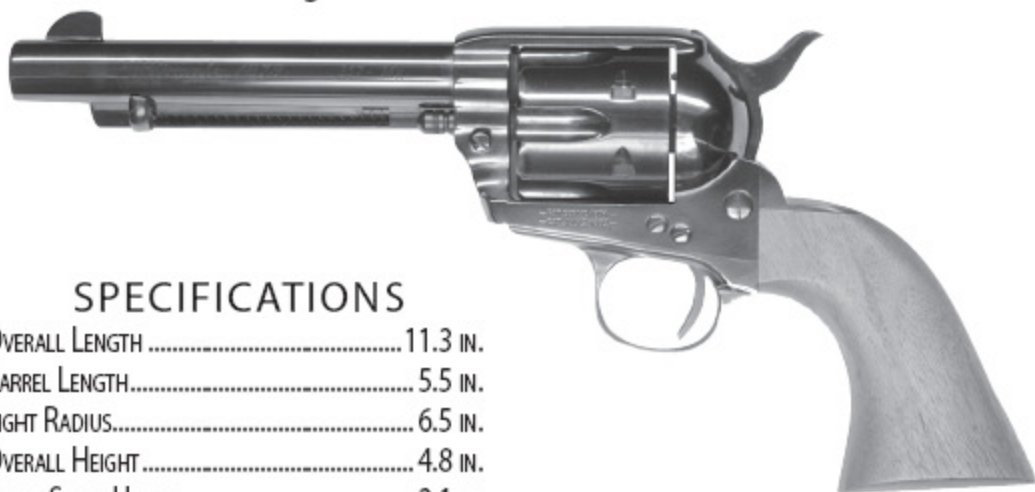


AWA ULTIMATE 1873
 .38 SPECIAL/.357 MAGNUM, \$600

☒ Gun Tests RecommendS: buy it ☒

We liked the feel and performance of the AWA, but the all-blued look left our traditionalists in the lurch. Fitting and finish were outstanding, and the gun was, we thought, well worth a very good look. The grips needed some linseed oil, and the front sight needed a bit of attention.



SPECIFICATIONS

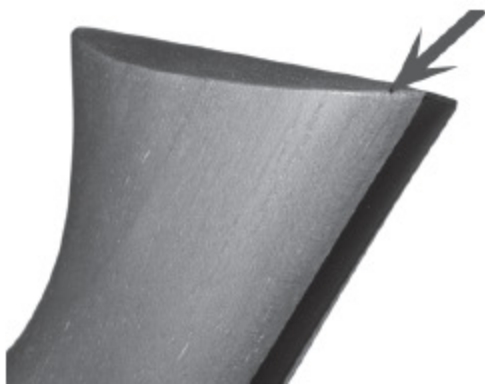
OVERALL LENGTH	11.3 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	5.5 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	6.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	4.8 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	2.1 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.1 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	40.2 OZ.
CAPACITY.....	6 ROUNDS
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.7 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.5 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MID).....	4.4 IN.
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH.....	BLUED STEEL

BARREL.....	BLUED STEEL
GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH.....	ONE-PIECE WALNUT
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	3.5 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	3.2 IN.
WARRANTY	NONE WRITTEN
TELEPHONE	(877) 292-4867
WEBSITE OR EMAIL.....	WWW.AWAGUNS.COM

The base pin had the traditional Colt treatment and worked very well, with no lost motion or unnecessary frills to the action. The separate base-pin bushing was also traditional, as were the bevels on the fronts of the chambers.



The bottom edge of the AWA's grip looked great, but was too sharp for comfort (arrow). We'd take sandpaper to it. The Daly had the same problem.



As in days of old, the firing pin floated in a hole in front of the hammer, retained by a just-visible cross pin. This means the gun ought to be carried with only five rounds loaded.

