

Smith & Wesson Model 1 1/2 "New Model" Second Issue Revolver .32 Cal. s/n 88485



Smith & Wesson Model 1 1/2 "New Model" Second Issue Revolver .32 Cal. s/n 88485 mfg early 1870's. This model was built from 1868 - 1875 and is a .32 Long Rimfire 5-shot "fluted cylinder" with a 3-1/2" barrel. Because of the fluted barrel, this S&W was also known as the "New Model" 32. Its 5-digit serial number places its manufacture in the early 1870's. Production of this Model ended in 1875 with a final serial number of 127100.

As you may know, you were not allowed to carry a revolver at your side while in towns and especially in saloons despite how Hollywood has portrayed this in movies and on TV. These revolvers called "Hide Out" guns, were the favorite of men such as Wild Bill Hickok and Doc Holiday while sitting at a poker table. Remember, Wild Bill was shot from behind with a hideout gun as was Lincoln, among others...not with a Colt SAA pulled from its holster. It was concealable revolvers like this that men carried back then, very much like today.

While this 32 has retained a great deal of its original blue, it does have the sometimes found hammer peen marks on the butt and under the frame. Its markings are crisp and sharp with the beautifully figured Brazilian rosewood birds head grips it came with. Listed on the endangered species list, it is no longer legal to import Brazilian rosewood into the US. This is a fine example of a period hideout gun with a nice patina retaining blue in the right places.

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