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It shoots like the precision instrument that it is, to supplement and match your skills as a handgunger.

From the 50-yard machine rest, this Smith & Wesson .22 target auto has shot groups comparable with the performance level of test barrels. That's one of the many reasons why the first official 300-possible was fired with a Model 41, and why the gun is the choice of serious competitors.

The other reasons:

An S&W Micrometer Click rear sight that can't stray out of alignment with the front sight (mounted on the back of the barrel, not on the slide.) Comfortable balance, stock angle and grip, in right or left hand. Wide, grooved trigger with adjustable stop, velvet-smooth let-off. Superb S&W workmanship.

And versatile? You can use any of *Jour*, instantly interchangeable barrels — switch to .22 Shorts, by changing the slide.

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S&W ,22 Automatic Pistol

Model 41. .22 Long Rifle. 73½" barrel, detachable muzzle brake. Sight radius: 9½,". Weight: 43½ ozs. Finest S&W Blue finish; checked walnut stocks.

Also available:

5" barrel; 5½" heavy barrel, with or without extendible front sight. (All interchangeable.) 22 Short or 22 Long Rifle Conversion Kit. Olympic counterweight. Oversize trigger guard.

#### Model 41 .22 Target Pistol

### By Roy G. Jinks

The competitive shooter has always looked to Smith & Wesson for the most accurate and shooter friendly handguns. Smith & Wesson's handguns were the choice of America's greatest shooters since the competitive pistol matches were started in 1886. It was for this reason that the shooting community was looking to Smith & Wesson to introduce a competitive auto-loading pistol. Designers at Smith & Wesson were studying all the various competitive .22 auto-loading pistols made in Europe and the United States trying to develop a pistol that would meet the needs of both the American competitive shooters and the international competitor. In July 1947 Smith & Wesson completed two experimental .22 target pistols the X41 and the X42. Smith & Wesson's pistol team and competitive shooters from the Army Pistol Teams tested these experimental pistols. Mr. C. R. Hellstrom took various samples of .22 target pistols to The National Matches for testing and comments. The company was interested in what the shooter wanted for grip angle, accuracy, trigger pull and weight balance. It was a difficult task to develop a competitive pistol that would meet the various needs of the top shooters. The final design was decided upon in 1956 and the new .22 target pistol was announced in Smith & Wesson's 1957 Annual Report, stating: "Its design includes many advanced features, such as stocks equally suitable for right or left-hand shooters- a clean, crisp, trigger pull that is adjustable to individual preferences. The distribution of weight, together with the angle of the stocks, permits extremely steady off-hand holding. The precise micrometer sights are rigidly mounted on a one piece forged barrel to avoid any possible misalignment even after long usage." The handgun featured a 7 3/8-inch barrel equipped with a muzzle break to help control recoil. The underside of the barrel was grooved to allow the addition of adjustable Olympic Style Barrel Weights. The trigger pull could be adjusted to allow for a 2-pound pull to meet the NRA Gallery Course requirement or increased to 3 pounds to meet the needs of the ISU International rules.

Sales began in December of 1957 and the Model 41, as it was named was first cataloged in 1958. Sales were extremely heavy and the factory was soon heavily back ordered and it became the most popular auto-loading pistol offered by the company. In May of 1959 Smith & Wesson introduced a 5-inch lightweight barrel for the handgun to meet the demand of hunters who wanted to have this fine pistol for field use. The line of Model 41's was further expanded in September of 1960 with the introduction the Model 41-1 which fired the .22 shorts for the International Rapid Fire Shooters. As more shooters began to use the Model 41, a demand arose for a shorter heavy barrel, and in August of 1963 the company introduced the 5.5 inch heavy barrel. The last of the major barrel changes occurred in 1965 when the company produced the 5.5-inch heavy barrel with and extendable front sight to provide the shooter a longer sight radius.

During the last fifty years the Model 41 has met the needs of competitive shooters, and established many records around the world. It has seen additional changes in improving its function and accuracy. Today it is one of the classic target handguns sporting a rich 50-year history.



# Smith & Wesson®

## **MODEL 41 ENGRAVED**

**50th Anniversary Model** 

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Model: 41 Engraved
SKU: 150363
Capacity: 10+1 Rounds
Action: Single Action

Barrel Length: 5-1/2"
Front Sight: Patridge
Rear Sight: Adjustable
Grip: Wood
Weight: 41.0 oz.
Overall Length: 10-1/2"
Material: Carbon Steel

Finish: Blue

UPC Code: 022188134155

Other Features: Machine Engraved with Class A+ Coverage,

24 kt Gold Plated Borders, Glass Top Presentation Case, Special Serial Number Range:

FYA0001 - FYA0500