

SMITH & WESSON 686 NO. 164224 357 MAGNUM, \$829

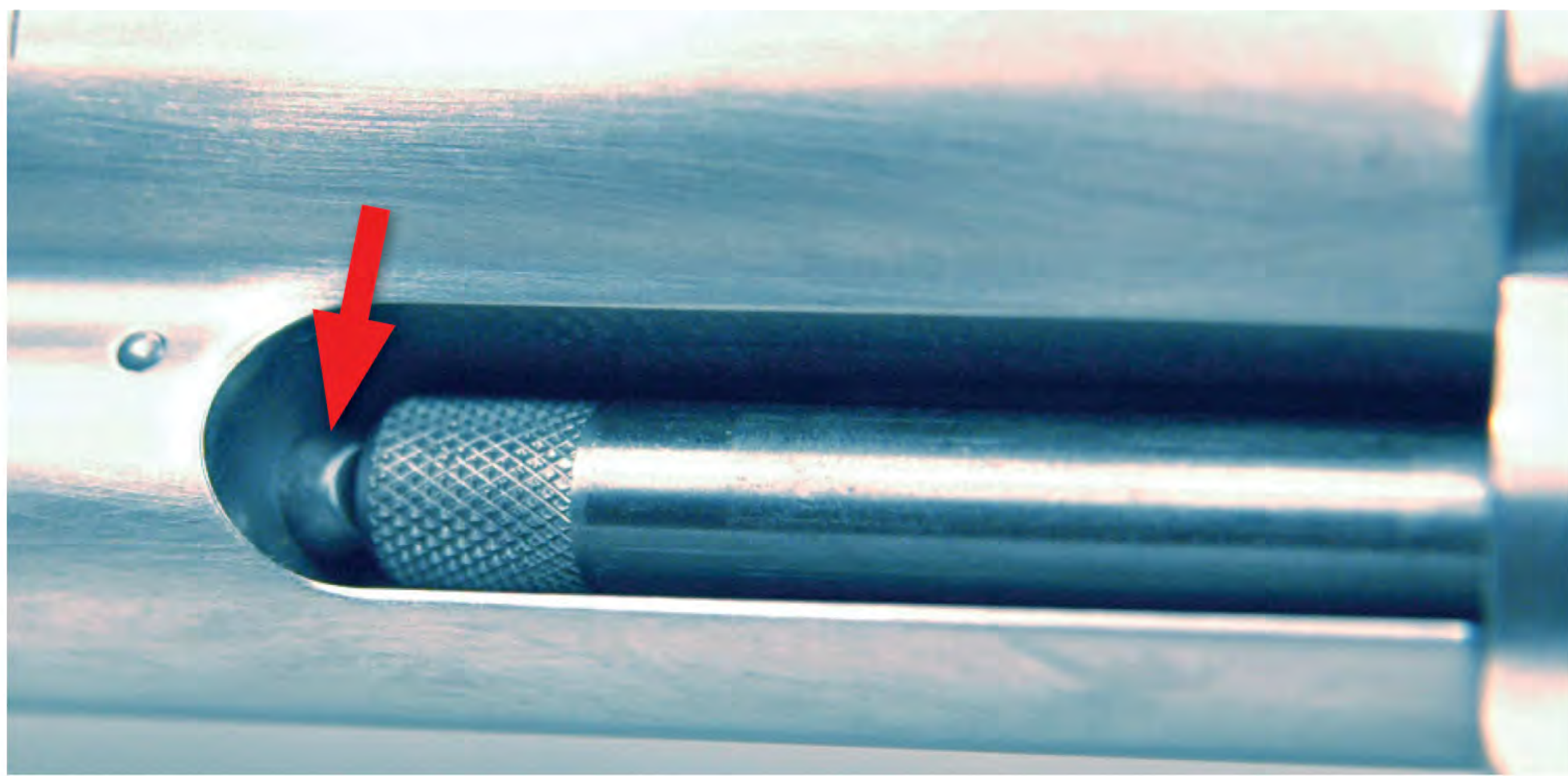
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Featuring a double-action trigger that begs to be shot quickly, it also had a single-action trigger that was hard to beat.

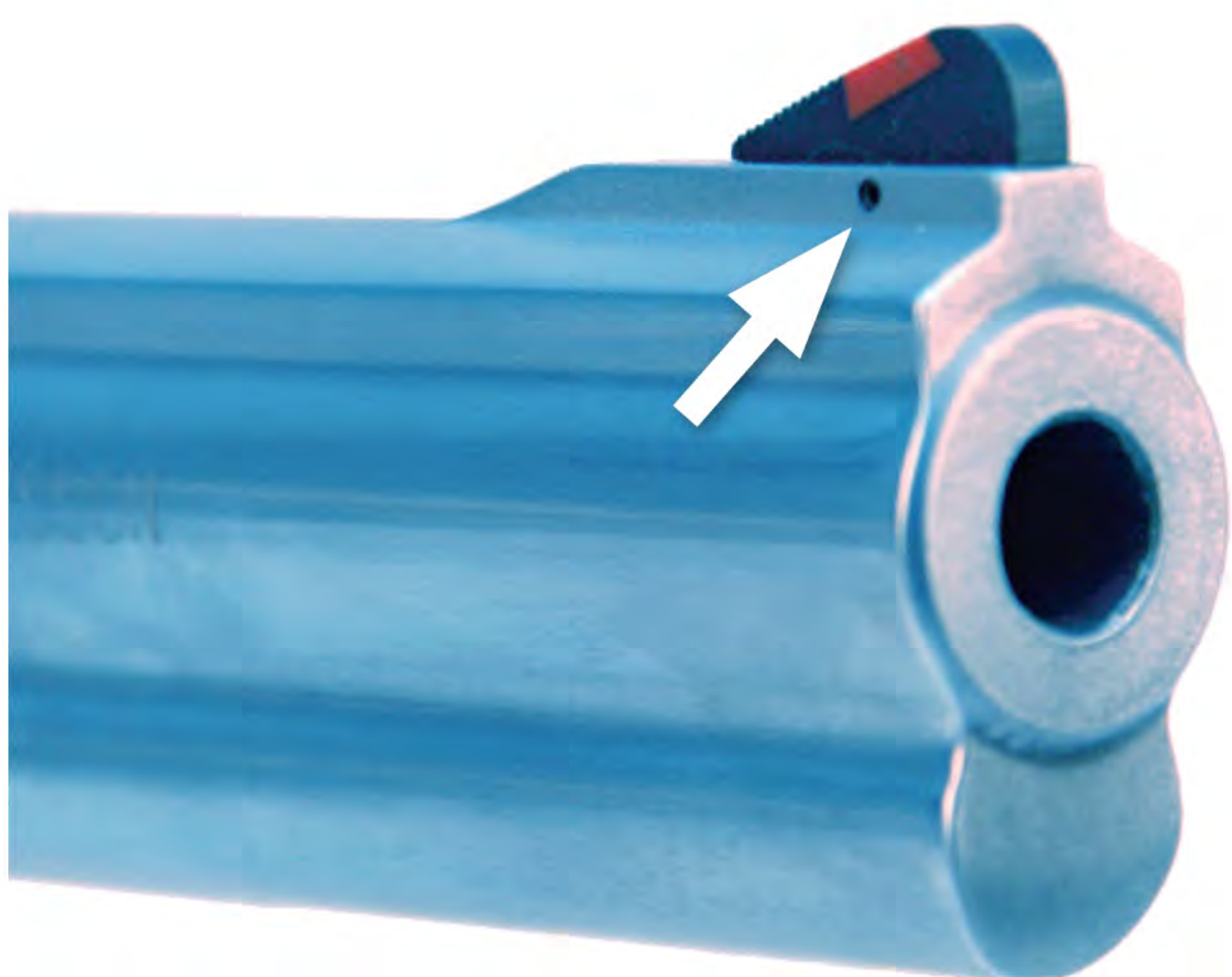


SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	11.9 in.
Barrel Length.....	6.0 in.
Sight Radius.....	7.6 in.
Overall Height.....	6.1 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.2 in.
Back Strap Height.....	4.3 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	44.9 oz.
Weight Loaded (125-gr).....	47.8 oz.
Capacity.....	6
Maximum Width.....	1.6 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.2 in.
Grip Circumference (max).....	5.25 in.
Frame.....	Satin Stainless Steel
Barrel.....	Stainless Steel
Grip.....	Pebbled Rubber
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action.....	13.0 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	6.0 lbs.
Trigger Span Double Action.....	3.2 in.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	2.7 in.
Warranty.....	Lifetime
Telephone.....	(800) 331-0852
Website.....	www.smith-wesson.com
Manufactured In.....	USA



Above: A spring-loaded button held the tip of the shrouded ejector rod on the Smith & Wesson 686.



Left: The front sight, complete with red insert, was press-fit and pinned into place (arrow). The crown of the barrel was thin, but precisely cut. Full-length underlug added weight to counteract recoil.

Right: The cylinder release (top arrow) was contoured to be out of the way for loading/unloading. Checkering made for positive contact. With its open-backed grip (bottom arrow), the 686 seemed narrow, almost knife like, in our view.

