



US FIREARMS MANUFACTURING COMPANY HAS GREAT PRODUCTS!

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Every now and then one happens across a product that is particularly good and wants to let everyone else know about his find. This is how it was when I decided to special order a new six-shooter, something that would be individually designed just for my tastes.

Having spent many hours during the '60s admiring the selection of Colt .45s at the Blass Sporting Goods store in Little Rock, I made the decision back then I must have one. But, as things happen, I ended up leaving for one of those all expense paid tours of Southeast Asia courtesy of Uncle Sam by the time I was old enough to purchase one and totally missed out on that deal. An unexpected career developed and, some 25 years later, I finally returned home only to discover the Blass Sporting Goods store, along with those beautiful Colts, were only memories.

Back in February I decided to give one of *The Cowboy Chronicle's* advertisers a shot to see if they could fill an order for that six-shooter I always wanted. I requested a catalog from US Firearms Manufacturing Company in Hartford, CT and first came into contact with Gary Germane, one of the company's fine salesmen. I figured since they were an American company they just might be manufacturing their products in country with a degree of quality one would expect from an elegant firearm. Having had some, shall we say, less than pleasurable experiences with a number of imported replicas, it was time to go back to the basics that made the Old West and America free. "Buy American" became my rallying cry when it came to the Old West materials that make Cowboy Action Shooting™ so much fun.

The catalog arrived in March,

and I must have gone through it a dozen times before finally selecting "The Single Action Revolver" on page 15. Sure enough, that is what it is called. So, I contacted Gary, and we began to go through all the options and configurations possible. After all, this was my individual six-shooter, so why not have it built to my specifications? Gary was great in explaining all the possibilities and answering my novice questions to ensure I got just what I wanted.

I finally settled on a case hardened cross pin frame with a 7.5-inch barrel in .45 Colt caliber and hand checkered walnut grips. Gary also informed me I could have my SASS number used for the serial number if it had not already been issued. That's the way we went. Since I enjoy indoor range shooting during the hot summer months, I figured I would also include a .45 ACP cylinder in the buy, an option I had never seen before on a six-shooter. Therefore, the order was placed in April, and the most difficult part came next, the waiting.

In June, my special "Peace Maker" finally showed up, just in time to be pronounced an anniversary present from the wife. Right out of the box it felt special, a natural



extension of my hand. The first box or two of .45 ACP ammunition convinced me this was "the" revolver I had decided I must have so many years ago. The action and balance were perfect, and the sighting was right on. With the cooler weather coming soon, I plan to spend quite a bit of time on the range with black powder loads from Ten X, another fine *Cowboy Chronicle* advertiser.

My pistol is a work of art with the tolerances held to such perfection it is easy to see why American made products set the standard for the world. The revolver is a real pleasure to shoot with a perfect natural feel, and I really appreciated the phenomenal personalized service from Gary Germane, an outstanding salesman with the U.S.F. Mfg. Co. in Hartford, CT, USA.

When you are ready to have the personalized six-shooter made just for you, give Gary a call. Tell him I sent you. 🐾