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Product Codes and Features by Year

102501	2" DA S RB 1987-93 in various lots; special for N.Y.C.P.D., bobbed hammer, matte finish, laser etched.
102502	2" S RB 1984-2001 30 oz. - 2001 retail \$511.
102504	3" HB S RB 1984-2001 33.5 oz.- 2001 retail \$521.
102506	4" HB S SB 1984-95 35 oz.
102506	4" HB S RB 1996-2001 with SB grips -2001 retail \$521.
102505	4" HB S SB.
102507	4" DA Only (NY-1) Special order #7166 (reported serial number AWT29xx).
102508	4" SB S DA Only (NY-1).
102509	3" DA Only (NY-1).
102510	2" RB S DA only.
102516	2" RB S DA only, bobbed hammer (64-4).
102602	4" S SB 1993 33.5 oz. Special.
162502	2" S 6SH RB SG IL, 2002-2003.
162502	2" ZS-06-CS-A2-MD-BX-GR-SF-FS, 2004-.
162504	3" S 6SH HB RB SG IL, 2002-2003.
162504	3" ZS-06-A2-MD-GR-B2-SF-SI-FS-CS, 2004-Date.
162506	4" S 6SH HB RB SG IL, 2002-2003.
162506	4" ZS-06-A2-MD-GR-B2-SF-SI-FS-CS, 2004-Date.
602506	Used Gun Code 64-5.

NY-1 NEW YORK CITY POLICE MODEL 64s AND 60s

by R.M. Vivas

One of the largest non-military purchasers of S&W firearms has always been the New York City Police Department. While a variety of S&W handguns have been used by the NYCPD since the early 20th century, the most prevalent models have been the Military & Police/Model 10 and the Chiefs Special/Model 36.

In 1987 the New York City Police Department amended its regulations to require that all newly purchased handguns have a stainless steel finish and fire Double Action Only (DAO). These regulations led to the adoption of the Model 64 NY-1 and the Model 60 NY-1, both non-cataloged factory variations of the stainless steel versions of the M10 and M36.

The Model 60 NY-1 differed from the standard Model 60 in the following regards:

- Had to be capable of firing DAO.
- The finish had to be matte or frosted.
- The Model 64 NY-1 had the same requirements as the Model 60 NY-1 well as a couple more:
- The serial number had to appear on the frame below the cylinder window.
- For the first time a 3" barreled gun would be permitted for on-duty use.

Since these guns were to be purchased by the individual

officers as personal weapons, the guns bore no NYCPD property markings. They were marked with the model number and then NY-1 on the frame in the cylinder yoke cut-out. These guns were all shipped to the NYCPD Equipment Bureau at One Police Plaza, NYC, or to the Outdoor Range at Rodman's Neck, Bronx. After examination they were placed in an arms locker at the Equipment Bureau and sold to individual officers.

There were five models of the M64 NY-1: 2" RB, 3" RB, 3" SB, 4" RB and 4" SB; there was one model of the M60 NY-1 and that was a 2" RB.

Model 64 NY-1

Among the five variations of the M64 NY-1 there are several minor variations.

The most obvious variation is in finish. Early guns had a stainless finish that was lightly "brushed" to give a non-reflective appearance. In use it was determined that this finish, when subjected to some wear, would start to take a "shine." In later models the finish on the gun was switched to a much more matte "frosted" sort of appearance that held up better.

On some of the earliest guns, the serial number was applied only to the butt and the frame cylinder yoke cut-out. For inspection purposes the NYCPD wanted the serial number in a third location: on the left side of the frame below the cylinder window (this would allow for serial number verification without opening the cylinder or removing oversized private purchase grips). Early production guns with this third serial number placement have the serial number stamped into the frame using traditional stamping methods. On later guns the third serial number placement is by means of a "decal" or acid etch type of numbering method.

Of the five different barrel length/butt shapes, the most common is the 4" SB of which approximately 2,469 were made. This is followed by 932 of the 4" RB; 516 of the 3" RB; 478 of the 2" RB; and 96 of the 3" RB. Additionally, there are 1,013 for which no information is available as to configuration. The total production is estimated at 5,504 guns.

These guns were authorized for on-duty use from 1987 to 1993 when they were discontinued in favor of 9mm pistols. At that time the M64 NY-1s remaining in inventory were returned for a credit to S&W, who resold the guns. In some cases the guns were converted back to SA/DA before being resold. A number of contract overrun guns are said to have been sold by the factory during the production life of this model.

These guns were the last S&W revolvers to be authorized for on-duty use, as well as being the first stainless steel S&W revolvers used by the NYCPD. They guns cost \$184.34 when first purchased in 1987. By 1993 the price was \$238.99.

Model 60 NY-1

The Model 60 NY-1 had a very short service life. It was first made available in the summer of 1987 and by late 1988 was withdrawn from service. Unlike the M64 NY-1s, the M60 NY-1s

had no special serial number placement or finish. They were all manufactured in a 2" RB configuration and were marked "NY-1" on the frame in the cylinder yoke cut-out.

In 1988 there were a series of problems with the M60 NY-1 that resulted in all of them being taken out of service and examined by S&W armorers. Guns that were re-examined have a stamp on the frame near the NY-1 stamping that looks like an outline of a human silhouette target. Guns that passed this re-examination were returned to the officers and put back into service.

Despite the re-examination, some problems continued and the guns were removed from the authorized weapons list. This created a considerable problem, since all of the guns were purchased by the individual officers from the Department, who had ordered the guns for resale. Smith & Wesson offered to refund the officers the cost of the Model 60 NY-1 or trade it for a Model 64 2" barrel round butt and a S&W gift certificate for \$25.

On June 23, 1989, the Equipment Bureau's unsold inventory of revolvers, totalling 1,253 guns, was returned to Smith & Wesson.

The Smith & Wesson designation for this particular contract variation, as it appeared on invoices and references, was "M60 38 2" RB NYCPD*SP DA." The total received by the police department was 3,670 revolvers. The guns were packed in regular Smith & Wesson blue and white, lift top, one-piece cardboard boxes. Serial numbers were stamped on the butt and generally ran in the BAA6000 - BAA8000 range. A small number of guns were in the BAF2000-3000 range, while a very few had the BAC or AWP prefix. This is based on an examination of 500 serial numbers. A number of guns were found to be in sequential order within the same shipment.

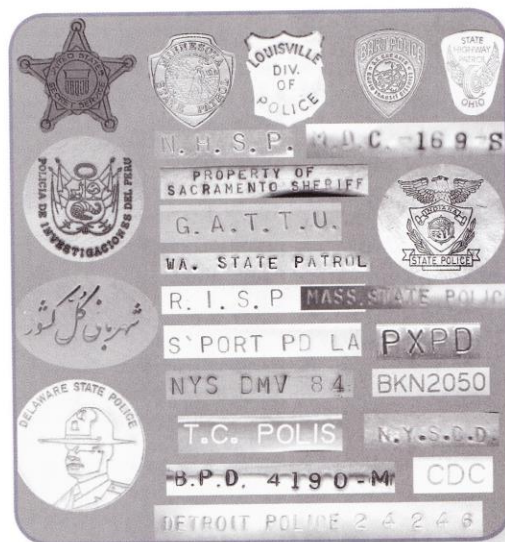
The price for these guns throughout their service was \$205.98.

A fascinating variation of the M60 NY-1 are the "Initial Guns." When the M60 NY-1 was first being shipped, S&W took four guns and had them manufactured with special serial numbers to recognize the contributions of four NYCPD officers who had helped come up with the M60 NY-1 concept and evaluation. A factory letter for one of these guns describes them thusly:

"On July 10th, 1987 four Model 60 NY-1 revolvers were transported to the New York City Police Department's Training Facility at Rodman's Neck, New York. The serial numbers of these guns are GTC0001, RCK0001, JCC0001, and RPR0001. These four guns are the first Model 60s to leave the Smith & Wesson plant in Springfield, Massachusetts that have the special New York City modifications as designed by the following men and officers of the New York City Police Department:

*PO Gerry T. Cason
PO Ronald C. Kennedy
Lt. Richard P. Rosenthal
Capt. John C. Cerar"*

Collectors should be aware that of the 1,253 guns that were returned to S&W, a number were modified and resold through commercial channels. At least some of these guns were rebarrelled to 3" and resold. The presence of the NY-1 stamping on these 3" guns has given rise to the mistaken belief that the NYCPD had ordered 3" M60s; such was not the case.



Police and miscellaneous markings observed on various models of S&W revolvers.

Model 65: The .357 Military & Police Heavy Barrel Stainless

Caliber: .357 Magnum/.38 Special. Double-action revolver built on the stainless steel K service frame with three screws. Stainless steel version of the Model 13 without the extractor shroud normally found on magnum calibers; 3" inch heavy barrel with a round butt frame or 4" heavy barrel with a square butt frame, .312" combat trigger, .265" service hammer. Checked walnut service stocks with S&W medallions, 6-shot fluted and counterbored cylinder with a nominal length of 1.67". Pinned barrel, 1/8" serrated ramp front with square notch rear sight, smooth backstrap and forestrap, original "D" serial prefix. Manufactured 1972 - 2004.

ANIB	Exc	VG	Good
400	300	265	225

Variations

- (Model 65) .357 Magnum F Comp: 3" full-lug barrel with compensator, dovetailed tritium front night sight with dot, tuned action, round butt with rubber grips,