

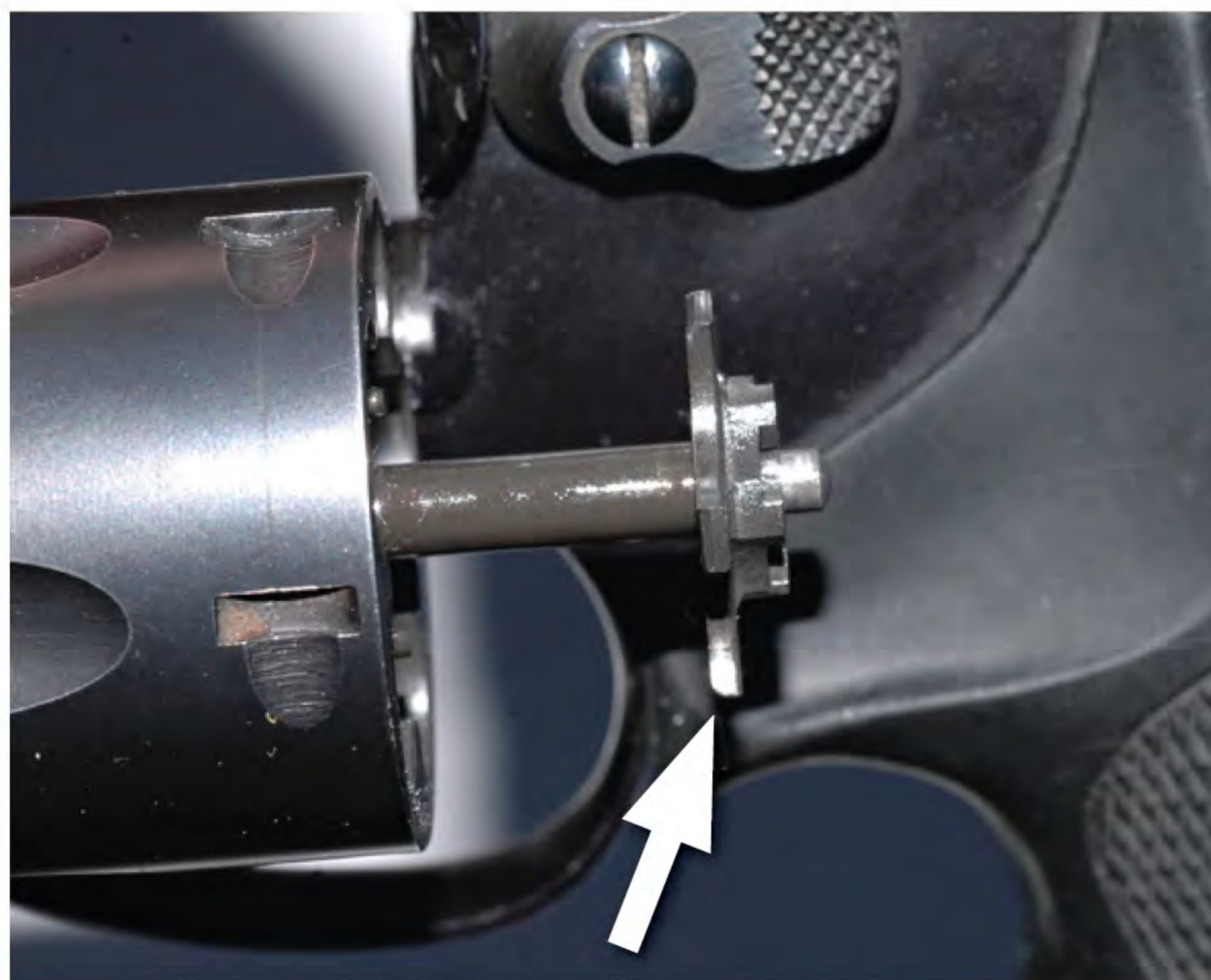
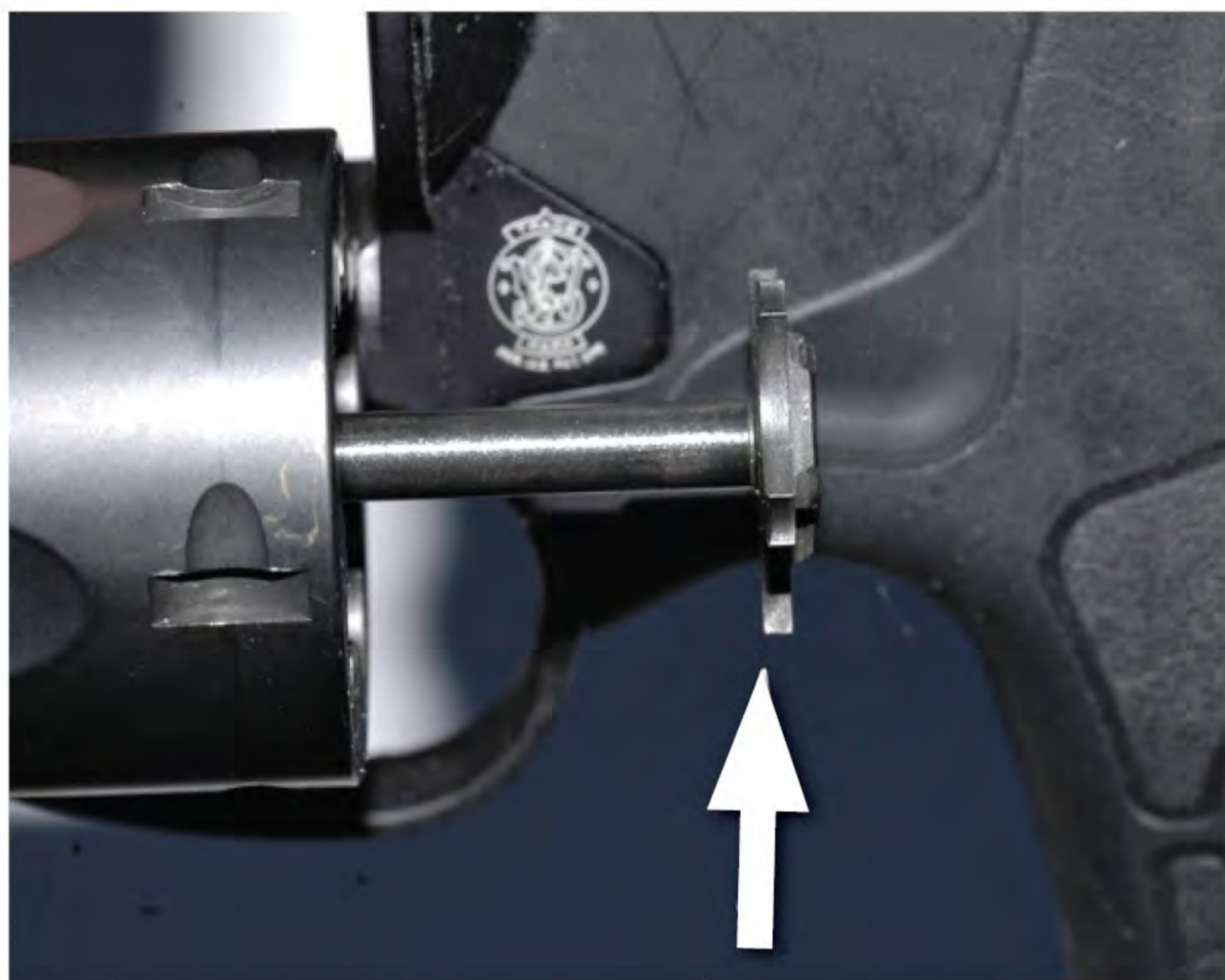
S&W MODEL 442 CENTENNIAL AIRWEIGHT 38 SPECIAL, ABOUT \$400
GUN TESTS GRADE: A

You can still get the Centennial Airweight with either carbon-steel or stainless-steel barrel and cylinder, but we liked everything about this older gun, with very few exceptions. It handled the hottest loads well, but was not quite as fast as the old square-grip gun in extreme rapid fire. It fits in our coat pocket very well, and has nothing to snag on the fabric. The old-style latch worked perfectly and was out of the way during heavy recoil.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH.....	6.3 in.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	4.2 in.
BARREL LENGTH.....	1.9 in.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	3.5 in.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	1.5 in.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.6 in.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	15 oz.
WEIGHT LOADED.....	17.6 oz.
CAPACITY.....	5
MAXIMUM WIDTH.....	1.30 in.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX).....	1.14 in.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	4.6 in.
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH.....	MATTE BLACK ALUMINUM
BARREL.....	CARBON STEEL
GRIP MATERIAL/FINISH.....	CHECKERED RUBBER
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	14 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION.....	3 in.
WARRANTY.....	N/A
TELEPHONE.....	(800) 331-0852
WEBSITE.....	WWW.SMITH-WESSON.COM



Far Left: The new Bodyguard has a lot more travel to its thin ejector rod, and that helps get the empties out. It has about a quarter-inch more travel. **Near Left:** Some people don't like the limited amount of ejection provided by the short-stroke rod in the Centennial. However, if you shake the gun as you work the ejector, empties generally clear.



Above: The Centennial was pretty tight at the crane when we pressed the cylinder sideways.



Above: So was the old square-grip Chiefs Special.



Above: The new Bodyguard, with no front latch, showed huge gape at the front with moderate pressure on the cylinder.