



SMITH & WESSON – 686 HANDGUNS .357 MAGNUM

A Robust, proven .357 Revolver that shoots 7 shots and is easy to maintain and to control.

NETGUNSMITH.COM OVERVIEW: The Smith & Wesson 686 Plus is the proven .357 Magnum revolver that has enjoyed a vaunted spot in the marketplace of defensive handguns for more than three decades (the original 686 was introduced in 1988). This is a 7-shot .357 Magnum that offers significant heft which keeps the balance and recoil at acceptable levels and presents firepower that is rarely matched by other handguns. The high-quality stainless-steel construction produces a revolver that is capable of lasting generations with the proper care. One of the most popular guns in the S&W lineup, this "L-frame" revolver is well built and capable of use in hunting, home defense and personal carry scenarios.

A very well known legacy product from a proven manufacturer with all the right attributes for use in multiple shooting scenarios, including handgun hunting, self defense and home defense, target shooting (takes .38 Special ammunition also) and even concealed carry for those who wish for a full-sized gun.

7 shots of powerful .357 Magnum that is both reasonable in cost and effective from a stopping power perspective. It is easy to use and does not have an active safety to interfere with fast reaction times.

NOTES FOR CONSIDERATION: The 3 inch barrel variant weighs in at 2.3 lbs. despite being a relatively small variant of the model. It is hefty.



Shown, is the Smith and Wesson Performance Center 686 Plus.

This is a full-sized 7-shot .357 Magnum revolver that has been in the S&W product portfolio for decades. There are numerous variants of the famous revolver, some of which hold 6 and some of which hold 7 shots.

\$725-900

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Comparative Values of this Item (out of 10 possible points per metric)

Relative Value Offered for Price on Market: 8 out of 10 This item offers excellent value relative to peers.

Ease of Use: 10 out of 10 Netgunsmith.com feels this is an intuitive choice; safe for any shooter with basic training.

Suitability for Hunting: 7 out of 10 It's been used extensively by handgun hunters and is still viable.

Suitability for Home Defense: 9 out of 10 A classic choice for those who prefer a handgun for home defense.

Suitability for Concealed Carry: 7 out of 10 It is large, but some can justify the weight and bulk for carry.

Suitability for New Shooters: 10 out of 10 Can shoot .38 Special to train, and is easy to learn on.

History and Reputation of the Brand: 10 out of 10 Smith & Wesson has a great reputation.

Cost of Ownership: 8 out of 10 This is a reliable, easy to clean and relatively cheap to shoot firearm.

Durability: 10 out of 10 The design has been proven to be very durable and reliable in operation.

Resale Value: 9 out of 10 This firearm will hold its value quite well if no modifications are performed on it.

Differentiating Factors:

The Netgunsmith.com team feels that the legacy of this firearm puts it in the top few choices of any industry list. The balance of the firearm is game changing, as it allows ease of handling, while the weight mitigates some of the snappy recoil of the .357 Magnum cartridges. 7 shots in a substantially similar size format to other medium to large revolvers that only carry 6.

Notes:

This is a well-balanced but heavy firearm and may not be suitable for small shooters in some scenarios.

SMITH & WESSON 686

Specifications of shown model (to the right)

Style of Firearm: Revolver

Caliber: .357 Magnum / .38 Special

Capacity: 7 Shots

Weight: 2 lbs. 3 ounces

Dimensions: Barrel: 3"; Overall length: 8.18"

Materials used in Construction: Stainless Steel

General Pricing Range: \$725-900

Notes: adjustable rear sight; polymer grips



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