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COVER

This patent (#217,562, July 15, 1879) model of the D. B. Wesson revolving rifle is on display in the Smithsonian Institution. Of .44 cal., it is 48" overall length with a 30" barrel. The frame and cylinder are brass. The rifle uses cartridges in which the bullets are seated inside the cases, with the tips flush with the case rim. Transparency by Bluford Muir.



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