

**CHIAPPA LSI PUMA 1892 NO. PCH-51241 357 MAGNUM/38 SPECIAL, \$1020**

**GUN TESTS GRADE: D**

The Chiappa has a stiff action that rarely operated smoothly, and despite having the longest barrel in the test, it was the least accurate. We blame the sights.



**SPECIFICATIONS**

Action .....	Lever	Magazine & Capacity (w/o Reducer).....	12-Rd. Tube	Rear Sight...Elev & Wind Adjustable	Semi-Buckhorn
Overall Length .....	42.0 in.	Frame .....	Blued Receiver	Front Sight.....	Windage-Adjustable .08-in. Blade
Overall Height .....	5.5 in.	Stock .....	Matte-Gloss Italian Walnut	Sight Radius.....	20.0 in.
Maximum Width .....	1.4 in.	Length of Pull .....	13.0 in.	Trigger Pull Weight .....	8.25 lbs.
Weight Unloaded .....	7.9 lbs.	Drop @ Comb.....	2.1 in.	Safety .....	Hammer Half Cock
Weight Loaded (11 rds 125 gr.).....	8.4 lbs.	Drop @ Heel.....	2.7 in.	Warranty .....	1 Year Limited
Barrel Length.....	24.25 in.	Drop @ Toe.....	5.6 in.	Telephone.....	(775) 828-0555
Barrel.....	Octagon 1:18.75 RH-Twist, 6-grooves	Cast Off .....	None	Website.....	LegacySports.com
		Pitch.....	None	Made In.....	Italy



The Puma had a loading gate, but it was difficult to maneuver. We had a dickens of a time getting a full 12 rounds into the tube, which came with a capacity-reduction rod installed.

To get the full capacity of rounds into the Puma, remove the magazine tube cap (arrow), which is held in place by a screw under the tube. Then unscrew a steel rod from the cap.



Top: The rear sight is manually adjustable to shoot higher or lower by moving the rear sight ramp by one or more notches. Bottom: The Puma had nice wood, but it was plain. Also, the clearcoat didn't fill the pores perfectly. The others were better.



Here's what earned the Puma a Grade D ranking from our testers. We had repeated occurrences of this type of misfeed with both lead and jacketed bullets, in both 357 and 38. However, shorter 38 Specials did function better.