

SMITH & WESSON 431PD 32 H&R MAGNUM, \$450

Gun Tests grade: B+

We are sorry to see the demise of the 32 H&R Magnum J-frame. No matter what caliber it is chambered for, the J-frame revolver is the model of reliability.



SPECIFICATIONS

OVERALL LENGTH	6.35 IN.
BARREL LENGTH.....	1.85 IN.
SIGHT RADIUS.....	3.5 IN.
OVERALL HEIGHT.....	4.4 IN.
FRONT STRAP HEIGHT.....	1.5 IN.

BACK STRAP HEIGHT.....	3.2 IN.
WEIGHT UNLOADED.....	13.4 OZ.
CAPACITY.....	6
MAXIMUM WIDTH	1.3 IN.
GRIP THICKNESS (MAX)	1.2 IN.
GRIP CIRCUMFERENCE (MAX).....	4.55 IN.
FRAME	PARKERIZED ALUMINUM
BARREL	STEEL
GRIP	RUBBER W/FINGER GROOVES
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT SINGLE ACTION.....	3.5 LBS.
TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT DOUBLE ACTION.....	14.0 LBS.
TRIGGER SPAN SINGLE ACTION	2.2 IN.
TRIGGER SPAN DOUBLE ACTION.....	2.75 IN.
WARRANTY	LIFETIME
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Black Hills 32 H&R Magnum
85-gr. Jacketed Hollowpoint

Average Velocity	954 fps
Standard Deviation	27 fps
Muzzle Energy	172 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	1.5 in.
Largest Group	2.2 in.
Average Group	1.9 in.

The short barrel carried a full underlug to shroud the ejector rod. The front sight was more visible on this little gun than it was on the big Springfield 1911.



Federal 32 H&R Magnum
85-gr. JHP C32HRB

Average Velocity	990 fps
Standard Deviation	11 fps
Muzzle Energy	185 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	1.6 in.
Largest Group	2.4 in.
Average Group	2.0 in.

The J-frame revolvers lend themselves well to deep concealment. This Uncle Mike's soft pocket holster keeps the gun free from dirt or particles that can prevent the action from turning. It also smoothes telltale lines to hide the gun better. The pocket holster stays put when the gun is drawn.



Federal Classic 32 H&R Magnum
96-gr. Lead Semi Wadcutter 32HRA

Average Velocity	903 fps
Standard Deviation	25 fps
Muzzle Energy	172 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group	1.7 in.
Largest Group	2.8 in.
Average Group	2.3 in.

To collect accuracy data, we fired five-shot groups from a sandbag rest using open sights. Distance: 12 yards. We recorded velocities using an Oehler 35P chronograph, with the sky screens set 10 feet from the muzzle.



The 431PD may be the last of the 6-shot J-frame revolvers. Bigger



The top strap of the 431PD was machined to produce a surprisingly clear sight picture.