

**SMITH & WESSON MODEL 500 NO. 163504
 .500 S&W MAGNUM, \$1256**

● GUN TESTS RECOMMENDS: CONDITIONAL BUY ●

This gun was accurate with everything we fed it. In virtually every consideration, this American-made revolver outclasses the Taurus. In our view, it costs more, and it's worth it.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	10.25 in.
BARREL LENGTH.....	4.0 in.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	6.625 in.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	6.25 in.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT	2.25 in.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT	4.25 in.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	56.0 oz.
CAPACITY.....	5 ROUNDS
MAXIMUM WIDTH (CYLINDER)	1.8 in.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.3 in.

GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	5.4 in.
FRAME MATERIAL/FINISH	SATIN STAINLESS
BARREL MATERIAL	STAINLESS STEEL
GRIP MATERIAL	HOGUE SORBOETHANE RECOIL ABSORBING
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	4.5 LBS.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	12.0+ LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.75 in.
TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION	3.4 in.
WARRANTY	LIFETIME
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Though this gun weighed 13 ounces less than the Taurus, most testers agreed that it was less punishing to shoot with heavy loads, probably a result of the Hogue Sorbothane Recoil Absorbing Grips and the comp's effectiveness.



Product Coordination Editor Kevin Winkle and other members of the test team noted the Smith's use of a standard thumb latch to unlock the cylinder. It can easily and instinctively be opened with one hand. Also, the chambers on this gun were well polished at the factory, so removing nickel-cased ammunition presented no problems. Even so, recoil with the hottest rounds is punishing, thus the Conditional Buy rating.

