

RUGER NEW VAQUERO NV-34 NO. 5107 357 MAGNUM, \$719

GUN TESTS GRADE: C

The New Vaquero is a modernized single-action revolver. The bluing on the gun is almost black, while the trigger, grip screws, and sides of the hammer are polished steel. We like the overall look of the gun, but the cosmetics were cheapened by the grips, we thought.

SPECIFICATIONS

Action.....	Single Action
Overall Length.....	10 in.
Overall Height.....	5.5 in.
Maximum Width.....	1.6 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	45.6 oz.
Weight Loaded.....	48.2 oz.
Barrel Length.....	4.6 in.
Barrel.....	Blued Steel, 8 groove, 1:16 RH
Frame.....	Blued Steel
Front Strap Height.....	2.1 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.4 in.
Grips.....	Black Checkered Plastic
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	5.8 in.
Sights.....	Steel; Fixed Rear Notch, Front Blade
Sight Radius.....	5.5 in.
Trigger Pull Weight.....	4 lbs.
Trigger Span.....	2.6 in.
Safety.....	None
Warranty.....	None Written
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Website.....	www.Ruger.com
Made In.....	USA



Finish on the Vaquero was an even, gloss black — striking and well done, our testers said. They very much liked the feature that allowed the cylinder to turn freely when the gate was opened, rather than depending on a half-cock position of the hammer. That's one of the features that make it a New Model.

How high the hand rides up the grip determines how much bite the Vaquero puts on the web of the hand. This was also a problem with the Rough Rider, but not with the Evil



Roy. A small change in the hammer geometry would fix this.

The hard-rubber grips offered good control, but don't look "cowboy."



Right: They also have a sharp edge at the back that cuts into the shooter's hands. Firing more than 12 rounds at a time was painful, our testers complained.