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# U.S. Firearms Rodeo .38 Special



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The USFA Rodeo is designed as an entry level, traditionally styled revolver for the cowboy action shooter.

## SPECS

### U.S. Firearms Rodeo .38 Special SA Revolver

Manufacturer	.....U.S. Firearms Mfg. Co. 55 Van Dyke Ave. Hartford, CT 06106
Model	.....Rodeo
Operation	.....Single-action revolver
Caliber	......38 Special (.45 Colt also available)
Barrel length	.....5.5 inches (4.75 inches also available)
Weight, empty	.....38 ounces (5.5-inch barrel)
Safety	.....Traditional halfcock notch on hammer
Sights	.....Grooved topstrap rear; fixed blade front
Stocks	.....Checkered hard rubber
Cylinder capacity	.....6 rounds
Finish	.....Matte blue with color-casehardened hammer
Price	.....\$550



The Rodeo has a traditional color-casehardened hammer with firing pin mounted on it.

No one can dispute the fact that cowboy action competition requires a lot of specialized equipment. Many matches now require the use of two handguns in most stages, in addition to a lever-action rifle and a shotgun. Add to that the leather gear, hats, boots, and ammunition, and the amount of necessary equipment increases considerably. The cost of getting started in cowboy action competition can add up pretty quickly.

It is also a fact that many cowboy action shooters demand authenticity in their gear. Many cowboy action shooters want their revolvers to look and feel like handguns that were actually used in the Old West. Of course, the king handgun there is the venerable Colt Single Action Army (or Peacemaker, as it also came to be known). But Colt Peacemakers now have tremendously high retail prices so not all that many cowboy action shooters, especially at the beginner level, are packing two Colt Peacemakers.

A viable alternative is the Rodeo from United States Firearms Mfg.

(USFA) Co., Dept. ST, 55 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, CT 06106; 877-227-6901; [www.usfirearms.com](http://www.usfirearms.com) For more than 10 years USFA has been producing high-quality clones of the Peacemaker. These revolvers match the looks and feel of the original item so closely that sometimes I've had to pick them up and read the barrel inscriptions to know exactly what single action I was

examining. The Rodeo is available in .45 Colt and .38 Special with either 4 3/4- or 5 1/2-inch barrel lengths. And in my opinion, it is a fine example of the revolvermaker's craft.

First, let me stress that USFA's Rodeo is precisely the same size as an original Peacemaker. It has the same grip frame, the same overall weight, and the same heft and balance. I've been shooting single-action revolvers for about 35 years now, and I can say that if I am blindfolded and have an original Colt SAA in one hand and this USFA Rodeo in the other, I cannot discern which hand holds which revolver.

### Traditional In Every Detail

The USFA Rodeo functions in all respects exactly as the Colt Peacemaker

