

FN BARRACUDA 357 MAGNUM, \$450-\$750

GUN TESTS GRADE: B+

The Barracuda was a well-made revolver. It likely would have moved up a grade if the 9mm cylinder had been included.



Here we use a 6-round Tuff Quick Strip to load the FN. The Tuff Quick Strips allowed the user to load two rounds at a time fairly quickly. The flexible strips also laid flat in our pocket with no cartridge rattle.



With the cylinder open, a button screw on the right side of the frame could be pressed to remove the cylinder and crane assembly. A 9mm cylinder is available for the handgun, but one wasn't included in our sample — too bad.

Action	Double Action
Overall Length	8.3 in.
Overall Height	5.5 in.
Maximum Width (Cylinder)	1.5 in.
Weight Unloaded	37 oz.
Weight Loaded	39.8 oz.
Barrel Length	3.0 in.
Capacity	6
Frame Material/Size	Blued Steel
Cylinder Material	Blued Steel, Fluted
Frame Front Strap Height	2.2 in.
Frame Back Strap Height	4.2 in.
Grips	Checkered Wood
Grip Thickness (max)	1.3 in.
Grip Circumference (max)	5.5 in.
Front Sight	Ramp
Rear Sight	Fixed Notch
Sight Radius	5.0 in.
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action	4.7 lbs.
Trigger Pull Weight Double Action	11.2 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action	2.9 in.
Trigger Span Double Action	3.3 in.
Safety	None
Warranty	NA
Telephone	(703) 288-3500
Website	NA
Made In	Belgium



Testers noted they could hold high on the grip, so the pistol was manageable even when shooting rapid double action. The front of the trigger was squared off like on a SIG or Beretta pistol.

The Barracuda came with fixed sights. They needed a dab of white paint to stand out more.

