

SMITH & WESSON BODYGUARD 38 NO. 103038 38 SPECIAL, \$509

GUN TESTS GRADE: A-

Even without the laser, this is one accurate pocket gun. A lot of innovation for the dollar.

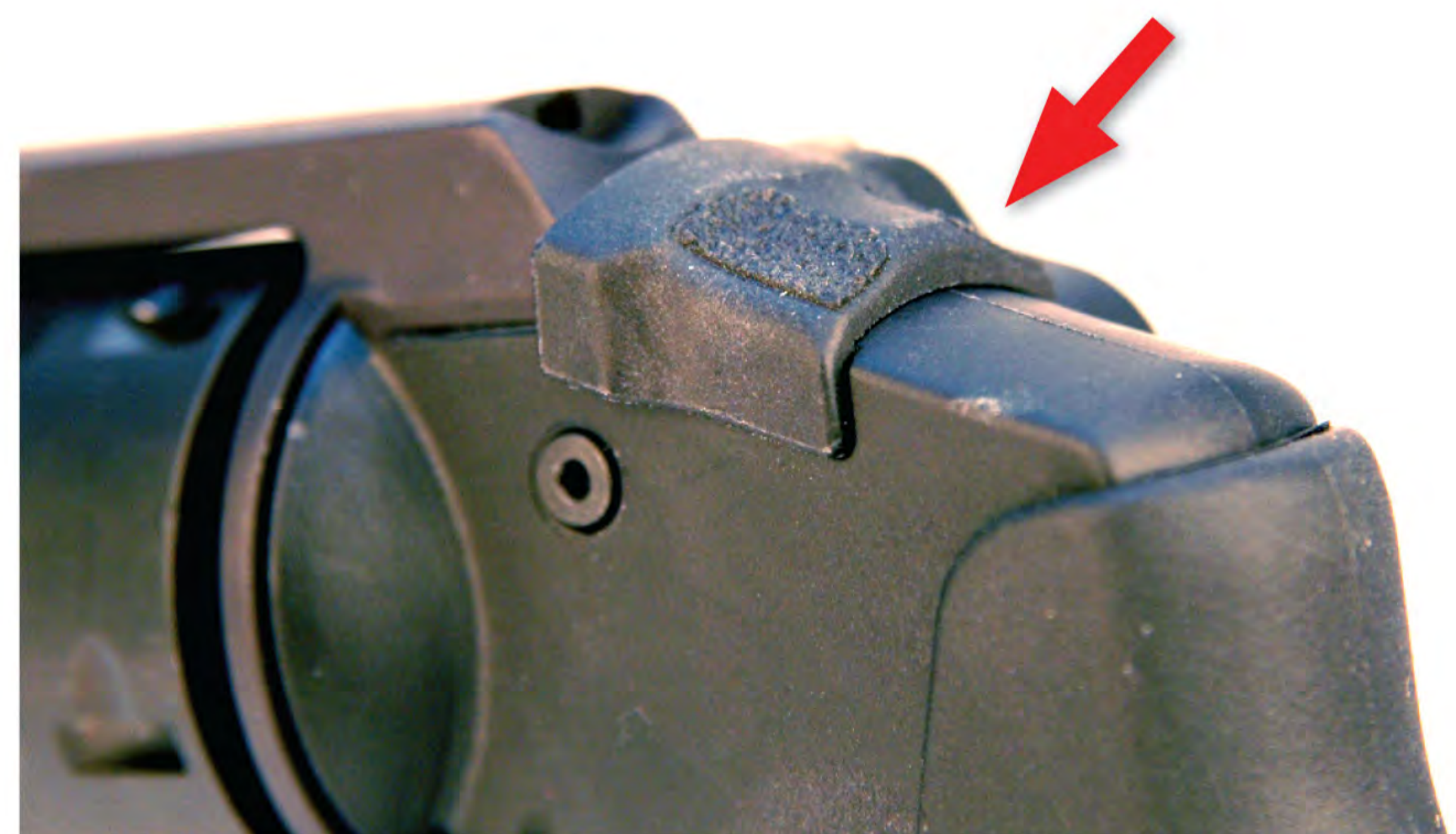


SPECIFICATIONS

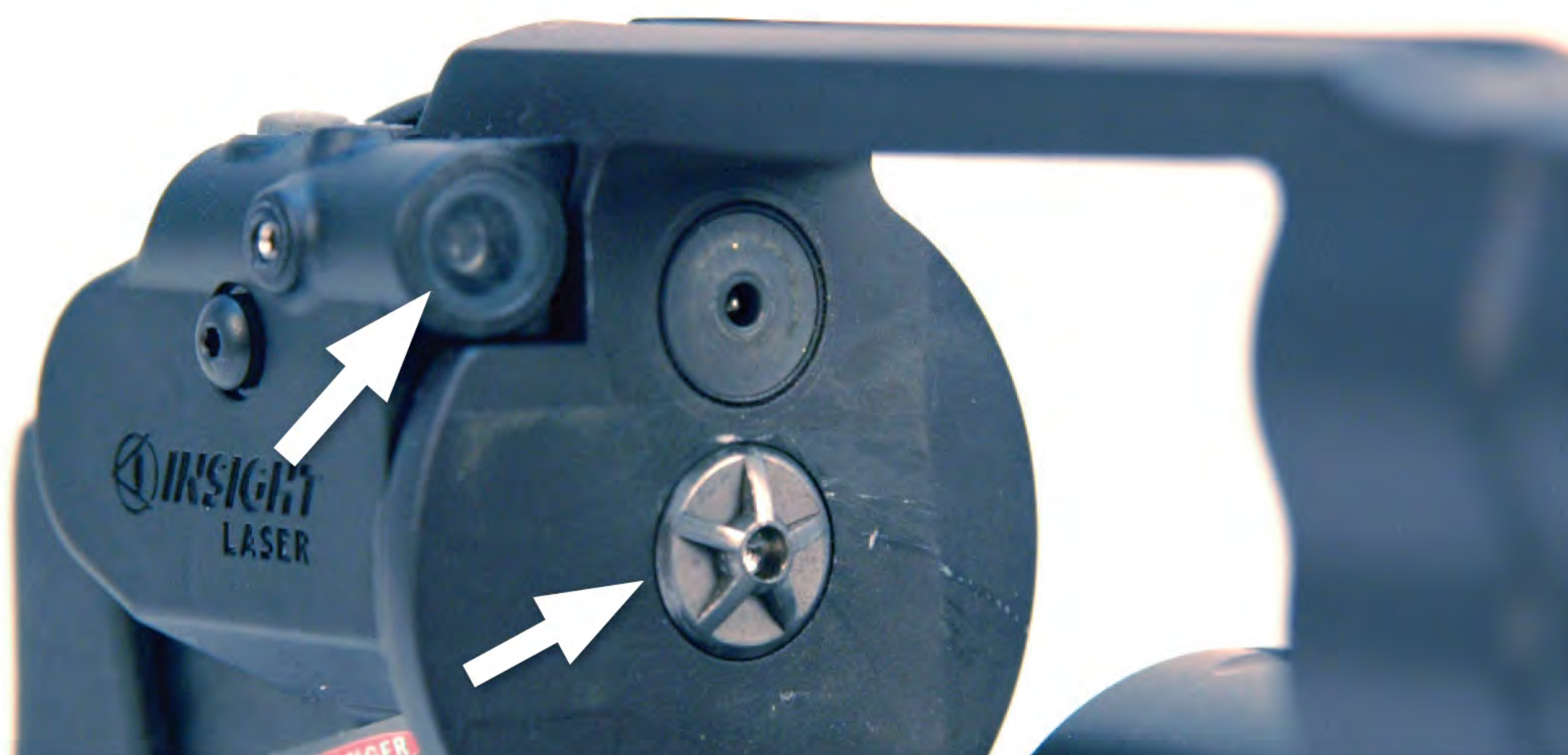
Overall Length	6.6 in.
Barrel Length	1.9 in.
Sight Radius	3.7 in.
Overall Height	4.3 in.
Front Strap Height	2.8 in.
Back Strap Height	3.2 in.
Weight Unloaded	14.4 oz.
Weight Loaded (125-gr)	16.6 oz.
Capacity	5
Maximum Width	1.4 in.
Grip Thickness (max)	1.0 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	3.9 in.
Frame	Black Aluminum/Polymer
Barrel	Stainless Steel
Grip	Black Synthetic
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	9.5 lbs.
Trigger Span Double Action	2.9 in.
Warranty	Lifetime
Telephone	(800) 331-0852
Website	www.smith-wesson.com
Manufactured In	USA



The trigger guard was a separate piece, applied once the aluminum upper frame was mated to the polymer grip. The arrow shows the seam.



The polymer “saddle” style cylinder latch could be operated from either side. But we thought it was a little slippery, and the cylinder release was sticky.



Adjustable for windage and elevation, the Insight Technology laser was very bright (top arrow). We’re hoping the membrane-style on/pulse/off will break in and become easier to operate. The gear-driven star (bottom arrow) was a new way to turn the cylinder. We found the cylinder release to be sticky, but we can’t say if this new component was to blame.