



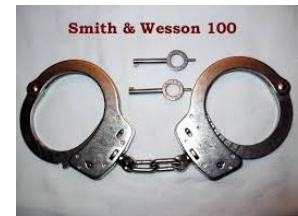
# Smith & Wesson



**Smith & Wesson  
Pink Gripped Gun for  
Women**

The story of Smith & Wesson starts with two men who shared a dream to develop a firearm that could use a fully self-contained cartridge, eliminating the need to load a firearm with a loose ball and powder. Smith & Wesson met in 1850 while working as subcontractors to a firearms firm in Windsor, Vermont. Their original company failed in 1854 so they sold their invention to Oliver Winchester and by 1866 this technology became the basic design for the famous Winchester Repeating Rifle.

In 1856 Smith & Wesson started another company that used their patented cartridge with their newly designed small revolver (Model #1). The onset of the Civil War was a huge boost to their business. By 1865 they each had reported incomes of \$160,000 per year making them the wealthiest men in Springfield MA. After the Civil War, they started selling to the European and Asian markets where political problems were occurring. In 1873 Mr. Smith retired at the age of 65. By 1885 Wesson's sons, Walter and Joseph assumed management positions. Today Smith & Wesson is highly regarded for their innovation and quality in the personal protection and firearms businesses(\*).



**Horace Smith and Daniel Baird  
Wesson**



**Quote from Dirty Harry  
Movie 1973, This is a 44.  
Magnum, the most powerful  
handgun in the world....**

\* Information from the book "The Images of America - SMITH & WESSON"