continued from page 13

single-action trigger traveled 0.3 inch in the first stage and with 2.25 pounds of pull, then broke at 5.5 pounds. (With the first 2.25 pounds used to take up the first-stage slack.) The single-action pull was mushy and traveled a little, we thought.

The frame was aluminum alloy, the slide stainless steel. The frame was matte gray, topped by a polished-gray slide. The trigger, hammer, sights, slide release, magazine release, and decocker/safety were all stainless steel. The grips were hard-plastic panels with a large checkering pattern. Neither the front or rear grip frame had any extra grip enhancement beyond the bead-blasted finish. The decocker, slide release and the magazine release all had parallel lines cut in them to aid in grip. The magazine had a very slight forward protruding lip that served as part of the grip, supporting the little finger of the shooting hand. There was a lip that protruded rearward at the top of the grip to hold the web of the shooting hand in position. The top also provided a safety stop to protect the hand from the slide.

The hammer did have a spur, allowing for easy thumb-cocking. There was a spring-loaded ambidextrous decocking lever that will lower the hammer safely from the cocked position. This allows double-action only for the first shot with no ability for an additional safe position requiring that it be released before firing. The gun will switch to single-action (hammer cocked) after the first shot and will remain in that mode until the hammer is manually decocked. The gun was completely ambidextrous, a plus for left-handed shooters. The slide release was stiff and required a fair amount of hand strength to release.

This gun had a full capacity of 11 rounds, ten in the magazine and one in the barrel. The rear sight was a square notch with white dots bracketed the notch. The front was a square blade with a white dot. The rear sight was adjustable for wind-

