

Re: Stan guy who sold you the Dan Wesson case on ebay.

From: ewessonnn (ewessonnn@comcast.net)

To: stmstan@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10:04 AM MST

Hi Stan,

You are correct. No blued guns were built but it was an option if there was enough interest. Also, yes they were not fixed barrels. Again if there was interest we planned on offering 2 barrel lengths. 2" and 4".

The literature you have is good. Mostly given out at shot show and nra show and we did a few mailings to people who filled out warranty cards.

I have to look but I believe we started serial numbers on the Lil Dan at 1501.

Best regards

Eric

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Stan Shiver <stmstan@yahoo.com>

Date: 9/26/23 12:41 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: ewessonnn <ewessonnn@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: Stan guy who sold you the Dan Wesson case on ebay.

Good day hope you and the family are well! I came across this flyer when I bought a Lil Dan last week. Never seen one before thought i would share it with you. Also I posted some pics of the lil dan I was told even though the barrel is not fixed there were never any other barrels made for the gun is this true! also the manual shows a 38+P and a 738+P but also said no blue ones were made? It's a great small revolver. This info was found on the Dan Wesson forum. Thanks again for all your info! Stan

On Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 07:05:49 AM MST, ewessonnn <ewessonnn@comcast.net> wrote:

Hey Stan,

That's a nice piece. I always liked the compensated barrels especially on the SM guns. Much less recoil. We had made a handful of 2.5" compensated .44 assemblies which were I believe 4" total. Made it enjoyable to shoot.

Best regards

Eric

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Stan Shiver <stmstan@yahoo.com>

Date: 7/26/23 7:01 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Eric Wesson <ewessonnn@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: Stan guy who sold you the Dan Wesson case on ebay.

Hope you and your family are doing well! Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know I got my 8th Palmer gun this week! My first 7445 It's pretty rare being a 7445 8VHC with the compensated barrel (attached pic) LNIB and pretty low serial number! I also said I would never buy another large frame Monsun due to plum but had a chance to buy a new

375 (NIB) serial number 14. I was excited until I looked close in the sunlight and, it was plum. Oh well, just want to thank you for the great Palmer guns! There is a saying on the Dan Wesson forum "You can't beat a Palmer BLUE gun, better than a Colt Python" Now if I could only find a Palmer made Mitchell Arms Titan! Been looking for 6 months!

On Friday, June 9, 2023 at 02:18:57 PM MST, Eric Wesson <ewesson@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Stan,

I added your last question here. Easier for me to reference. Great news on the manuals and new finds. So regarding the High Standard deal. It was a re-brand that they wanted Dan Wesson Arms to manufacture for them, all with a one way a barrel nut (you could tighten it like normal but the slots were compromised so you could not remove the barrel nut.) Different than the Wesson Firearms fixed barrels which still are a 2 pc barrel design but the shroud was the barrel nut if you will and the threads were timed as such to lock up at 12 o'clock. The relationship with High Standard had nothing to do with Karl Lewis as he was already out of the picture and filing law suites against Dan. (Distgruntal employee but that is a whole other conversation in itself). Dan Wesson Arms during the beginning years was not financially sound and struggled a bit and the High Standard deal was a deal with the devil as we call it to continue the business. If you look at the High Standard, they are all model 14 and model 15's. (Pork chop shroud but with a few improvements including the start of the internal barrel nuts moving away from the model 12 external barrel nuts. (Bill Ruger was a friend of my grandfather and he told Dan that the external barrel nut was ugly as hell and get rid of it..lol.) The model 14 and 15 were short lived and placed with the new and improved 14-2 and 15-2's. This was also a way for Dan Wesson to move old inventory of the pork chop shrouds and older design. Mitchell approached us a few times over a few years in the early 90's and wanted to work a deal with us to re-brand for him. He was working on a prototype safety feature that required the use of a chipped ring that would activate the strut I believe to fire the gun and the ring could only activate that gun it was matched to. With the California laws he thought this would have been a way to market the gun for the safety features. I saw the prototype at our shop and was an interesting idea which had flaws but don't think that ever went anywhere. He wanted a few other changes to the gun but wanted to contract Wesson Firearms to make the revolvers for him branded under his company. Again all fixed barrel and I believe the shroud was a bit different. I left in Sept. 1994 so not 100% of what happened after that but I assume they made a deal with him as the company again was financially in trouble as like before the early 70's. I would agree it was probably a handful of guns and maybe for a year until Bob Serva acquired the assets.

I am glad you like the Palmer guns. I told you they were nice..lol..The plum look from the Monson guns was too much silica int the sand castings that caused that..(ugly as hell in my opinion but some people like them.). love the pics you have..keep collecting.

I had been on the Forums at times and its hard to answer everyone's questions and stay on it as my life is hectic. I have a company in manufacturing with my brother and sister for the last 30 years and I am married with 2 kids. My wife is a director of nursing at a large facility. My son is Daniel (23) and my daughter Morgan (20). We have a crazy life together that takes up a ton of time. Both my brother and I have sent Jody information to post on the forums at times and have helped with time lines and history. Some old pictures of Dan on there and a time line of improvements. I don't count the 1911's either..lol. Nothing innovative there. Just a copy of what Colt designed a lone time ago with a spin on it in a very flooded 1911 aftermarket after the patents were up. But they make it work. By the way CZ approached us in 1993-1994 to acquire us but they wanted too much of the pie. (Hind sight that may have been a better for the company).

My parents Seth Sr. and Carol along with Ed Arventos decided to go with partners that were involved with Ithaca at the time but they raped the company which is why we all left especially when they decided to stop paying payroll taxes which made all of us personally liable and put us in a tough position. That group were the ones that sold the assets to Bob Serva, not the Wesson Family. We tried our best with what we had for resources. It just wasn't meant to be. Too bad CZ only plays with the 1911's and one revolver. They only wanted name and brand recognition and offer a quality revolver to their line up.

If I don't answer you right away, please do not take it personally. I will always get back to you but it may take a little bit sometimes because of my schedule. Feel free to ask any questions you have to clarify anything or left anything out.

Best regards
Eric

New message from: [stantonusa](#) (3,972 ★)

Stan here. Thanks for the feedback. I found 3 Palmer manuals from a member of the Dan Wesson forum this week! I'm a so happy! anyway thanks for your help. By the way, we were talking about the Mitchell arms Titan II this week. I can't think of a person better to ask about this. So I think Wesson Firearms sold their guns to Mitchell (1995?) who rebranded them just like the high Standards in 1973. Were they all fixed barrels? I wish I could find one they seems very rare. It seems Dan Wesson had a close relationship with High Standard thru the years going back to Karl Lewis. I just bought 2 fixed barrel guns this last week. The quality at Palmer seems so good even better than monsun especially the finishes on the Palmer guns. I have never seen any plum palmer guns and the finish on my fixed barrel is the best I ever saw! Stan PS I now have 6 Palmer guns including 3 Supermags (a 40 a 740 & 445 second pic) 2 fixed one has a compensated barrel (3rd pic) and a 715! Palmer guns are the best! Check out the Dan Wesson wall of fame! (first pic)



On Apr 26, 2023, at 4:13 AM, Stan Shiver <stmstan@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi I thought I would email you instead of going thru ebay. I was checking in to ask 2 things. First still looking for a Palmer supermag manual. Second I'm a member of the Dan Wesson Forum. I was wondering if I could share a few of our messages to the forum. I'm sure they would love to see your insights on Palmer and a few other things you wrote about. I would not share your email. I don't know if you ever have peeked at the forum but it's full of many members who have enjoyed collecting Dan Wessons for years. Most all are revolver collectors. Like me most of them do not count 911 pistols as true Dan Wesson guns because Dan Wesson really had nothing to do with semi-auto pistols. I figure if he wanted to make one, he would have. Anyway if you never peeked in on the forum, it's quite a place. You may enjoy looking at some of the stuff there. Have a great day, Stan