

**COLT 2ND-GEN. 1851 NAVY 36 CAL., ABOUT \$650
GUN TESTS GRADE: A**

Many a frontiersman was mighty happy with this handgun. Wild Bill Hickok carried two of 'em. The octagonal barrel and solid construction gave the 1851 Navy essentially the same weight as the 1860, but the famous grip set it off. The 1873 Peacemaker had the same grip. Elmer Keith cut his teeth on one of these.



Overall Length.....	13.2 in.
Overall Height.....	4.9 in.
Barrel Length.....	7.5 in.
Sight Radius.....	10.2 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.2 in.
Back Strap Height.....	3.0 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	41.4 oz.
Weight Loaded (6 rds.).....	43 oz.
Capacity.....	6
Maximum Width.....	1.6 in.
Grip Thickness (max).....	1.3 in.

Grip Circumference.....	4.2 in.
Grips.....	One-Piece Walnut
Grip Straps.....	Silver-Plated Brass
Frame.....	Case-Hardened Steel
Loading Rammer.....	Case-Hardened Steel
Barrel.....	Blued Steel
Cylinder.....	Blued Steel
Trigger Pull Weight.....	2.3 lbs.
Trigger Span.....	3.2 in.
Warranty.....	n/a
Made In.....	U.S.A.

Right: The chamber mouths are all slightly beveled to avoid cutting a ring of lead off the ball as it's seated. All three guns have this feature. The quality of workmanship on these 2nd-Gen. Colts is excellent, and they have all the fine details of the roll engraving on their cylinders.



Above: This is most likely not a Colt case, but it sure sets off the gun with its brass mold, flask, and cap box accessories. The holster is from Old West Reproductions and is an exact copy of period holsters. Owning a package like this would interest nearly any collector, we believe.



Above: The original post in this 1851 was replaced with this screw, which gave us precisely centered hits with the gun.