

**RUGER MODEL SP101 #5765 KSP-242-8 22 S/L/LR,
\$699 LIST; \$540 RETAIL**

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

This was a good revolver, and it should be for the price. There is a lot to like about the SP101—sights, finish, performance. This is a premium example of a kit gun. But the fact is, the used Taurus shot as well, or better. The Ruger is unquestionably the better gun, but it is far from being the better value.



In hand, the SP101 grip was comfortable, yet felt boxy compared to the Taurus.



The lockup on the Ruger was tight and showed no gaps.



Action	Double Action
Overall Length	9.1 in.
Overall Height	4.8 in.
Maximum Width (Cylinder)	1.4 in.
Weight Unloaded	30 oz.
Weight Loaded	34 oz.
Barrel	4.2 in. Long; 1:16 RH Twist
Capacity	8
Frame	Stainless Steel, Small
Cylinder	Stainless Steel, Fluted
Frame Front Strap Height	2.1 in.
Frame Back Strap Height	3.0 in.
Grips	Black Rubber, Checkered Wood
Grip Thickness (max)	1.5 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	5.6 in.
Front Sight	Green Fiber Optic Tube
Rear Sight	Adjustable Notch
Sight Radius	5.1 in.
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action	4.8 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	12 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action	2.4 in.
Trigger Span Double Action	3.0 in.
Safety	Transfer Bar
Warranty	None Written
Telephone	(603) 865-2442
Website	Ruger.com
Made In	Newport, NH



The hammer spur was coarsely checkered for a sure grip; note that the transfer bar just behind the firing pin will raise before it is hit by the hammer. Single-action trigger pull was nice at 4.8 pounds.

Left: The Ruger ejected empties well clear of the cylinder.