| L86-21393, \$271.95                       |                        | 17               |
| A(2). CALIBER CONVER-                     |                        |                  |
| SION                                      | 1                      | 1                |
| Includes:                                 |                        |                  |
| Shellplate                                |                        | -                |
| Locator Buttons                           |                        | 100              |
|   |                        |                  |
| <ul> <li>Swage Backup Rod/ Ex-</li> </ul> | A(2).                  |                  |
| pander                                    | 50                     |                  |
| <ul> <li>Casefeed Adapter</li> </ul>      |                        |                  |
| <ul> <li>Casefeed Plunger</li> </ul>      | P.P.2P                 | 222              |
| <ul> <li>Powder Funnel</li> </ul>         |                        |                  |
| .32 S&W Long/H&R Mag.                     | L86-20634              | \$124.95         |
| .32 ACP                                   | L86-20633              | 124.95           |
| .380 Auto                                 | L86-20483              | 124.95           |
| 9mm<br>.38 Super                          | L86-20482<br>L86-20484 | 124.95<br>124.95 |
| .38 Super Comp                            | L86-21057              | 124.95           |
| .38/.357 Magnum                           | L86-20477              | 124.95           |
| .357 SIG                                  | L86-20068              | 124.95           |
| .40 S&W                                   | L86-20545              | 124.95           |
| 10mm                                      | L86-20788              | 124.95           |
| .41 Magnum                                | L86-20478<br>L86-20479 | 124.95<br>124.95 |
| .44 Magnum<br>.44-40 Winchester           | L86-21161              | 124.95           |
| .45 ACP                                   | L86-20480              | 124.95           |
| .45 Colt                                  | L86-20481              | 124.95           |
| .45 GAP                                   | L86-21010              | 124.95           |
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| .500 S&W Magnum                           | L86-20834              | 161.95           |
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| .22-250<br>.243 Winchester                | L86-21055<br>L86-21054 | 142.95<br>142.95 |
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| .30 Carbine                               | L86-20626              | 142.95           |
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| .300 WSM                                  | L86-20466              | 161.95           |
| .303 British                              | L86-21051              | 124.95           |
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| .30-06 Springfield                        | L86-21050              | 204.95           |
| .30-30 Winchester<br>.45-70 Government    | L86-21052<br>L86-21056 | 142.95<br>175.95 |
| .45-70 Government                         | 100-21056              | 1/5.95           |

### A(3), 1050 PRIMER SYSTEM

| Large primer system conversion | L86-20476 | \$107.95 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Small primer system conversion | L86-20419 | 107.95   |
| A(4). EXTRA CASEFEED PLAT      | E         |          |
| Large pistol                   | L86-21072 | \$38.95  |
| Large rifle                    | L86-21075 | 38.95    |
| Small rifle                    | L86-21074 | 38.95    |
| Small pistol                   | L86-21073 | 38.95    |
| 1050 POWDER MEASURE            | L86-20421 | \$82.95  |
| 1050 TOOLHEAD                  | L86-20420 | \$198.95 |



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|--------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 Sm. tube   | L86-22028 | 7.99   |
| 2 Sm., 2 Lg. | L86-20056 | 23.95  |
| 4 Lg. tubes  | L86-20050 | 23.95  |
| 4 Sm. tubes  | L86-20049 | 23.95  |
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# F. PRIMER FIIP TRAY

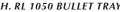
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### 1 Tab/Spring Arm Spring

2 Pickup Tube Tips, Small (Yellow)

2 Magazine Orifices, Large (Red)

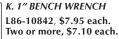
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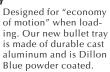
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|---------------------|-----------|---------|
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# <sup>34</sup> Dillon's Pistol Die Sets

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# Size Die

- Floating Decap Assembly Eliminates
   Primer "Draw Back"
- Long, Tapered Carbide Ring
- Radiused Opening Makes Progressive
   Loading Smoother

# **Seat Die**

Reversible Seating Stem Makes it
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# **Crimp Die**

• Quick Disassembly, Easy to Clean

# Sizing/Depriming Die

Our sizing/depriming dies feature a unique "floating decap assembly" with a snap spring that throws the spent primer off the pin and eliminates the problem of primer "draw back" that often occurs when decapping military brass. The primary feature of Dillon's size die design – the long, tapered carbide ring with a radiused opening – remains unchanged.

That radiused opening, and its importance to progressive reloading, is one of the reasons why our seat and crimp dies are better. We found a way of manufacturing these dies that has enabled us to make the lead-in radius even bigger! The bigger radius makes progressive loading with our equipment even smoother – but that's still only a part of the story.

# **Bullet Seating Die**

Our new quick-disassembly seat die allows the user to disassemble and clean the seat die without losing adjustment. In this manner, bullet lube and shavings can be quickly removed from the die, thereby guaranteeing a constant seating depth. We've incorporated a "flip-flop" seating stem and a clip that enables you to remove the die insert and change the seating stem from round nose to semi-wadcutter without unscrewing a seating stem out of the die body. We've always included both types of seating stems, but the new doubleended design makes it a simple matter to remove a pin, reverse the seating stem, make any minor seating depth adjustments that may be necessary and go on loading in a fraction of the time it used to take.

# **Crimp Die**

We've made it easy for you to remove the die insert for cleaning without having to change the critical crimp adjustment. Once your crimp die is set for the proper amount of crimp, you'll never have to change it. This is especially good news for all of you who load lead bullets! Before, you had to unscrew the die from the toolhead and disassemble the die in order to remove any bullet lube or lead residue. Then, you had to start from square one to re-adjust the crimp. Those days are over. All you have to do now is pop a clip and the die insert drops into your hand for cleaning.

NOTE: All Dillon Pistol Die sets include our sizer/ decap die, seat die and a separate crimp die. (Taper crimp for autos; accucrimp for revolvers.)

### **Dillon Pistol Dies (Three-Die Sets)**

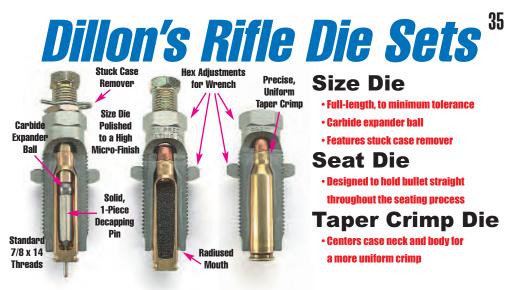
| .32 S&W Long/.32 H&R Magnum | L86-14426 | \$65.95 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| .380 ACP                    | L86-14401 | 65.95   |
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| 9x25 Dillon                 | L86-14601 | 138.95  |
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|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Hex Adjustments Qu  | uick-Release<br>Die Inserts |                  |
| Long,<br>Tapered<br>Carbide<br>Ring<br>Heavy,                 | Vented<br>Seating<br>Stem   | Tighter          |
| Headed F  | Radiused 🖊 🔳                | CRIMP            |
| Decap Pin   | Mouths                      | Die              |
| .38 Super   | L86-14399                   | \$65.95          |
| .38 Special/.357 Magnum                                       | L86-14400                   | 65.95            |
| 10mm/.40 S&W<br>.41 Magnum                                    | L86-14398<br>L86-14402      | 65.95<br>65.95   |
| .44 Special/.44 Magnum  | L86-14403                   | 65.95            |
| .45 ACP/.45 GAP   | L86-14404                   | 65.95            |
| .45 Colt  | L86-14405                   | 65.95            |
| Dillon Carbide Size/Deprime Di<br>.32 S&W Long/.32 H&R Magnum |                             | ¢22.45           |
| .32 S&W Long/.32 H&R Magnum<br>.380 ACP                       | L86-14119<br>L86-14410      | \$33.45<br>27.45 |
| 9mm Parabellum  | L86-14415                   | 27.45            |
| 9x25 Dillon   | L86-14602                   | 104.95           |
| .357 SIG  | L86-16513                   | 104.95           |
| .38 Super   | L86-14408                   | 27.45            |
| .38 Special/.357 Magnum<br>10mm/.40 S&W                       | L86-14409<br>L86-14407      | 27.45<br>27.45   |
| .41 Magnum  | L86-14411                   | 27.45            |
| .44 Special/.44 Magnum  | L86-14412                   | 27.45            |
| .45 ACP/.45 GAP   | L86-14413                   | 27.45            |
| .45 Colt  | L86-14414                   | 27.45            |
| Dillon Seating Dies   | 106 44406                   | ¢05.45           |
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| 9mm Parabellum  | L86-14424                   | 25.45            |
| 9x25 Dillon   | L86-14603                   | 28.45            |
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| .38 Special/.357 Magnum<br>10mm/.40 S&W                       | L86-14418<br>L86-14416      | 25.45<br>25.45   |
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| .44 Special/.44 Magnum  | L86-14421                   | 25.45            |
| .45 ACP/.45 GAP   | L86-14422                   | 25.45            |
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| Dillon Crimp Dies   | L86-14107                   | \$24.45          |
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| 10mm/.40 S&W  | L86-14437                   | 24.45            |
| .41 Magnum  | L86-14439                   | 24.45            |
| .44 Special/.44 Magnum  | L86-14440                   | 24.45            |
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Dillon Three-Die Rifle Die Sets include a sizing/ depriming die, a bullet seating die and a taper crimp die. Dillon Two-Die Rifle Die Sets include a sizing/depriming die and a seat/crimp die.

## Sizing/Depriming Die

The sizing/depriming die is full-length, to minimum tolerances, sizing cases down to function in semi- and full-automatic firearms. We strongly suggest that a headspace case gage be used to correctly adjust the size die.

For high volume users, such as commercial reloaders, law enforcement agencies, and high power or service rifle competitors, we also offer .223 and .308 die sets with a full-length carbide sizing die. Lubrication is still required, but the increased scratch resistance and die longevity of carbide are of great benefit to these groups of users.

The depriming assembly includes a carbide expander ball for "squeak-free," effortless neck expansion. This expander ball is located in the middle of the depriming stem to take advantage of superior initial leverage for easier extraction.

In the event of a stuck case, the design of the depriming assembly allows it to function as a stuck case remover.

### **Bullet Seating Die**

Our bullet seating die is internally designed to keep the bullet straight throughout the seating process. Once properly adjusted, the only measurable runout will be that which is inherent in the bullet.

### **Taper Crimp Die**

The taper crimp die is also specially configured to center both the case neck and the case body, thereby aligning the entire cartridge for a more uniform crimp. Dillon Rifle Dies are designed to meet the more rigid requirements for both accuracy and precision demanded by today's marksman.

A taper crimp die is preferred for loading ammunition intended to be used in semiautomatic firearms with detachable box magazines, and in lever-action firearms with tubular magazines.

### **Dillon Rifle Dies (Three-Die Sets)**

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|--|-----------|----------|--|
| .223 Remington                             | L86-10839 | \$67.95  |  |
| .308 Winchester                            | L86-15574 | 67.95    |  |
| .30-06 Springfield                         | L86-10840 | 67.95    |  |
| Dillon Carbide Rifle Dies (Three-Die Sets) |           |          |  |
| .223 Remington                             | L86-10096 | \$163.95 |  |
| .30 M1 Carbine                             | L86-62128 | 104.95   |  |
| .300 AAC Blackout                          | L86-62114 | 172.95   |  |
| .308 Winchester                            | L86-10793 | 169.95   |  |
| .30-06 Springfield                         | L86-62151 | 275.95   |  |
|  |           |          |  |

Except where noted, die sets include three dies: carbide size/decap, a seater and a separate crimp die. PLEASE NOTE: Carbide rifle dies still require case lubrication!

### Dillon Cine Dies

| Dilion Size Dies               |               |                 |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| .223 Remington                 | L86-12778     | \$41.95         |  |  |
| .223 Remington (Carbide)       | L86-10223     | 136.95          |  |  |
| .30 M1 Carbine (Carbide)       | L86-97039     | 72.95           |  |  |
| .300 AAC Blackout (Carbide)    | L86-62118     | 149.95          |  |  |
| .308 Winchester                | L86-10242     | 41.95           |  |  |
| .308 Winchester (Carbide)      | L86-10234     | 149.95          |  |  |
| .30-06 Springfield             | L86-12238     | 41.95           |  |  |
| .30-06 Springfield (Carbide)   | L86-62150     | 224.95          |  |  |
| Universal Decapping Die        | L86-22127     | \$26.95         |  |  |
| Dillon Seat Dies               |               |                 |  |  |
| .223 Remington                 | L86-21672     | \$29.95         |  |  |
| .308 Winchester                | L86-21674     | 29.95           |  |  |
| .30-06 Springfield             | L86-21673     | 29.95           |  |  |
| Dillon Taper Crimp Dies        |               |                 |  |  |
| .223 Remington                 | L86-21676     | \$27.55         |  |  |
| .308 Winchester                | L86-21678     | 27.55           |  |  |
| .30-06 Springfield             | L86-21677     | 28.55           |  |  |
| Spare Decapping Pins           |               |                 |  |  |
| .223 Remington                 | L86-13278     | \$3.99          |  |  |
| .308 Winchester                | L86-13132     | 3.99            |  |  |
| .30-06 Springfield             | L86-13069     | 3.99            |  |  |
| For Universal Decapping Die    | L86-15816     | 3.99            |  |  |
| Spare Dillon Die Lock Rings (F | it all 7/8″ x | 14 thread dies) |  |  |
| Dillon Die Lock Ring           | L86-14067     | \$1.35          |  |  |
| 5-Pack Die Lock Rings          | L86-10669     | 4.15            |  |  |
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# 36 The Colt Model



### By J. B. Wood

One of the best designs of John Moses Browning, the Colt Model 1903 Pocket Hammerless was first offered only in .32 Auto chambering. Five years later, with a slight change in the barrel and

slide, Colt introduced a .380 version, and altered the .32 to match it. Both calibers were made until the World War II era.

As many readers will know, a certain number will be found with a "U.S. Property" marking, as it saw a long service as an issue sidearm for highranking officers. Those are, of course, treasured by collectors. So are the "ordinary" ones, both for collecting and regular use. As a result, average

prices have reached a substantial level.

And now, the Model 1903/08 is back, thanks to MGE Wholesale, U.S. Armament Corporation, and the approval of Colt. In .32 Auto chambering, it is available in blue or classic military-style "Parkerized" finish. It even has the "U.S. Property" stamping on the right side of the frame. No worry about faking – the serial numbers would be wrong.

Obviously, the original production equipment at Colt was long gone, so I suspect that U.S. Armament simply took a nice example of the 1903/08

"Serious collectors would never think of actually shoot-Gatling Gun. ing this elegant reproduction.

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and "reverse-engineered" it. They did a beautiful job. But then, they have some experience in this sort of thing: They are also the makers of that marvelous replica of the

My sample of the MGE pistol is the blued version, and the finish is superb. The nicely-checkered walnut grips have the goldcolored Colt medallions. The slide markings are exactly the same as those on an original gun,

including the 1897 and 1903 patent dates and the rampant colt logo at left rear.

On the right side of the slide, below the "Colt Automatic" marking, is the original "Calibre 32 Rimless Smokeless." This has always amused me in several ways: The French spelling of "caliber,"

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32", and "Colt", like the originals. Included with the pistol are two excellent document reprints. One is a parts procurement guide from the U.S. Bureau of Ordnance and the other is a copy of the original instruction manual. Unlike those of today, it is not filled with lawyer-inserted warnings.

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Serious collectors would never think of actually shooting this elegant reproduction. I, of course, am not in that category, so I took it out to the Big Tree range. I did avoid subjecting it to my favorite CorBon DPX load, and used regular FMJ rounds from Magtech. At

seven yards, with a two-hand hold, it kept all shots in the 8-inch black of a Champion VisiShot target.

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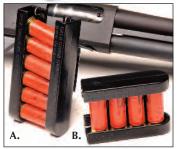
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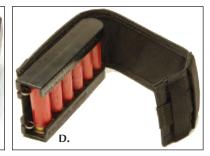
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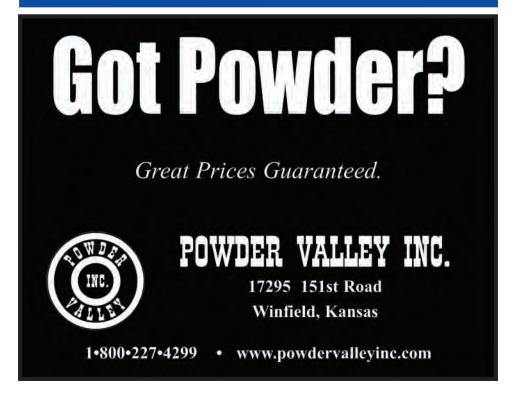
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## CLASSIC FIREARMS: The Colt Mod

#### By John Marshall

The double-action (or self-cocking) revolver has been around for quite a while, with its roots going back to the 19th Century. Revolvers of this type can be instantly fired simply by pulling the trigger. We take revolvers like this for granted today, but they were virtually unknown until the second half of the 1800s. The very first successful cartridge-firing double-action revolver in the U.S. was made by Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company and offered to the public for \$15.00 in January of 1877. It was known, logically enough, as the Colt Model 1877, and was produced as late as 1909. By actual count, 166,849 were made. This gun was more than probably a response to the double-action Webley Bulldog revolver, which was made in England beginning in 1872. Many of these Webleys were imported into the U.S. and started a demand that Colt's envied. First named the New Double Action Self Cocking Central Shot Revolver, the iconic Model 1877 became instantly popular. The double-action advantage was appreciated by such western characters as Doc Holliday, John Wesley Hardin, Sheriff Pat Garrett, and Billy the Kid. In fact, you can see actor Val Kilmer accurately portray Doc Holliday using a Model 1877 in one of my favorite western movies, "Tombstone."

The Model 1877 was invented by Colt's employee William Mason, who was also involved in the design of the famous Colt Single Action Army revolver. In appearance, these guns somewhat resembled a smaller Single Action Army, but with a larger smooth curved trigger and a more open trigger guard. Another distinguishing feature was the distinctive "bird's head" grip shape that has been widely copied in recent years on modern replica single actions that never originally used that style of grip. Aside from their double action capability, these doubleaction revolvers were operated quite similarly to their singleaction Model 1873 forebears. They were loaded through a gate on the right side of the frame when the hammer was brought to half cock. They emulated the M1873 by having 3 notches to position the hammer - safety, half cock, and full cock. They could also be thumb-cocked in order to squeeze off a more precise single-action shot. As with a singleaction gun, it was prudent to load them with only five rounds rather than six, with the hammer resting on an empty chamber. With the hammer fully down, the firing pin would otherwise rest on a live round, an invitation to disaster. Unlike the Single Action Army, the locking notches on the

cylinder were at the rear of the cylinder rather than around its periphery.

The Model 1877 was made in three calibers. These were .32 Colt, .38 Long or Short, and .41 Colt. Nicknames were first assigned to guns in each of these calibers by Benjamin Kittredge, a major distributor for Colt, although the manufacturer never referred to them in this manner. The .32s (somewhat rare) were "Rainmakers," the .38s were "Lightnings," and the .41s were "Thunderers." The nicknames stuck, and modern collectors often use them to refer to the specific guns instead of by cal-

> iber. All were available with nickel-plating, or with casehardened cylinder frames and blued barrels, grip frames, and trigger guards. Originally the guns came with one-piece checkered rosewood grips,

but most were later standard with two-

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## lel 1877 Double-Action Revolvers

piece hard rubber (gutta-percha) checkered grips with the rampant colt logo in an oval at the top. One-piece hardened rubber grips are found very rarely. Ivory and other special-order grips were also available.

There were two styles of barrels – those with ejector housings and rods, and those without them. The ejector-equipped barrels ranged in length from 4-1/2'' to 7-1/2'', with 7'' and 7-1/2'' on special order only. Longer barrel lengths were also available on special order. Some very rare guns had target sights. The ejectorless guns had barrel lengths

an incredible reputation for reliability, such was not the case with the M1877s. Colt's first foray into double-action lockwork was not exactly masterful. The mechanics are delicate and intricate, quite prone to breakage with extended or careless use. Failure can occur through operation in either actual firing or dry firing. Because of this shortcoming, these guns have unfortunately earned a couple of derogatory sobriquets, either "Gunsmith Special" or "Gunsmith's Nightmare." In view of this, it's suggested that still-working specimens not be subjected to actual firing or

> excessive manipulation. Spare parts are hard to come by, and most gunsmiths will tell you that they are not very interested in trying to repair an M1877. Reproduction parts do exist, and some (very few)

of 2" to 4". These were unofficially known as "storekeeper" or "sheriff" models. These shorter guns had longer cylinder base pins that extended farther out underneath the barrel. That was so they could be more easily grasped to remove and be used to poke the empties out of the cylinder. Because these longer base pins were pulled out more than usual, they sometimes became lost. More often than not they were replaced with standard-length pins. Such is the case with the gun illustrated, a .41 "Thunderer" with a 3-1/2" barrel. I suspect an earlier user was content to eject the empties with a pen or pencil, as this was commonly done. This gun is currently owned by AZFirearms.com in Avondale, Arizona.

But all was not roses with these double-action guns. While their big brother single actions had

other single actions utation for reliability, ase with the M1877s. ouble-action lockwork ly masterful. " gunsmiths know the gun well enough to attempt repairs. Proceed at your own risk.

These special guns are steeped in history. Both Billy the Kid (real name Henry McCarty) and his nemesis Sheriff Pat Garrett owned one. Garrett shot Billy at night in a ranch house in Fort Sumner, New Mexico on July 14, 1881. Entering the room where Garrett had gained access, Billy cried out "Quien es?" (Who is it?) in the dark. Evidently Pat valued reliability more than innovation at the time. because he was believed to have used a Colt Frontier Single Action Army in this instance. Word was that Billy was found dead on the floor with both a Colt Thunderer and a knife beside him. John Henry (Doc) Holliday had both a nickel-plated Thunderer and a Lightning. At the OK Corral gunfight on October 26, 1881, he put his Thunderer into action, firing several times. Finally fatally blasting Frank McLaury with a borrowed shotgun, Holliday himself was wounded in the fracas. Prolific killer and lawyer John Wesley Hardin was known to have had two M1877s. He had one on him while playing dice in El Paso's Acme saloon on August 19, 1895. Reportedly spotting antagonist John Selman storming through the batwing doors behind him in a mirror, he went for the two-inchbarreled Lightning in his waistband. This proved futile, as Selman swiftly shot him in the head, instantly killing him. More shots to the chest and arm followed as he lay on the floor. Subsequent to his arrest, a hung jury mistrial enabled Selman to go free on bond. The self-defense issue had been unresolvable. Before a new trial could take place, Selman himself was killed in an altercation with a U.S. Marshal.

The Rainmakers, Lightnings and Thunderers were indeed very fast and handy guns. They certainly gave an edge to those on both sides of the law who carried them. They're true classics.

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#### **Reviewed by Peter Caroline**

Most of us have probably watched "A Christmas Story" on TV at least half a dozen times, and we all understand the horrific danger posed by BB gun wanted a shooting area in which spent BBs would be relatively easy to spot. My back patio with its smooth concrete surface seemed ideal, so I set up a 14" diameter 1/4" thick steel disk on a 40"

ownership. As one of the fortunate few who did not lose an eye to the perils of BB gun marksmanship, I will still readily admit that steel BBs will indeed ricochet off metal or any other hard surfaces. Many of us, including yours truly, have learned this lesson by personal experience. It's part of growing up or, at least in my case, growing older.

Several weeks ago, I received a press release announcing the introduction of a new line of copper plated lead BBs that claim to be more resistant to ricochets than the steel BBs that have been the standard for nearly a century. Air Venturi, a Cleveland, Ohio importer of international airgun brands, is promoting their new



length of rebar about 24 ft. away from my firing point. The plate was angled slightly downward, so that ricochets wouldn't likely be heading straight back at me. And yes, I was wearing protective goggles!

I fired 10 standard steel BBs from both the Daisy pump gun and the Gletcher pistol. Then I fired 10 of the new Smart Shot copper plated lead BBs from both guns. The steel BBs (those I could find) ended up behind me. The Smart Shot

BBs lived up to their advertising. Most were lying at the base of the target disk, and were flattened to a hemispherical shape. None were any further than 4 ft. from the target.

The new Smart Shot BBs have a lot going

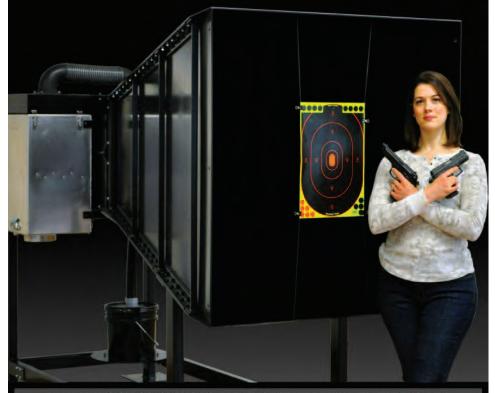
Smart Shot BBs, which feature a double coating of copper plating over heavyweight lead shot. Their claimed benefit is, when the BB hits a steel object, it will flatten out and drop to the ground rather than bouncing back and menacing the shooter and other vulnerable objects.

ricochet.

This is all well and good, but is it true? I had to find out, so I sent for a couple of 500-round cans. My two test guns were a Daisy Model 25 Centennial Pump Gun and a Gletcher M712 CO2 pistol, a select-fire .177 caliber replica of the legendary Mauser *Maschinenpistole*. Average velocity of both guns runs in the 360-380 f.p.s. range. I for them. They're exactly the same diameter as conventional steel BBs; The double copper plating eliminates any questions about handling lead; they hit harder because they're heavier than steel BBs; and they're far less likely to ricochet any significant distance after hitting a hard object. At about ten bucks for a 500-round can, they're a lot less expensive than .22 LR (and much easier to find).

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## THE TACTICAL TAILOR OPERATOR'S CAP<sup>49</sup>

#### By Duane Thomas

This article came about because **Blue Press** editor Mark Pixler mentioned to me over the phone, from him in sunny Phoenix, Arizona to me in cloudy Tacoma, Washington, "the coolest baseball cap I've ever seen, it's made by a company called Tactical Tailor." My reply was, "Yeah, I'm familiar with Tactical Tailor. They're out of Lakewood, a suburb of Tacoma. I lived in Lakewood for 20 years, and even today I'm only about a 10-minute drive

away. I'm familiar with their building, I know right where it is, I've driven past it many times, would you like me to go get some samples and write up the Tactical Tailor cap?" And so it was done.

The item in question is called by Tactical Tailor their Operator's Cap. It definitely has a military vibe to it. Made from 100% cotton, it's pretty darn heavily constructed. The front has sewn in place a 2" x 3" Velcro panel intended to accept the "morale patches" many military units now allow personnel to add to their

gear. On top, where the six triangular pieces of cloth, of which the cap is made, meet, in the place you'd normally find a rivet, instead there is a 1" square, sewn-in fuzzy Velcro tab, sized and shaped to take an IR patch. If you do not, in fact, happen to be a military member who needs to be easily visible to allies from above, and have no use for either an IR patch or a piece of fuzzy Velcro on top of your head, I've seen people just cut off that little tab. In any event, it is nice to not have a rivet there, which, as those of us used to wearing shooting earmuffs already know, gets in the way.

The Operator's Cap is available in multiple colors/patterns, including Black, Nomad, Typhon (my personal favorite), MultiCam, Olive Drab, Tan and Wolf Grey. Size-wise there is Small aka Youth (available in MultiCam only), Regular, which can be adjusted from hat size 7 to 7-5/8, and X Large, which goes 7-3/4 to 8. The Operator's Cap adjusts in back via a strap consisting of a piece of heavy duty webbing with an adjustable slip lock buckle. A bit of overkill, frankly, but you certainly can't accuse Tactical Tailor of stinting in the area of strength re the cap's adjustment system.

An interesting option is what factical Tailor calls the Bad Things Hat. Based on a hat famously photographed being worn by England's Prince Harry, after it was given to him by an American SF troopie during Harry's time serving in Afghanistan, it fea-

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ever-popular shipping & handling fees, I'm sure, should you not happen to live in Lakewood/Tacoma, Washington. Their website is **tacticaltailor.com**.

One of the cooler things about Tactical Tailor is that all their products are not only made in America, they are also deliberately built solely from materials made in the good ol' US of A. No outsourcing of American jobs to other countries, or purchasing of cheap foreign materials, here!

As much as possible, Tactical Tailor has always tried to hire workers who are ex-military, retired military, or military spouses because their founder, Logan D. Coffey, an ex-scout sniper who tragically died in a car crash in 2008, was well aware of the financial hardships often facing military members and their families. Logan's personal motto was, "Do what's right, because it's right." Just thought you'd like to know the philosophy from whence your Operator's Cap and/or Bad Things Hat came, when you order it.

Duane's website is Self-Defense-Handguns.com D

whose idea of religious debate is beheading anyone who disagrees with them, who think it's a great idea to stone to death any woman who gets raped, and who strap bombs to their children before sending them out to blow up infidels could all be resolved peaceably and reasonably if we just invited them over for a spot of tea.

tures an embroidered American flag on the front,

and on the back, above the adjustment strap, are the words WE DO BAD THINGS TO BAD PEOPLE.

Apparently those photos of Prince Harry caused

guite a stir when they hit Jolly Old England, their

media just came unglued over seeing their prince

wearing a cap emblazoned with the American flag.

And that saying on the back...barbaric! Apparently

matters between the civilized world and radicals

The Bad Things Hat does not have a Small/Youth version; it's available in Black, Nomad, Typhon, Multi-Cam, Olive Drab and Tan only (no Wolf Grey); and not all colors are available in all

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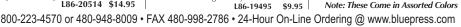
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## <sup>62</sup> The Beginning of the .410 Pistol THE THOMPSON/CENTER 45/410

Above: An early version of the Thompson/Center Contender, with an octagonal barrel chambered in .22 LR. Below, examples of T/C 45/410 barrels with external and internal chokes. Neither barrel is factory marked 45/410.

#### By Paul L. Schimel PE

Have you ever shot a .410 shotshell out of a handgun? Were it not for Warren Center's invention and the devotion of his staff, there would be no .410 handguns today.

In the early 1960s, a decade or so before my time, Warren Center had an idea. His idea was that of a single-shot hunting pistol featuring a frame type platform, a break-open action, and interchangeable barrels. He approached some leading firearms manufacturers of the time with the idea, including Colt, Smith & Wesson and a few others. These companies had absolutely no interest in his idea. So he did what he felt was necessary. He began looking outside the firearms industry. He reached out to Ken Thompson at the K.W. Thompson Tool Works. I don't know how the relationship was courted or what the incubation period was, but in a short time, the two teamed up. They pulled together a wood shop to make the forearms and the pistol grips. They machined all of the necessary parts at Ken's "K.W. Thompson Tool Works" and the Contender was born of the Thompson/Center alliance.

In 1968 or so, TC offered a .45 Colt barrel with the chamber augmented (hogged out) to accept a 3" magnum .410 shotshell. The first barrels were octagonal, with an external removable choke. The barrels were, of course, rifled. The concept was that the choke would stay on for the .410 loads. When switched to .45 Colt cartridges with solid bullets, the choke would be removed. This was controversial. In years prior the ATF had outlawed the H & R Handy Gun as being a "sawed-off shotgun." The bore was smooth, the barrel was under 18" long and there was a pistol grip on the handy gun. In all respects the Handy Gun fit the description of a "sawed-off shotgun" and was ruled as such.

The 45/410 legal debacle started at the product's introduction, that of a TC Contender, with a pistol grip and a 10" rifled barrel that shot either .410 or .45 Colt. The ATF got wind of this and questioned it. This pistol was not restricted under NFA or as amended under the Gun Control Act of 1968. These things essentially define a shotgun as having a smooth bore and a long barrel and being fired from the shoulder. The TC 45/410 barrel was neither designed to be fired from the shoulder or of smooth bore. It was also not in the "Any Other Weapon" category, which specifically excludes a pistol or revolver with a rifled barrel. According to the legal criteria, the TC contender with a 45/410 barrel was not an NFA firearm. It was not a sawedoff shotgun, it was not an "any other weapon," it was simply a handgun that happened to also shoot a shotgun shell.

There was an internal memo circulated within the ATF in 1968 or 1969 that confirms this stance in full. The director of the ATF at the time agreed with this conclusion in the memo.

As with all things involving the government, it's never that simple. In 1969 ATF agents visited the TC factory. They told management that the TC Contender with the 45/410 barrel was in fact an NFA article and ordered that production be stopped immediately. The factory had no choice but to comply. People were fired, production lines halted. Sales took a large hit. There is suspicion that the ATF agents knew full well of the internal memo stating that the 45/410 barrel was not an illegal article, but large, empowered groups often exert their power regardless.

And this is where the fight started. By this time, the TC Contender had gained some popularity. The quality was exceptional. The trigger was a marksman's dream. Everything was hand fitted, beautifully blued and simply gorgeous. The proprietors and founders didn't want to let it die. They didn't want to give up. They knew they had something worth fighting for.

By this point TC had some stand-up employees, one of whom was board member and corporate counsel Ed Bartlett; another was master gun designer Ken French. Both petitioned the ATF endlessly to restart production of their barrel that had been deemed legal.

While the legal battle was going on, the 45/410 barrel was not in production. However if one purchased a .45 Colt barrel, and contacted their distributor, the barrel could be sent back to the factory, hogged out for 3" magnum .410, the removable choke added and returned to the customer.

TC also introduced "Hot Shot" barrels in .357 and .44 Magnum to try to maintain the following and the market. These barrels also had removable chokes. They were designed for the respective rounds that were loaded with the plastic capsules full of birdshot. I commonly refer to these as "snake loads" and I've heard them called "rat shot" as well. They are often offered by CCI. The choke would restrict the capsule a little and offer a better-controlled pattern.

In 1986, Stephen Halbrook wrote a memo to ATF director Steve Higgins at the request of VP and then senior TC counsel Ed Bartlett. The memo referenced the prior work and conclusions; it also cited the internal memo at the ATF in 1969 that stated that the 45/410 was NOT an NFA article.

The response was finally clear. The 45/410 barrel was officially recognized as being a legal barrel. Production of the 45/410 was resumed in 1986, 17 years after it had been shut down because it was "different."

To understand this, we have to give pause and rationalize. What gun company today would endure a 17-year legal battle? What cadre of shareholders would fund this? What leadership would support such a thing? All answers are in the pejorative. Any battle that long requires both the capital and the devotion and enough vision to figure out what to do win or lose. Let's face it, our modern world is viewed by big data, Wall Street and directors on a quarterly basis. You have 90 days to do, risk, sow and reap. After that, somebody pulls the plug. So if you approached the "modern" board of directors at a gun company with a potential 17-year legal battle, you'd be abruptly stopped at a minimum. Times being what they are, you'd probably be the subject of a couple corporate retreats, a black list, a voodoo ritual and maybe an exorcism or two.

The number of .45 Colt barrels that were hogged out in the interim remains unknown, but they are legal as well. The stamp on the side of the barrel tells the tale. If you have a barrel marked only ".45 Colt" and it has a 3" chamber and a removable choke, you have an interim barrel.

As a single-shot pistol aficionado, a Contender collector, a benchrest shooter and an avid reloader, this little bit of history is near and dear to me. When I shoot at public ranges, I tap out a submoa group with a Super 14 barreled TC Contender pistol while sitting next to folks with all sorts of semiautomatic rifles that talk about that 1/2" group at 1,000 yards, but don't deliver at 50. A single-shot anything isn't fashionable these days, but having been born and raised with it I can tell you that it is a discipline worth knowing.

I've done a lot of hunting with the TC Contender and the larger-framed Encore. Check carefully with your state laws on cartridge size and caliber for pistol season. In general, you can't hunt fowl with the 45/410 barrel; however, you can hunt fur-bearing animals with it. This is traceable back to a heated discussion that we had with a game warden at the Green River game farm near Ohio, Illinois and some long stares and comprehension of the state rule book.

What is often overlooked and taken for granted is the impact that Warren Center's invention of the TC Contender had on the shooting community as we know it. Were it not for the untiring efforts and passion of the TC employees, there would be no handguns in .410 today – nobody else would have fought that battle. Their efforts paved the road, and they paved it with a stand-up style, excellence and dedication that has yet to be rivaled. I find this admirable.

To me, it seems ironic that one of the companies that had no interest in Warren Center's idea 46 years ago now owns TC. I hope to see them rekindle the brand and not thumb their nose at it or dismantle it on some manifest destiny boardroom rant. Such aggrandizement would only serve the slayers and it surely wouldn't shine on a quarterly report as "growth." To the growth end of things, I'd like to get the TC Collectors Association going again!

PS: For a real thrill, (if the range master will allow it – you will have to show and convince him!) try skeet shooting with the 45/410 barrel on a TC Contender or Encore pistol. It's a gas. Stations 1, 7, and 8 are the most fun. You will get a lot of curious bystanders. Have some extra rounds and let them try. It's tough, but it's addictive.

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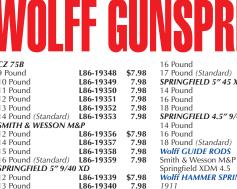
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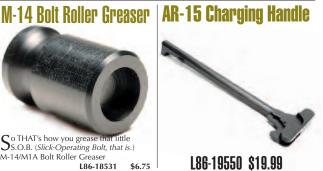


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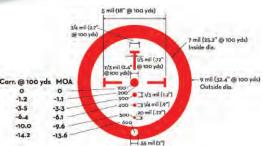
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# <sup>78</sup> **Shoting tip: The Diamond Technique**

#### By Duane Thomas

Serious shooters can have long, animated discussions regarding stance. Sadly, this often turns into "my technique is better than your technique." The truth is that which technique works best has been well established for decades. It is also true there is a huge lack of information on exactly how to execute that technique. In this article, we will rectify that sad state of affairs.

Let's start by working backwards; instead of starting with a discussion of technique, we will begin by figuring out what we want the technique to accomplish. Ideally we want a technique that,

when we put the gun out in front of us in our normal shooting stance, points it right where we're looking, with no other effort on our part. There's no "up, down, to the side, ah, now it's perfect," we just put the gun out in front of our face, it's on-target.

When we fire the gun, there will always be a certain amount of muzzle flip. The gun is on a pivot, our hands, and the pivot point is below the bore axis, the line of energy the gun gives us coming to the



Legendary shooting instructor Ken Hackathorn demonstrates the Weaver stance.

rear, therefore the gun has leverage to flip its muzzle with every shot. There is nothing we can do, with a non-compensated, self-defense oriented handgun, to completely stop that happening. However, it is a desirable thing to have as little muzzle flip as possible IF WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT WITHOUT ALSO MAKING THE GUN DO OTHER THINGS WE DON'T WANT IT TO. The reason to decrease muzzle flip is not, as so many people might say, "faster follow-up shots" *per se.* It's that, if the gun doesn't flip its muzzle very much between shots, and comes right back to the same spot after every shot, this allows us to make our aiming A CONTINUOUS PROCESS.

When most people fire a handgun, their experience of the sights goes like this: see sights, aim, fire, boom! the sights disappear, reacquire sights, re-aim, fire the next shot. This is slow. If we want to fire faster than we can accomplish that process, and the gun is not tracking consistently right back to the same spot after every shot, when we up the speed our group size explodes. What we want, by contrast, is to see the front sight through its entire arc of recoil, we want to know where it is at all times. If we can accomplish that, even though the

process of the sights realigning occurs too fast for us to consciously affect it, our subconscious mind can manage and affect how fast and well they come back into realignment, far faster than our conscious mind. Thus, when the sights track consistently, and come back to the same spot every time, we can fire every shot even at max speed KNOWING where the sights were at the instant the gun fired.

This does, in fact, lead to faster shot-to-shot speeds with greater accu-

racy, because we don't have that uncertainty factor, there is not always this part of our brain, even though we're not aware of it, wondering if we missed with the last shot. We know we hit with the last shot because we saw where the sights were when the gun fired. Thus we can let go of what just happened, and focus only on what's happening NOW. This is all much easier to accomplish if, when we fire the gun, it just doesn't move very much, and comes right back to the same spot every time. This is the only reason it's important we hold down muzzle flip: it's easier



to see the sights through their entire arc of recoil if they just don't move very much when we fire the gun.

The three most popular techniques among serious shooters, when it comes time to fire a handgun, are the Weaver, the Isosceles, and the Modified Isosceles. When you get right down to it, the differences between the techniques relate mostly to arm position.

Let's start with Weaver which is built around the concept of isometric tension, i.e. it's a *muscle centric* technique that attempts to use muscular force and tension to control muzzle flip. The right

arm (assuming a righthanded shooter, sorry, lefties) is slightly bent, the left arm is sharply bent with the elbow pointing much more toward the ground, the left hand pulls to the rear on the right hand which pushes forward. This creates front-torear tension on the gun that holds down on muzzle flip.

That's the theory, anyway. In reality the Weaver stance accentuates muzzle flip and



This is what happens when a handgun is fired with both arms locked out in a Hard Isosceles stance. Note both wrists bending backward, leading to extreme muzzle flip.

leads to very erratic sight tracking. With an extreme break to the arms, and front-to-rear isometric tension, the wrists bend backward easily when the gun fires, the bent arms collapse, in and out like an accordion, leading to extreme muzzle flip, and the front-to-rear isometric tension generates forces onto the gun that cause it to do a hula dance in recoil.

The Weaver stance was developed in 1959 by Jack Weaver. Originally all the term "Weaver stance" referred to was the idea of holding the gun at eye level with two hands on the gun and aiming using the sights. Eventually the technique was formalized by Jeff Cooper into a somewhat more arcane and complex version, the radically bent arms, push/pull jobbie we now call the Classic Weaver stance. There is a persistent story – and I have no idea whether this is true or falls into the category of Unverified Rumor Control – that Cooper incorporated a radically bent left arm into his version of the Weaver stance because he'd broken his left shoulder and couldn't straighten out his left arm.

Next up in the evolution of technique, once good shooters figured out the Weaver stance didn't work very well, was what I call the Hard Isosceles stance. In this technique, both arms are

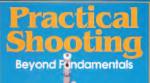
locked out hard, forming an isosceles triangle. The Hard Isosceles stance is a *skeletal* alignment technique, i.e. it uses the alignment of the long bones of the arms to create a solid, triangular brace behind the gun. This is better than the Weaver stance because at least your arms aren't collapsing and then re-extending every time you fire the gun. The downfall of this technique is that, while you get a good lateral brace behind the gun, there's really nothing stopping your wrists

from bending upward with recoil. People attempt to compensate for this by gripping the gun really hard with their hands. And then you're right back to generating forces onto the gun that give you really weird, unpredictable sight tracking.

The Hard Isosceles stance does have its good points. It's very simple to teach, it's easy to understand, and it's easy to execute, especially if you're one of those people who doesn't practice very much.

So, the search for a better shooting technique continued, eventually settling on what has come to popularly be called the Modern Isosceles or Modified Isosceles stance. You'll hear it called MI In the large photo, action pistol shooting great Brian Enos demonstrates his shooting technique. Note the elbows rotated outward in "the diamond."

The inset photo is a great example of "the diamond" from the cover of Enos' classic book, Practical Shooting: Beyond Fundamentals.



for short. This is a frustrating technique to learn because, frankly, there's not terribly much information about it out there. Even most people using the technique, much less teaching it, don't really understand how to execute it for best results.

The most readily, visually noticeable difference between the Hard Isosceles stance and MI is that in the latter the arms are not locked out hard, forming an isosceles triangle, rather there is a slight bend to each elbow. When looking at the arms from above or below, they don't actually form a triangle, they form a diamond. Thus, rather than the Modern/Modified Isosceles, I tend to think of this as the Diamond technique because that seems to me more accurately descriptive.

Grand Master Dave Sevigny actually refers to this arm position as "the big hug," and further elaborates, "From the side it might look like my arms are straight, but I actually have my arms bent like I'm giving someone a big hug." All most people understand about the Diamond technique arm position is "you put a break into your elbows, because when recoil hits that angle it'll stop, therefore the recoil never reaches your body." While that's true as far as it goes, there is quite a bit more to it. The bent arms in the Diamond technique are not there simply to be bent arms *per se*. They're there because doing that is necessary in order to allow us to do other things, that will give us great benefits in reduced muzzle flip and consistent sight tracking.

There is a technique in unarmed martial arts called "the unbendable arm," which means: (1) When our arm is bent too much it loses power, specifically it can be easily collapsed. This is what happens when we shoot with a Weaver arm position, the arms accordion and bend with every shot. (2) When our arm is locked all the way out it also loses power, and turns into a fulcrum that can be easily moved around and manipulated by foes intent on doing all manner of horrible things to that helpless, extended appendage. This is what happens when we shoot with a Hard Isosceles stance. (3) However there is an arm position, somewhere between bent too much and totally locked out, where the muscles and bones of the arm align, and it suddenly becomes unbendable.

Stick out one of your arms, lock it out hard, then push on it, up, down, left, right. With your arm locked all the way out, you'll find it has no strength; you can move it easily in any direction. Then bend the arm a lot, as for instance you would with your support arm in a Weaver stance, you'll find you can also move it easily in any direction. Specifically if you push on it from the front, as would recoil from a handgun, it just collapses. It does not matter how much effort and muscular tension you put into it, you cannot stop the arm from collapsing, this is just an innately weak arm position. Now put your arm out again, locked out, then begin incrementally bending it inward, with ever greater amounts of elbow bend, pushing on it between every position. You'll soon find there is a particular amount of bend where suddenly the arm stops moving when you press on it. It doesn't matter from which direction the pressure comes either, up, down, left, right, front, the arm simply will not move. Then do the same thing with the other arm.

In the unarmed martial arts, this is the amount of extension used to give a straight punch. More bend than that, you aren't getting maximum power, less bend (straight) and the arm also loses power, turning into an easily movable fulcrum. Exactly the amount of bend necessary to get to the unbendable arm varies from person to person. Even within the same person, it can vary from arm to arm. For some people, it will require more bend to one arm or the other to make it "unbendable." For me, it's pretty close. IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF THE AMOUNT OF BEND TO BOTH ARMS IS IDENTICAL, AS LONG AS THEY'RE BOTH UNBENDABLE.

This is the attitude we want our arms to be in when we fire a handgun.

However, even at that there are other advantages to the Diamond technique. In addition to having both arms in a rock solid unbendable arm position, the slight arm bend is necessary to allow us to PUSH INWARD with both arms. This lets us put muscular tension on the gun. While the Weaver stance is muscle centric, the Hard Isosceles stance uses skeletal alignment, the Diamond technique uses BOTH muscular tension and skeletal alignment to control the gun. When we bend the arms slightly and press inward, as in the Weaver stance we are generating isometric tension onto the gun, however in this case it's not front-to-rear pressure with our arms held in such a position they can be easily collapsed by recoil. Instead it's side-to-side pressure that will not only do its bit to greatly reduce muzzle flip because it LARGELY PREVENTS OUR WRISTS FROM BENDING BACKWARD WITH RECOIL, it also makes the gun point naturally and track consistently between shots, right back to the same spot. It will do all this with an arm position that absolutely will not collapse under recoil. Suddenly, shooting and fast and well becomes EASY.

Beginning shooters, when watching shooters of a more advanced skill level, often comment, with something of despair in their voices, "You make it all look so easy." Well, the truth is that shooting well IS easy. The reason good shooters look like they're not working nearly as hard is because we aren't. It just takes years if not decades of practice to learn the techniques that work so much better they're a lot easier to execute, and work much better they're a lot easier to execute, and work much better. Hopefully this article can take some of that development time off your own skill level.

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