

The \$55,000 Dragoon.

The cover gun is a Colt .44 Third Model Dragoon created for the American Bicentennial and the National Sporting Goods Association Annual Show for 1976. It was purchased, by sealed bid, for \$55,000 by Arthur L. Toll, President, Nationwide Sports Distributors, Southampton, Pennsylvania.

The Dragoon was engraved and inlaid by three master craftsmen in Colt's Custom Engraving Department. The inlay work is 24K gold; the decorative motifs relate to American history and include the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, a Revolutionary War cannon, the Rampant Colt and a portrait of George Washington. All over the surface of barrel, frame, hammer, cylinder and backstrap is profuse scroll engraving and leaf overlays. This Dragoon bears the only Colt serial number specifically related to a date: 1776-1976.

Matching serial numbered accessories, also scroll engraved, include powder flask, bullet mold, cap tin and screw driver/nipple wrench. These, and the Dragoon, are displayed in a French walnut drawerstyle presentation case with glass top panel. Key, lock, and hinges are solid brass.

R.L. Wilson, the firearms historian, calls this Bicentennial Dragoon "the finest firearm made by Colt's factory in this century."

The tradition of Colt precision engineering.

Colt precision engineerina beaan 141 years ago. Then, it was based on the intuitive genius of Sam Colt. He was an inventor, not a metallurgical engineer; a production innovator, not a ballistics expert. He insisted on precision manufacture to achieve parts interchangeability. And he demanded consistent performance of every gun he put his name on. The standards Sam Colt set have never changed, never will.



What Colt Firearms does today is apply the advances of metallurgy and manufacturing technology to those original designs so they are even more precise in fit, assembly, and performance.



The original Colt idea was centered around the human craftsman. The hand of man made a Colt a Colt. That's true now, but with a difference. Factory machines of Sam's time were simple. They could take actual gunmaking only so far.





Now, modern multipleaction machinery can carry raw metal far closer to being a Colt. But still, before a Colt leaves the factory, a skilled assembler takes over. To hand hone and file. To fit and refit. To gauge and test. To fire each gun. And when these tasks are done, a Colt master gunsmith critically inspects each gun to make sure it can be called a Colt. What all this means to

you, the gun buyer, is Colt consistency, part to part, fitting to fitting, gun to gun. In the past, each Colt was a unique excample of the gunsmith's art, each perfect but each slightly different. Today, every Colt is the ultimate combination of master gunsmithing and precision technology, every one uniform and accurate, gun after gun after gun.

A special offer to readers of this catalog.

A Study of the Colt Single Action Army Revolver, by Ron Graham John A. Kopec, and C. Kenneth Moore, is rapidly establishing itself as the definitive work on these guns. To the serious gun collector, it is an essential part of his library.

A Study contains over 500 pages of information about Colt Single Action Army revolvers, much of it never before published. In addition, photographs in full color and black-and-white show many of the most famous, beautiful, and rare Single Actions. Complete manufacturing data on all variants are also included.

For the Standard Edition: \$39.95.

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Single Action Army



	Barrel Lengths	Stocks	Finishes	Weight (empty)	Overall length	Sight radius	Sights
Single Action Army .45 Colt or .357 Magnum	434" or 5½" or 7½"	Black composite rubber. Walnut on 7½"barrel/nickel finish only.	Colt Blue (color case-hardened). Nickel (7½" barrel only)	37 oz. (.45 w/5½" barrel) 41½ oz. (.357 w/5½" barrel)	12%" with 7½" barrel 10%" with 5½" barrel 10%" with 4¾" barrel	8%" w/7½" barrel 6%" w/5½" barrel 5¾" w/4¾" barrel	Fixed rear square notch Fixed front blade
New Frontier Single Action Army .45 Colt or .357 Magnum	5½"or 7½"	Walnut only	Colt Blue only (color case- hardened)	38 oz. (.45 w/5½" barrel) 42 oz. (.357 w/5½" barrel)	12%" with 7½" barrel 10%" with 5½" barrel	8%" w/7½" barrel 8%" w/5½" barrel	Fully adjustable rectr Ramp-style front





	Barrel lengths
Python	21/2"
.357 Magnum	(Blue or
(fires .38	4" or 6"
Special	

as well)

Stocks Checkered Walnut target-style

Finishes Colt Blue (21/2" barrel only) or Nickel

Weight (empty) 33 oz. w/2½" barrel 38 oz. w/4" barrel 431/2 oz. w/6" barrel

Sights

Overall length 111/4" with 6" barrel

Sight radius 41/8" w/21/2" barrel 5%" w/4" barrel 7%" w/6" barrel

Features

Fully adjustable rear Ventilated rib Ramp-style front Fast-cocking widespur hammer Full-shrouded ejector rod



	Barrel lengths	Stocks	Finishes	Weight (empty)	Overall length	Sight radius	Sights	Features
Trooper MKIII .357 Magnum (fires .38 Special as well)	4" or 6"	Checkered Walnut target style	Colt Blue or Nickel	39 oz. w/4" barrel 42 oz. w/6" barrel	9½" with 4" barrel	7½" w/6" barrel 5½" w/4" barrel	Fully adjust- able rear Ramp-style front	Quick-draw type sights Shrouded ejector rod Coil mainspring target hammer Smooth target trigger
	2" or 4" (square butt grip only)	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	32 oz. w/2" barrel 35 oz. w/4" barrel	7¼" with 2" barrel 9%" with 4" barrel	3%" w/2" barrel 5¼" w/4" barrel	Fixed square notch rear Fixed blade front	Coil mainspring Roomy trigger guard Shrouded ejector rod on 2" barrel only Serrated service trigger

How Colt precision engineering works.

Here's a good example of Colt precision engineering at work. Below is a photograph of the raw metal parts that eventually become the Trooper MKIII. As much as 90% of what you see will be removed by ings, because there isn't a machining, cutting and milling before each part is finished. In Sam Colt's day. most parts were forgings; there was no better method raw metal part, they

for making gun parts. Now it is possible to use other methods to insure strength, quality, and performance. Some of these parts are castings, some pressed steel. Some are still foraway to make them better. But before Colt engineers decide to change from a forging to another type of

are certain that the new part will maintain the traditional standards of Colt precision.

Guns with the Colt name were designed originally by men of vision: Sam Colt, handauns by seeing what others couldn't. Their designs were the product of imagination rather than science. These guns haven't

changed fundamentally since the first one made. But their components, the metals used, the consistency of manufacture, have all been improved, based on the developments of scien-John Browning. They created tists and engineers over the vears. The result is the product of genius made perfect by the application of technology.



Diamondback

If the Python is the Heavyweight Champ of Magnums, the Diamondback is its Middleweight counterpart. At just under two pounds, the Diamondback packs .38 Special muscle and wallop. The perfect gun for service or range use, yet with many of the design features of the Python: smooth action, ventilated rib, adjustable rear sight, fast-cocking wide spur hammer, and target-style grips. Also available in .22 LR.

Police Positive

A brand-new Colt handgun. The same basic design as the famous Detective Special, but with a four-inch barrel for longer sight radius and reduced muzzle jump. Extra weight promotes confident, stable shooting. The walnut grips are redesigned to conform to a wider variety of hand sizes. The tops are tapered and the bottom is rounded for a comfortable arip whatever your hand size. Targetstyle ramp sight in front and notched rear sight make homing in on your target quick and easy.

Colt ,38s are used extensively by law enforcement, security police, investigators, women officers, watchmen and for home defense. They offer full ,38 punch plus Colt dependability and quality at an affordable price.



	Barrel lengths	Stocks	Finishes	Weight (empty)	Overall length	Sight radius	Sights	Features
Diamondback .38 Special or .22 LR	4" or 2½" (.38 only)	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Polished Nickel (.38 only)	24 oz. w/2½" barrel 27½ oz. w/4" barrel 31¾ oz. w/4" barrel .22 cylinder	7½" with 2½" barrel 9" with 4" barrel	3%" w/2½" barrel 5%" w/4" barrel	Fully adjustable rear Ramp-style front	Target hammer
Police Positive .38 Special	4"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	26½ oz.	9"	51/2"	Fixed square notch rear Ramp-style front	

Detective Special

The perfect personal protection handgun. A very popular gun for off-duty law enforcement officers. Balanced and stable for confident feel and performance. Tough, all-steel frame, shrouded ejector rod, and six-shot. 38 Special capacity.

Cobra

Among police, investigators, and sportsmen, the Cobra is one of the most preferred handguns. The reason is convenience: the Cobra is light. It won't weigh you down in long hours of field duty. And it's a handy size, less than seven inches long, which makes it easy to handle and carry.

Introducing the Viper.
A new version of Colt's popular Cobra. Uses the same aluminum-alloy frame to reduce weight, but the barrel is a full four inches of steel to increase accuracy and reduce muzzle jump.
A suitable handgun for women officers, security police, watchmen, or for home defense.

Agent

The lightest, most economical .38 made by Colt. Sixteen ounces of protection ideal for off-duty use or personal or home secunity. Aluminum alloy frame reduces weight to a minimum in places where it's not essential to performance. Available with optional hammer shroud.



Barrel length	Stocks	Finishes	Weight (empty)	Overall length	Sight radius	Sights
2"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	21½ oz.	6%"	3¾"	Fixed square notch rear Ramp-style front
2"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	16½ oz.	67é"	3¾"	Fixed square-notch rear Ramp-style front
4"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	20 oz.	9"	5½"	Fixed square-notch rear Ramp-style front
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Colt Centerfire Automatics

The Colt .45 Automatic has been "America's Right Arm" since 1911. And for one good reason: dependability. The dependability that Colt builds into it. And the dependable simplicity of its design.

As the illustration below

As the illustration below demonstrates, it is an unbelievably simple pistol. It can be field stripped and reassembled in under 60 seconds. And because of its precision manufacture,

it is dependably accurate in even the most impossible weather and climate conditions. That's probably why it has been the official sidearm of the U.S. Army for so long. In fact, it is not uncommon to find an original 66-year-old Colt .45 Automatic still in everyday use. Notice the exclusive spring loaded barrel bushing. The tension in this bushing allows no play between barrel and slide

when the pistol is in battery and ready to fire. Therefore, barrel and slide maintain consistent alignment for each round fired. That means greater shotto-shot accuracy and repeatability. No other .45 Automatic

No other .45 Automatic is John M. Browning's Colt design. This is the original. There may be imitators, but there is no substitute. So accept none.

.22 Conversion Kit

If you want to enjoy the feel, steadiness and accuracy of the Colt Automatic, but prefer economical .22 ammunition, you may order this special conversion kit. It quickly converts any Gold Cup or Government Model. 45 ACP or .38 Super Colt Automatic to .22 I.R. The Kit includes: barrel, slide, magazine, and all associated parts. Features solid rib and adjustable rear sight. Finished in Colt Royal Blue. Not available in Nickel.



Gold Cup National Match

Definitely the automatic for the serious target shooter. This Colt .45 Automatic has everything you need to score your best: the exclusive Colt Accurizor® barrel and bushing which tightens groupings by up to 100% over conventional automatics: Colt-Elliason adjustable rear sight; adjustable wide, grooved trigger; undercut front sight. If holes in the ten-X ring are what you're after, the Gold Cup is what you should be aiming.

Government Model

When the Army drafted the Colt .45 in 1911, it was judged to be a firearm "markedly superior to any other known pistol (because) of its extreme reliability and endurance..." Through the wars and peace that followed, the Government .45 has performed as expected. The reason is because of precision manufacture. Insisted on by Colt, of course.

Gold Cup National Match

45 ACP

MK IV/Series 70

MK IV/Series 70

45 ACP or

.38 Super or 9mm Parabellum

Government Model 5"

Barrel

Checkered

Walnut

Checkered

Colt Blue

Colt Blue

38 oz.

(.45 ACP)

(.38 and 9 mm)



834"

Undercut front

adjustable

Colt-Elliason

Fixed square-

notch rear

Ramp-style

Flat backstrap

Wide, grooved trigger

Serrated target hammer Cartridge capacity: 7 rounds (45 ACP)

Grip and thumb safeties

Adjustable trigger

Grooved trigger Accurizor® barrel and

Cartridge capacity: 7 rds. (.45 ACP)

9 rds. (.38 and 9mm)

bushing

Solid rib

COLTS MK IV/SPRINGTON SOLD CUP NATIONAL MATCH AS AUTOMATIC CALIBER

Lightweight Commander

All the firepower of the Government Model, but more compact and lighter for efficient field use. Aluminum alloy frame reduces weight, makes for easy carrying; shortened overall length makes it more portable yet with no sacrifice in reliability. .45 ACP only.



Identical to the Lightweight Commander but with a rugged all-steel frame. Some shooters prefer the confidence of a heavier automatic, so Colt made this one. It is available in all three Colt Automatic calibers: 45 ACP, 38 Super and 9mm Parabellum. And like the Light-weight Commander, it is compact (7%" overall) so you can carry it comfortably anywhere.



COMMANDER COLT AUTOMATIC

	Barrel lengths	Stocks	Finishes	Weight (empty)	Overall length	Sight radius	Sights	Features
Lightweight Commander .45 ACP	4¼"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue	27 02.	7%e"	534"	Fixed square- notch rear Fixed blade front	Grooved trigger Lanyard-style hammer Cartridge capacity: 7 rds.
Combat Commander .45 ACP or .38 Super or 9mm Parabellum	41/4"	Checkered Walnut	Colt Blue or Nickel	36 cz. (45 ACP) 36½ cz. (38 and 9 mm)	7%"	5%"	Fixed square- notch rear Fixed blade front	Grooved trigger Lanyard-style hammer Cartridge capacity: 7 rds. (45 ACP) 9 rds. (38 and 9mm)



	Barrel length	Overall length	Stock	Finish	Weight (empty)	Length of pull	Magazine capacity	Sights	Fittings
R-15 Sporter 23 (5.56mm)	20"	39"	Reinforced polycarbonate with butt-stock storage compartment	Black anodized receiver, black oxide barrel	7½ lbs. with 5-rd. magazine	13" 19%" sight radius	5 rds. with detachable magazine	Windage adjustr quick-flip rear Elevation adjustment front post	Optional 3x scope





The Colt Custom Gun Shop



For 1977, Colt is expanding the Custom Repair Department to include not only engraving and repair but also customizing of any Colt handgun, new, used, or antique. Collectors know the value of a Colt: and a custom-made and engraved Colt is the most valuable of all. So if you are considering making your Colt personally unique, keep it all Colt by having the work done by the Custom Gun Shop.

Among the services offered:

Engraving

Grade A One-fourth of metal surfaces Grade B One-half of metal surfaces Grade C Three-fourths of metal surfaces Grade D All metal surfaces

Repair

Tedford Action Elliason sight installation Refinishing and reconditioning of Colt firearms Caliber conversions

.45 Automatic Custom Work

Post-1970 Government Model .45s and Gold Cups are equipped with the Colt exclusive Accurizor barrel and bushing. The Custom Gun Shop can convert your pre-1970 model to this new design which will provide you with increased accuracy.





Special engraving to your specifications by the Colt Custom Gun Shop.

Serializing

If you select two Pythons, for example, you may have them custom serialized with consecutive numbers.

And if you desire a specific serial number for your Colt, the Custom Gun Shop will accommodate you.

Grips

In addition to the Jay Scott grips. Colt offers handcarved wood or ivory grips to your design specifications; and custom-made sterling silver grips. designed and engraved to your order.

Custom Shop Catalog

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