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Smith & Wesson Introduces 50th Anniversary Edition Of Model 29 .44 Magnum

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (January 26, 2006) – Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary, 154-year old, global provider of products and services for safety, security, protection and sport, announced today the release of a 50th Anniversary commemorative, limited-edition of the Model 29 revolver.

Since its first appearance in 1955, the Smith & Wesson .44 Magnum has transformed history. Used by shooting sports legend Elmer Keith, and by the “Dirty Harry” character created in 1971 by cinema superstar Clint Eastwood, the Model 29 laid first claim to the title of the “most powerful handgun in the world.” Today, sportsmen, hunters and collectors can relive the legend of this timeless classic through the release of the 50th Anniversary edition of the Model 29 by Smith & Wesson.

Constructed of carbon steel material with a polished blue finish, the Model 29 features a smooth single-action and crisp double-action trigger pull. The six-shot revolver measures 12 inches in total length with a 6.5-inch barrel and weighs 48.5 ounces. The Anniversary Model features African Cocobolo wood grips along with a 24kt gold-plated anniversary logo visible on the right side of the frame. Each Model 29 will be shipped with a mahogany presentation case and a Smith & Wesson cleaning kit with screwdriver.

The time tested Model 29 is manufactured with an authentic square butt frame and serrated trigger. A red ramp front sight along with an adjustable white outline rear sight is standard on each revolver. Like its predecessor, the Anniversary Model features the same duty-proven configuration that avid shooters have come to expect from Smith & Wesson firearms.

“The impact of the Model 29 on the firearm industry is unparalleled,” said Tom Taylor, Smith & Wesson’s Vice President of Marketing. “Once in production, the Model 29 changed history by setting new limits for handgun marksmanship and hunting. Today, we are excited to offer this timeless firearm to .44 Magnum enthusiasts everywhere.”

Information on the Model 29 is available on the Smith & Wesson website at www.smith-wesson.com, and is also available through authorized Smith & Wesson dealers.

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson is a global provider of products and services for the safety, security, protection and sport markets. The Company manufactures firearms and handcuffs and is home to America’s longest-running firearms training facilities for America’s public servants. The Company also markets a variety of products for sport shooters including firearm safety/security devices, shooter protective gear, knives, apparel, footwear and other accessory lines. The Company is based in Springfield, Mass., with manufacturing facilities in Springfield and Houlton, Maine. Contact (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.