

# GUN TESTS VALUE GUIDE: LARGE REVOLVERS

GUN NAME	ISSUE	GRADE & COMMENTS
<b>Taurus Stainless Tracker 44 Magnum, \$584</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade A+:</b> The Tracker was a lot more comfortable to shoot than a much heavier Mountain Gun.
<b>Ruger GP100 357 Magnum No. KGP-141, \$615</b>	Aug 2006	<b>Grade A:</b> Functioned with the most consistency and would likely offer the most durability.
<b>Taurus Judge Model 4510TKR-3BUL 45 LC/.410 Bore, \$620</b>	Aug 2009	<b>Grade A:</b> As a trail or self-defense gun, the Judge has a lot going for it. Maybe not the best for judges, however.
<b>S&amp;W Model 625-3 45 ACP, about \$900</b>	Sept 2008	<b>Grade A:</b> You can't buy a new revolver exactly like this 1989 model today, but Jerry Miculek Special is close.
<b>Taurus Raging Bull 444B8 44 Magnum, \$625</b>	March 2008	<b>Grade A:</b> The Raging Bull was the most comfortable and accurate of three 44 Mag test guns at the lowest price.
<b>Ruger Redhawk KRH-444 44 Magnum, \$780</b>	Sept 2007	<b>Grade A:</b> Ruger's stout-looking 4-inch Redhawk cut a profile of classic lines unique to its manufacturer.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson 686 Plus 357 Magnum 164194, \$790</b>	March 2007	<b>Grade A:</b> Consistent, accurate, and slotted for 7 rounds of either 38 Special or 357 Magnum.
<b>Charter Arms Bulldog Pug 44 Special, \$399</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade A-:</b> We removed a burr on the end of the cylinder pin, which fixed a lockup problem.
<b>Taurus Tracker 455SS4 45 ACP, about \$500</b>	Sept 2008	<b>Grade B+:</b> Taurus offered this with different barrel lengths, and in titanium. All have been dropped from production.
<b>Ruger Redhawk Super Redhawk KSRH-944 Magnum, \$888</b>	March 2008	<b>Grade B+:</b> Extremely consistent shooter. Needed a more suitable grip. Integral scope base and rings a plus.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson Mountain Gun 44 Magnum, \$1100</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade B:</b> If you can tolerate a bigger gun with a short barrel, go for the Model 24.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson 629 Classic 163640 44 Magnum, \$964</b>	March 2008	<b>Grade B:</b> Consistent shooter with good DA and SA trigger. Not really dedicated to the needs of the hunter.
<b>Taurus 444MULTI 44 Magnum, \$666</b>	Sept 2007	<b>Grade C:</b> A 28-ounce six-shooter constructed of titanium and aluminum, a lightweight rendering of the Raging Bull.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson Model 24 44 Special, \$1105</b>	May 2007	<b>Grade C:</b> Reintroduced classic. In our view, not a resounding success, except for collectors.
<b>S&amp;W Model 325 Night Guard 45 ACP, \$1082</b>	Sept 2008	<b>Grade D:</b> We could not work the DA trigger with a proper grip on the gun.
<b>Alfa Steel 3541 357 Magnum, \$419</b>	March 2007	<b>Grade F:</b> The double-action trigger was stiff and unpredictable. We had several malfunctions and breakages.
<b>Smith &amp; Wesson Model 629 No. 163603 44 Magnum, \$916</b>	Sept 2007	<b>Grade F:</b> The cylinder often unlocked after ignition in DA and SA, leaving the chamber out of alignment.

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