

SMITH & WESSON 442 NO. 162810 38 SPECIAL, \$600

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Its small, sleek profile was its greatest strength, but ours needed refinement.

SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	6.5 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	1.9 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	3.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	3.3 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	1.6 IN.
BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.2 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	14.7 OZ.
CAPACITY.....	5
MAXIMUM WIDTH.....	1.3 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX).....	1.1 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	4.5 IN.
FRAME.....	MATTE-BLACK ALUMINUM
BARREL.....	STEEL
GRIP.....	RUBBER W/FINGER GROOVES
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	14.0 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION.....	2.8 IN.

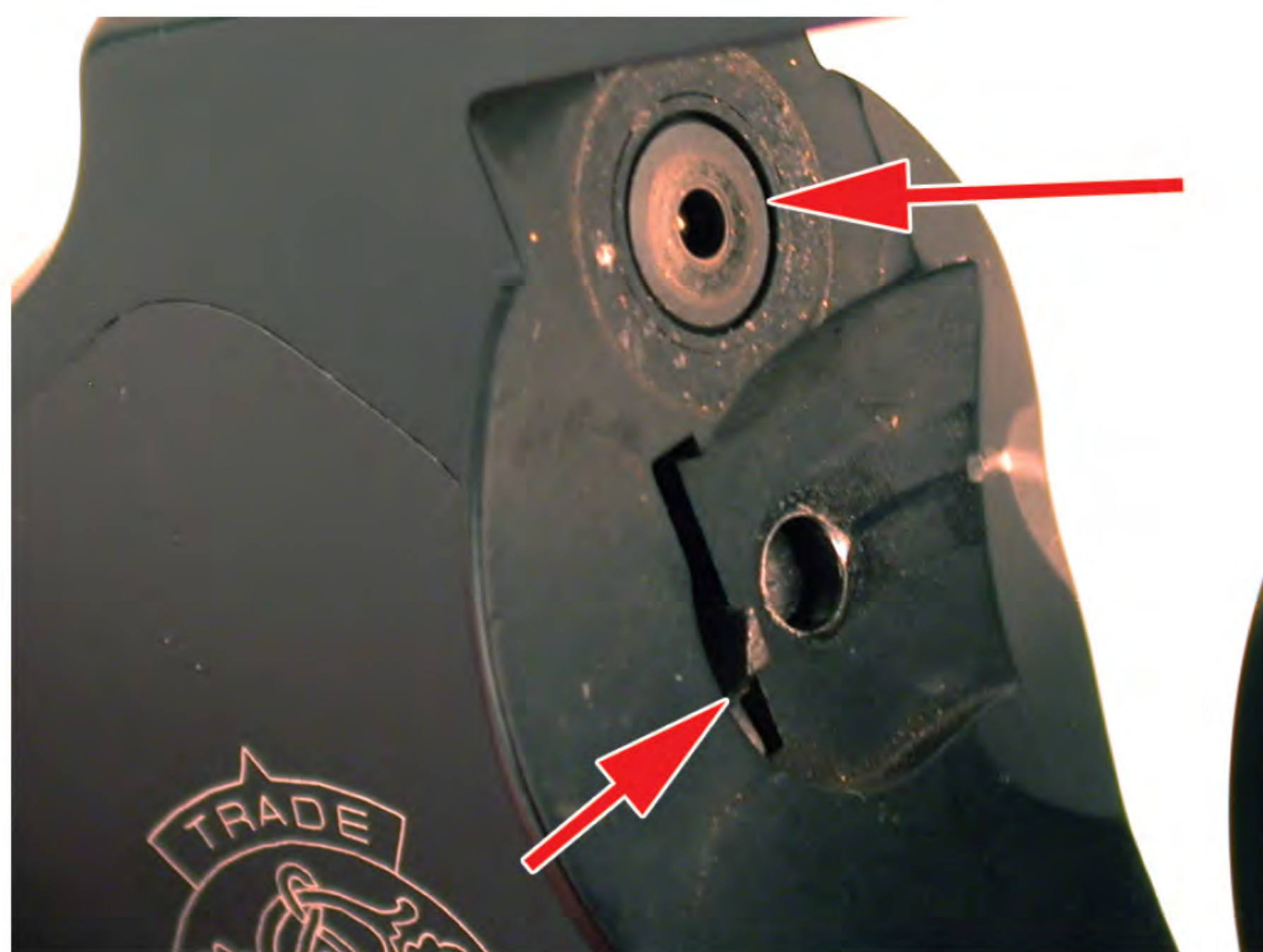


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The one-piece grip slipped on from the front strap and filled the space between the trigger guard and the frame. Many alternate grips are available for the 442 but few aid concealment as well as these.



The Smith & Wesson front sight was by far the most visible. It was grooved to diffuse glare and deeply cut at its furthest post (arrow). Minimal width helped produce sizable light bars as seen through the rear notch.



A steel bushing (top arrow) was seated into the aluminum frame to create a wear-resistant channel for the firing pin. Below, in the center of the breech face was the point of rotation and support for the cylinder assembly. The notch on the left (bottom arrow) is where the hand that rotates the cylinder can be seen peeking out.