

Speed Plates Results

To test handguns for accuracy with speed, we used a set of six Bianchi plates, which are 8-inch round steel plates spaced 1 foot apart at 10 yards. The shooter started with the muzzle of the gun grounded on a table at waist height. On the signal from our electronic timer, the revolver was raised and the six plates shot down. The average time was based on five runs without misses. We didn't shoot pins for the speed testing because one of the charms of the sport is the unpredictable nature of the pins. Since we couldn't determine in advance how the pins would act from string to string, we chose a more repeatable test for our comparison.

The first-shot times give an indication of how well the revolver steadies on target and the smoothness, ease, and predictability of the trigger pull. The total time gives a composite picture of all the guns' handling qualities: trigger smoothness, weight and predictability, recoil recovery, sight quality, and ability to index multiple targets rapidly.

Speed Plates At 10 Yards

	First-Shot Average Time	Five-Shot Average Time
Revolver		
S&W 686	1.17 seconds	4.19 seconds
Taurus 607	1.22 seconds	3.79 seconds
Taurus 608	1.14 seconds	3.63 seconds

Start position: Muzzle grounded on table.