The Ranger came to me with a variety of grip choices, including the standard rosewood grips, stippled black rubber grips and NAA’s unique Magnum Holster Grip. I chose to install the rubber grips, to maintain the smallest profile while offering good control.

At the range, this tiny revolver attracted a lot of attention. I set up a target at 10 yards, and braced my arms on the bench. The tiny spur trigger is grooved, which probably provides a bit more control for your fingertip. With CCI Maxi-Mag hollow points, the gun showed a tendency to group about 5” high and 2” to the right. It was pretty much the same with Federal Champion FMJs. I did get some nice groups, including one 1-3/4” four-round group with a flyer (my fault) that opened it up to almost 3”.

Initially, I found that the Ranger had problems with Winchester ammo, SuperX FMJ and Supreme JHPs specifically, with about 80 percent failures to fire on the first go-around, with the cartridges firing on the second hit. There was no such problem with the CCI or Federal cartridges. A week later, I tried the Winchester cartridges again, and there was no repetition of my earlier problem. The little revolver worked as well with the Winchester rounds as it did with Federal and CCI. Go figure.

The Ranger sights are rudimentary...better than my Seecamp, which has no sights at all, but the addition of an XS sighting system, such as is supplied with the NAA Pug, would be most welcome.

Realistically, however, this is a gun intended for conversational ranges...i.e., stick it up their nose and pull the trigger.

The Ranger I received is one of a planned initial run of 500, intended to determine the level of market interest. As might be expected of a limited-production gun, it comes at a premium price... $499. If it does go into full-scale production, the people at North American Arms hope to bring the MSRP down to $399. Whether you choose this revolver as a back up to your back up, or as the one gun you will carry with you at all times, the North American Arms Ranger is a must-have.


“This gun is a jewel. The precision and detailing of manufacture puts everything else to shame.”