

GET A GRIP

When it comes to outfitting revolvers for different competitions, shooters often find they need very different grips to satisfy the varying requirements of games like IPSC, Action Pistol, Silhouette, and others. I've found several grip solutions that make my Taurus 608 and other revolvers better suited to the courses I shoot.

IPSC: The stock Taurus grip was too wide at the top of the backstrap for my hands, limiting the number of ways I could get a good shooting position. Instead, I wanted a grip made of hard wood with a smooth finish and no finger grooves, which allows me to work the grip around in my hand between

reloads. Solution: The Miculek grip designed by World Speed Shooting Champion Jerry Miculek. It allows me to hold the gun securely, but it doesn't force me into one position every time. It also has a window through which mainspring tension can be adjusted without removing the grip. Unfortunately, a Miculek grip for the 608 is not yet available, but the grip is available for most S&Ws. Contact: Clark Custom Guns, telephone (318) 949-9884.



Hogue Monogrip (top) and custom Hogue prone base

Action Pistol, Standing Silhouette: The main concern is getting a steady, firm grip where the entire hand can lock-in, save the trigger finger. Checkering, grip tape, fin-



Miculek grip

ger grooves, and palm swells can come into play in these games. The gun should be easily supported without tension in the portion of the hand that controls the trigger. The Pachmayr Decelerator model for Taurus new large-frame guns gave my hand more options. Even though the grip has no special base for shooting prone, the natural gripping qualities of rubber contributed to holding the gun steady, especially when there was a rug available to shoot from. For wood lovers, the Hogue MonoGrip is another good choice. Contact: Hogue Grips, telephone (805) 239-1440.



Dan Wesson with skateboard tape

Prone: The big Dan Wesson Model

40 sports a grip with serious prone shooting in mind. The addition of skateboard tape to the underside of the butt to ensure a strong hold on the prone mat is a nice touch. This design has made it unnecessary to own more than one grip for my multi-purpose race gun. Another option: Hogue can supply a flat base on the standard MonoGrip that makes shooting this position a breeze. Competition grips from Hogue start at \$49.95 with an additional \$20 for a flat base, or 'Big Butt.' Contact: Hogue, telephone (805) 239-1440.



Hogue Big Butt

—Roger Eckstine