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especially in handguns, have a way of running athwart of accuracy. Besides, in working with a cartridge of such great potential as the .357/.44, a so-called, moderate loading will easily outperform the standard .357 Magnum.

The Ruger New Model features a light-gathering insert in the front sight with a rear sight that is adjustable for both lateral and vertical correction of shot placement. The rear sight adjustment is effected through the use of a small, flat-bladed screwdriver and is a micro-click affair. Adjustment appeared to have been established at the Ruger plant so that, once the preliminary accuracy-test shots had been fired, the only adjustments I made were purely in satisfaction of my curiousity.

No shots were fired from the 9mm alternate cylinder prior to rechambering it for the .357/.44. In the first place, it was necessary to leave the 9mm cylinder at the shop for the re-chambering operation and, in the second place, although the 9mm round has unquestionable merit within the limits of its function as an auto-loading handgun cartridge, I could not muster sufficient enthusiasm for shooting it from a revolver. Bill Ruger-and this is purely wishful thinking-might well consider the advantages, both commercial and practical, of offering their excellent revolver with alternate cylinders for both the .357 Magnum and the .357/.44. In this way the purchaser would be afforded the advantage of being able to shoot anything from the softest .38 Special target loads to the mighty concoctions possible with the .357/.44... and have the standard .357 Magnum round available for anything in between the two extremes. The versatility suggested in such an offering deserves consideration.

The ballistic performance of the .357/.44 approaches that of the standard .357 Magnum when the latter is shot from a rifle with a 20-inch barrel. The superiority of the .357/.44, however, prevails as we compare velocity figures obtained from test firings involving the more capacious round in a rifle. Rechamberings have taken place in both the Martini single-shot and the Winchester Model 92. You will note, upon observing the included table of rifle loads, that velocities with relatively heavy bullets are impressive, especially when one remembers that this is primarily a handgun cartridge.

There also is, as might be expected, a velocity boost through the use of .357/.44 re-chamberings in Thompson Contender single-shot handguns with either 834-inch or 10-inch barrels.

A few observations with respect to reloading the .357/.44: I should first note that the single disadvantage, though not