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**New Smith & Wesson® M&P® SHIELD™ Pistol  
Slim, Concealable, and Now Available in .45 AUTO**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (May 20, 2016) --- Smith & Wesson Corp. announced today that it is now offering its popular M&P Shield™ pistol in .45 AUTO. Smith & Wesson's M&P45 Shield is a slim, concealable, lightweight, striker-fired polymer pistol. From its one-inch profile to its optimized 18-degree grip angle, the M&P45 Shield offers professional-grade features that provide consumers and professionals with reliable performance and simple operation in a concealed carry. 45 AUTO firearm. Whether deployed as a backup sidearm for law enforcement personnel, a deep concealment pistol for plain-clothes officers or a personal protection firearm for consumers, the M&P45 Shield can be carried comfortably and confidently, all day.

Jan Mladek, General Manager of the M&P Brand, said, "Our new M&P45 Shield takes personal protection to the next level by offering all the M&P features our customers have come to trust, combined with .45 caliber power. Well over 1Million consumers and professionals have chosen to "Shield themselves" with the slim, concealable and powerful M&P Shield pistol. The new M&P Shield in .45 AUTO provides that extra level of confidence."

Available for the first time in .45 AUTO, the M&P45 Shield features a slim design combined with the proven and trusted features found in the M&P Pistol Series. At 6.45 inches long, the M&P45 Shield is standard with a 3.3 inch stainless-steel barrel. On the left side of the frame, the pistol is fitted with familiar operational controls including a simple takedown lever, flat profile slide stop, and magazine release. For optimal firearm control, the M&P45 Shield is standard with an 18-degree grip angle, aggressive grip texture and front cocking serrations. The pistol is available with or without a thumb safety, and an extended trigger guard allows for operation with or without gloves. The striker –fired M&P Shield is highly regarded for its crisp trigger and quick and audible reset.

**M&P45 Shield Highlighted Features:**

- Lightweight, unloaded weight of less than 20.5 ounces
- Slim, .99-inch frame width
- Compact and concealable with 6.45-inch overall length
- Aggressive grip texture
- Front cocking serrations
- Armornite® durable corrosion resistant finish
- Includes 2 magazines, 6 and 7 round capacity

The M&P45 Shield model has an MSRP of \$479 and is sold with a limited warranty and a lifetime service policy.

To see the M&P45 Shield in action, please visit [www.smith-wesson.com/mpshield](http://www.smith-wesson.com/mpshield)

For more information on Smith & Wesson's M&P family of products, including the complete line of M&P Shield pistols, please visit [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com).

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