

RANGE DATA

American Eagle 38 Special 130-gr. FMJ	Ruger New Vaquero	Traditions Frontier Series 1873 Single Action
Average Velocity	907 fps	869 fps
Muzzle Energy	237 ft.-lbs.	218 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group (open sights)	1.3 in.	1.0 in.
Average Group (open sights)	1.6 in.	1.4 in.

Winchester Cowboy 38 Special 158-gr. LFN	Ruger New Vaquero	Traditions Frontier Series 1873 Single Action
Average Velocity	769 fps	757 fps
Muzzle Energy	207 ft.-lbs.	201 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group (open sights)	1.3 in.	1.8 in.
Average Group (open sights)	1.4 in.	2.2 in.

Sellier & Bellot 357 Magnum 158-gr. JHP	Ruger New Vaquero	Traditions Frontier Series 1873 Single Action
Average Velocity	1189 fps	1141 fps
Muzzle Energy	496 ft.-lbs.	457 ft.-lbs.
Smallest Group (open sights)	1.0 in.	1.7 in.
Average Group (open sights)	1.2 in.	2.6 in.

To collect accuracy data, we fired five-shot groups from a bench using a rest. Distance: 15 yards with open sights. We recorded velocities using a ProChrono digital chronograph set 15 feet from the muzzle.

The rear sight groove of the Frontier (left) was narrower than the Vaquero (right); as a result, the Vaquero rear groove was slightly faster to target, in our opinion.

