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PERFORMANCE CENTER MODEL 460 SAFETY RECALL

Product Under Safety Recall Notice

Smith & Wesson's Performance Center Model 460 Revolvers

Description of the Hazard

Smith & Wesson has received four (4) reports of barrel failures involving its Performance Center Model 460 revolvers. These barrels were manufactured by an outside supplier. Our investigation has revealed that the quality of steel in some of these barrels did not meet the performance requirements for these firearms and may have contributed to failure of the barrel.

You should stop using the revolver and return it immediately to Smith & Wesson so that your barrel can be inspected and replaced, if necessary.

Description of the Product Involved

This recall applies to Performance Center Model 460 revolvers shipped by the Smith & Wesson Performance Center prior to September 18, 2006. This recall does NOT apply to Smith & Wesson standard production Model 460 revolvers. The affected revolvers can be identified by the following Serial Number Range:

EBD0001 - EBD0524

EBF0002 - EBF0251

LHZ0000 - LHZ0511

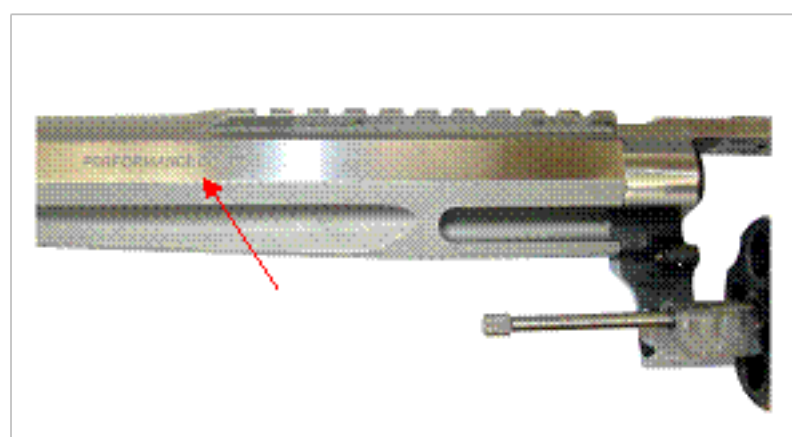
LLL0000 - LLL0702

LRR0001 - LRR0552

MMM0001 - MMM1809

XMC0001 - XMC0109

To determine if your firearm is part of this recall, please check your serial number which can be found on the yoke of your firearm as indicated below. Each Performance Center Model 460 will have the words "Performance Center" engraved on the barrel as indicated below:

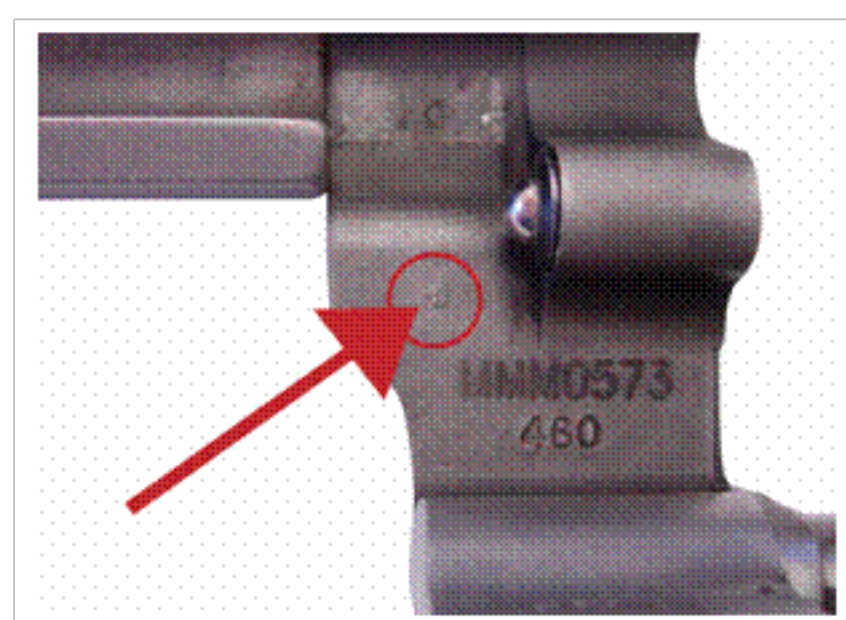


Action to be Taken

When the revolver is returned to Smith & Wesson, we will inspect and test each barrel to verify that it meets specification. If the barrel fails to meet specification, a new one will be provided and installed for you free of charge.

We have already begun the corrective action process on Performance Center Model 460 revolvers. To determine whether your revolver has been inspected, please do the following:

1. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction;
2. Open the cylinder and verify that the firearm is unloaded; and
3. Look for a "punch dot" in the yoke opening, just above the serial number, as shown below. If this indicator is present, your revolver has already been inspected and no further action is required.



Consumer Contact

Please contact Smith & Wesson directly at 1-800-331-0852 ext. 2905, or email us at qa@smith-wesson.com to arrange for the return of your revolver. All work will be done free of charge.

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