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Smith & Wesson® M&P® Shield™ Pistol Now Available With Tritium Night Sights

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (**January 18, 2016**) --- Smith & Wesson Corp. announced today that it is now offering versions of its popular M&P Shield pistol in both 9mm and .40 S&W with front and rear tritium night sights. Whether deployed as a backup sidearm for police personnel, a deep concealment pistol for plain-clothes officers or an every-day firearm for concealed carry permit holders, the new night sights on the M&P Shield enhance sight acquisition in all low-light situations.

At the core of the M&P Shield resides its slim, lightweight, high-strength polymer frame, measuring .95-inches in width, coupled with an unloaded weight of less than 19 ounces. The M&P Shield is standard with a 3.1 inch barrel that contributes to its compact overall length of 6.1 inches. On the left side of the frame, the M&P Shield is fitted with familiar operational controls including a simple takedown lever, flat profile slide stop and magazine release. For optimal firearm control, the M&P Shield is standard with an 18-degree grip angle and a fixed textured backstrap with additional texturing at the forward portion of the grip. An extended trigger guard allows for operation of the pistol with or without gloves.

The stainless-steel slide and barrel on this new M&P Shield is standard with a 5.3-inch sight radius and front and rear tritium night sights. For consistent and accurate shot placement, the pistol features a short, consistent trigger pull that has been further enhanced with a quick and audible reset made possible by the striker-fired action.

Internal features of the M&P Shield mirror the standard M&P pistol series. Its stainless-steel internal chassis reduces flex while providing a stable shooting platform and its low-bore axis helps maintain ease-of-use and a comfortable feel. A passive trigger safety prevents the pistol from firing if dropped and a sear release lever eliminates the need to press the trigger in order to disassemble the firearm. A loaded chamber indicator is located on top of the barrel. The M&P Shield is shipped with both an extended and flat magazine offering consumers the ability to customize the length of the grip. Depending on the magazine used, the capacity of the 9mm M&P Shield is either 8+1 or 7+1, while the capacity of the .40 S&W M&P Shield is either 7+1 or 6+1.

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.

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC) is a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, delivering a broad portfolio of quality firearms, related products, and training to the global military, law enforcement, and consumer markets. The company's firearm division brands include Smith & Wesson®, M&P®, and Thompson/Center Arms™. As an industry leading provider of shooting, reloading, gunsmithing and gun cleaning supplies, the company's accessories division produces innovative, top quality products under Battenfeld Technologies, Inc., including Caldwell® Shooting Supplies, Wheeler® Engineering, Tipton® Gun Cleaning Supplies, Frankford Arsenal® Reloading Tools, Lockdown® Vault Accessories, and Hooyman® Premium Tree Saws. Smith & Wesson facilities are located in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, and Missouri. For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.

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