

magazine release was a triangular button at the left rear of the trigger guard. A right-handed shooter could manipulate the controls with the thumb of his shooting hand without shifting his grip, but only the magazine release was well situated for lefties, in our estimation.

The Sig Pro's accuracy wasn't as consistent from load to load as the Glock 31, but it did produce the smallest groups of the test with UMC 125-grain metal case ammunition. This load yielded five-shot groups that averaged 2.23 inches at 25 yards. Groups opened up to 2.82 and 3.00 inches with Federal Premium 150-grain and Remington 125-grain jacketed hollow points, respectively.

Overall, the Sig Pro's workmanship was above average. Its metal and synthetic parts had no cosmetic or structural flaws, and the stationary components attached to the polymer frame, such as the large, steel slide rails, were solidly pinned in place. Moving parts, such as the blackened stainless-steel slide and blued-steel barrel, had only modest play. The trigger had a smooth double-action pull that released cleanly at 10 pounds, but we felt its 6-pound single-action pull was about 2 pounds too heavy.

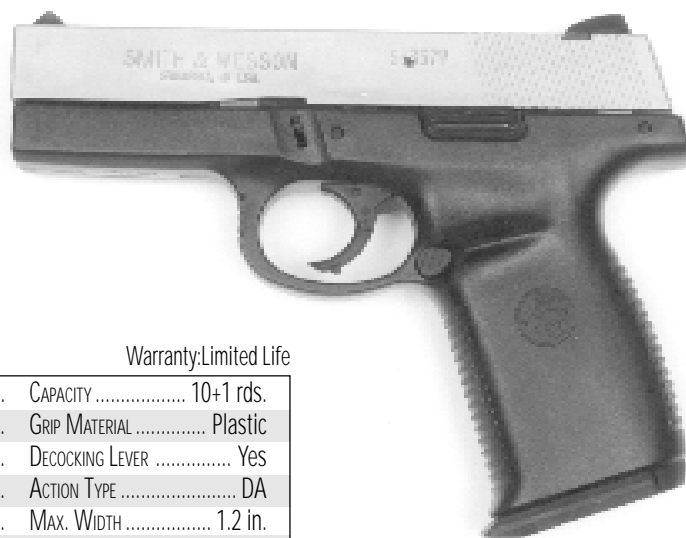
Smith & Wesson Sigma

Our Recommendation: *We don't think you should buy this handgun. The Smith & Wesson Sigma seems to us to be a poor imitation of the Glock. Its trigger was comparatively heavy and inconsistent, handling was mediocre, and its accuracy was lackluster. Most important, it was unreliable in our tests.*

In our opinion, the Smith & Wesson Sigma's functioning was unacceptable for a defensive pistol. After break-in, it failed to feed three times. These malfunctions occurred once with Federal Premium 150-grain jacketed hollow points

Smith & Wesson Sigma, .357 Sig

Retail Price...\$393



SPECIFICATIONS

Warranty: Limited Life

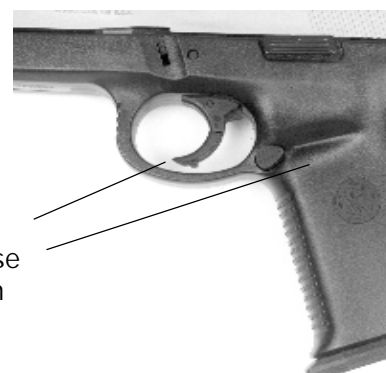
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| METAL FINISH | Stainless St. | CAPACITY | 10+1 rds. |
| WEIGHT (EMPTY) | 25 oz. | GRIP MATERIAL | Plastic |
| OVERALL LENGTH | 7.3 in. | DECOCKING LEVER | Yes |
| OVERALL HEIGHT | 5.5 in. | ACTION TYPE | DA |
| BARREL LENGTH | 4.0 in. | MAX. WIDTH | 1.2 in. |
| SIGHT RADIUS | 6.0 in. | TRIGGER PULL Wt. | 6/10 lbs. |

Our Recommendation: Too erratic for a defense gun, in our view.



The Smith & Wesson Sigma's stainless-steel slide had a matte white finish that contrasted nicely with the black steel sights and black polymer frame.

The Sigma's manual safety, which was built into the two-piece trigger, and slide catch weren't difficult to operate. The thumbrest behind the magazine release helped shield the release from being accidentally depressed, but also made the release harder to reach and manipulate with the thumb of the shooting hand.



The Sigma's fixed rear sight was a Novak-style blade that aided in providing a clear sight picture and was very snag resistant. It was dovetailed to the slide and could be drifted for windage corrections.