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THE POST-WAR



COLT

SINGLE- ACTION REVOLVER

1976-1986

Don Wilkerson

My survey of engraved standard frame revolvers, serial numbered between 80000SA and SA66500, was represented by almost 2,500 revolvers. The following tables are presented in percentages and are felt to be representative of actual pro-

duction. By comparing percentages of the models represented in my survey, the collector should be able to gain a fairly accurate estimate of the relative rarity of the various models.

ENGRAVED REVOLVERS BY CALIBER

.45 caliber	83%
.44 Special	7%
.44-40 caliber	2%
.357 Magnum	3%
Sheriff's Models*	5%

*Sheriff's Models were counted as a separate entity since most were of dual caliber.

ENGRAVED REVOLVERS BY FINISH

Blue*	64%
Nickel	35%
Other#	1%

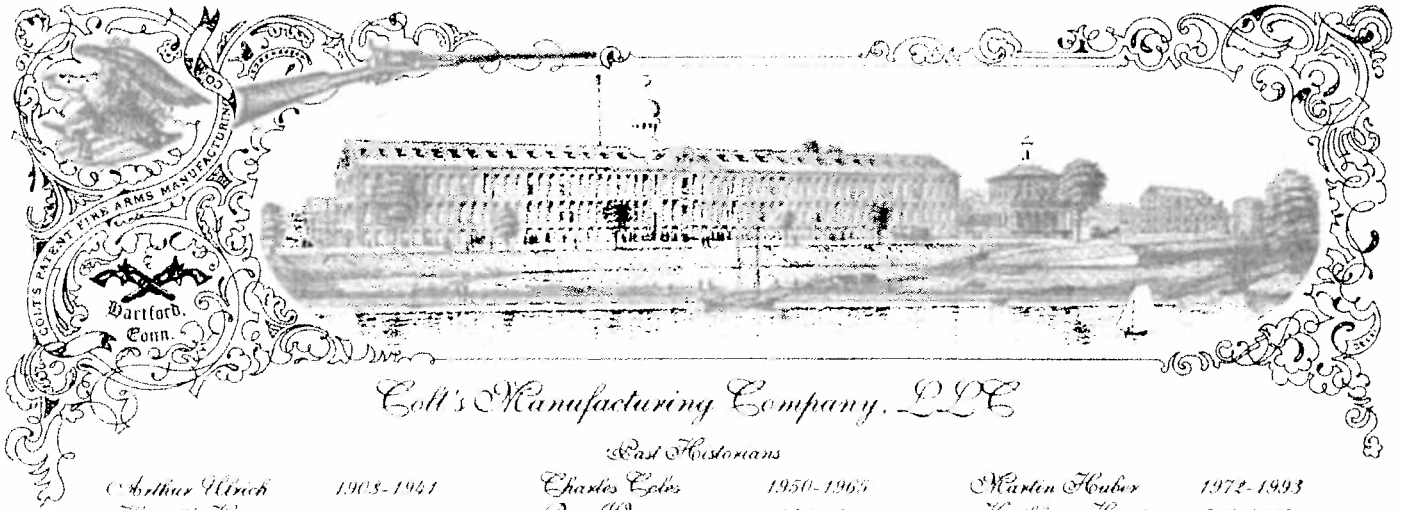
*Blue finish represents all blue type finishes, blue and casehardened, full blue, special blue, etc.
 #Other represents exotic finishes, gold, silver, dual, etc.

GOLD

ENGRAVED REVOLVERS BY GRADE

Grade A	17%
Grade B	18%
Grade C	41%
Grade D	24%

Note: Master engraved revolvers are not included in the above chart since many master engraved revolvers do not conform to strict definitions of the various grades. Master engraved revolvers in my survey were represented by 252 revolvers.



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<i>Arthur Ulrich</i>	<i>1903-1941</i>	<i>Charles Colts</i>	<i>1950-1965</i>	<i>Marten Huber</i>	<i>1972-1993</i>
<i>Harold Ward</i>	<i>1942-1945</i>	<i>Don Wagner</i>	<i>1957-1972</i>	<i>Kathleen Hoyt</i>	<i>1988-2009</i>

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Colt, by means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

<i>Serial Number:</i>	<i>SA25889</i>
<i>Caliber:</i>	<i>.44 Special</i>
<i>Barrel Length:</i>	<i>4 3/4"</i>
<i>Finish:</i>	<i>Full gold plated</i>
<i>Type of Stocks:</i>	<i>Black composition with eagle motif.</i>
<i>Factory Engraved:</i>	<i>Yes, Class "C" standard level scroll engraving.</i>
<i>Engraver's Name:</i>	<i>Not Listed</i>
<i>Shipped To:</i>	<i>Howco Distributors</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>122 Lafayette Avenue Laurel, Maryland</i>
<i>Date of Shipment:</i>	<i>October 1, 1982</i>
<i>Colt Custom Shop Order:</i>	<i>#877</i>
<i>Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:</i>	<i>5</i>

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

Beverly Jean Haynes
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Dear Mr. Mayle:

In response to your request for historical information, we have researched our records and located the following pertinent data:

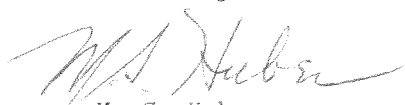
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