

UPDATE ON THE .375 DAN WESSON SUPER MAG

Our sincere thanks to the IHMSA members who have entered their order for the Dan Wesson .375 Super Mag.

As you know from our previous announcement, this revolver is being built by Dan Wesson for THE SILHOUETTE on a special contract. Basically, it will be an exact duplicate of the highly successful DW 40V8S .357 Super Mag that took FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD in the 1983 Internationals revolver competition.

The only difference is that the cylinder will be chambered for Elgin's .375 Super Mag cartridge, and the barrel will be in .375 caliber.

The entire project is GO across the board and is in high gear. We expect the first shipment of guns with regular factory serial numbers about the first week in February.

Here are the updated details:

IHMSA MEMBER SERIAL NUMBER GUNS: We can still supply the DW .375 Super Mag with your IHMSA member number as the official serial number if we have your order at Headquarters by February 10th. With this issue being printed and mailed on January 20, this will not leave much time so we urge you to call in your order to THE SILHOUETTE 208-524-0880 by the week of February 6-10 at the very latest to get your member number as the serial number, with delivery in late February or early March. Otherwise, after that date the continuing shipments we receive of the DW .375 Super Mag will come with regular factory serial numbers.

BLUE STEEL: While we had hoped to offer this model in stainless steel as well as blue steel, the entire contract run will be built only in blue steel.

AVAILABILITY: We have an option to have additional runs of this contract model built as demand requires with the intent of having an adequate supply throughout 1984 and beyond.

SIGHTS: The DW .375 Super Mag will come from the factory with a PS-2 front patridge blade and a RSB-D .080 narrow notch rear blade as standard equipment.

CASE DESIGN: Having a straight-wall case made to specs would have delayed the entire project from fourteen to eighteen months. Therefore, the decision was made to go with Elgin's original tapered case based on the 1978 .375 Winchester case. This is an excellent heavy duty case, and all preliminary testing gives it good performance marks.

TEST BARREL: The .375 barrel provided by Sig Himmelmann of United Sporting Arms — Sig is building the Seville .375 Super Mag for us — has been made into a custom, heavy-duty pressure barrel at our expense and forwarded to Hornady's lab for pressure tests and load data, all of which will be published in THE SILHOUETTE as soon as available. Add to that, load data and silhouette testing by some of our top IHMSA shooters with the first .375 Super Mags off the line in both the Dan Wesson and the Seville which also will be published in THE SILHOUETTE as we receive it.



The Dan Wesson .375 Super Mag, which is identical to the .357 DW Super Mag. The cartridges shown for comparison purposes are the .357 Super Mag at top, the .375 Super Mag at center and the standard .44 Magnum at bottom.

BRASS AND DIES: We have a special order of 50,000 rounds of regular .375 Winchester unprimed brass coming in that will be available at special member prices. This is the full length rifle brass and must be trimmed from its 2.015 length to 1.600. This can be accomplished two ways: 1. We will have trim dies from Redding and Hornady-Pacific. Shortening brass with trim dies is a simple matter of running the case up into the trim die, cutting it off level with the top of the trim die with a hack saw, then smoothing the brass flush with the die with a few file strokes.

The second way is to use a regular case trimmer and a power drill. First, set the case trimmer at 1.600 by trial trimming a case or two to get the exact dimension, then lock it tightly, remove the hand crank and fasten the case trimmer firmly in a vice. With this type of operation you can trim cases smoothly and accurately. With a buddy to help — one man operating the power drill and the other man clamping cases in and taking them out, you can crank them through in a hurry with the final operation being to clean off the burr on the inside and outside of the mouth of the cases with a hand de-burring tool — you will also need to do this last de-burring operation if you choose to cut the brass off in a trim die and file it smooth.

As mentioned, we will have new, unprimed .375 Winchester brass at special member prices. Also, we will have new .30-30 Federal unprimed brass which also can easily be formed into .375 Super Mag brass by first running a .30-30 case into a special Redding expander die we are having made up, and then trimming it to 1.600 by either of the above mentioned methods.

LOADING DIES: We will have Redding custom 3-die loading sets in .375 Super Mag by the time the guns are here, and will offer them at our usual special member prices. List price, \$46.50, special member price \$31.50.

BULLETS: On contract with Hornady. We are having a special run of 100,000 .220 grain custom bullets made with the cannalure moved up another .050 to allow a firm crimp with the 1.600 .375 Super Mag case and thus give proper seating depth plus proper clearance in the 2.075 cylinder. In producing this special bullet, Hornady also is using their technique of reversing the jacket to completely cover the base of the bullet as they did in producing their highly successful 180 gr JTC .38 caliber silhouette bullet.

These unique .375 bullets made on our contract will be available to IHMSA members at the usual special member price.

For silhouette shooting we believe this custom 220 grain bullet will be an excellent all-around choice.

Also, at Elgin's request, Hornady will conduct some experiments to make some prototype .375 test bullets in two more weights of around 200 and 240 grains to give greater diversity and choice in .375 caliber for silhouette and handgun hunting.



The Dan Wesson .375 Super Mag is identical to the 40V8S .357 model including the slotted shroud. The .375 special pressure barrel is shown at bottom in which the pressure tests for the .375 caliber Super Mag will be conducted. Cartridges in the center are, from right to left: .357 Magnum, .357 Super Mag and .375 Super Mag.

NOTE: As a final note, we will be offering at special member prices any package you would prefer in brass and dies for the .375 Super Mag as follows:

	List	Member
Redding .375 Super Mag 3-die loading set.....	\$46.50	\$31.50
Winchester .375 unprimed brass - must be trimmed to 1.600 as described above. Per box of 20	\$ 9.90	\$ 6.95
Redding or Pacific (specify your choice) .375 Super Mag Trim die (to be used in trimming Winchester .375 brass to 1.600)	\$20.50	\$14.00
Redding .375 Super Mag expander die for expanding .30-30 brass to .375 Super Mag (This die is not needed when using .375 Winchester brass)	\$20.50	\$14.00
Hornady 220 grain .375 FP Super Mag custom bullets as described above for silhouette, per 100	\$17.50	\$10.75
Federal .30-30 unprimed brass (to be formed to .375 Super Mag with the Redding Expander die listed just above, then trimmed to 1.600 as described. Per 100 rounds, 5 boxes of 20	\$31.00	\$23.50

NOTE: Other than the .375 Super Mag loading dies or the special trim or expander dies listed above, which are being manufactured for us by REDDING on a special contract, all other items can be obtained from your local components dealer as well as from THE SILHOUETTE.

If you have any questions, call us. 208-524-0880.

If you haven't got your order in for one of the new Dan Wesson .375 Super Mags, give us a call today or send your order in by mail. If we have your order by Feb. 10, either by mail or by phone, we can supply your gun with your IHMSA member number as the serial number. After that date, all shipments coming to us from the factory will have regular factory serial numbers. We will have these regular factory serial number guns available for immediate delivery during early February as well.

	List	Member
Order your Dan Wesson .375 Super Mag today	\$470.00	\$299.50

Call 208-524-0880

REMINDER: The Dan Wesson .375 Super Mag is being manufactured on a special contract basis and will be available only through THE SILHOUETTE. The special introductory member price of \$299.50 will be honored through March 1, 1984. After March 1, the price will be raised to \$329.50 due to additional costs.