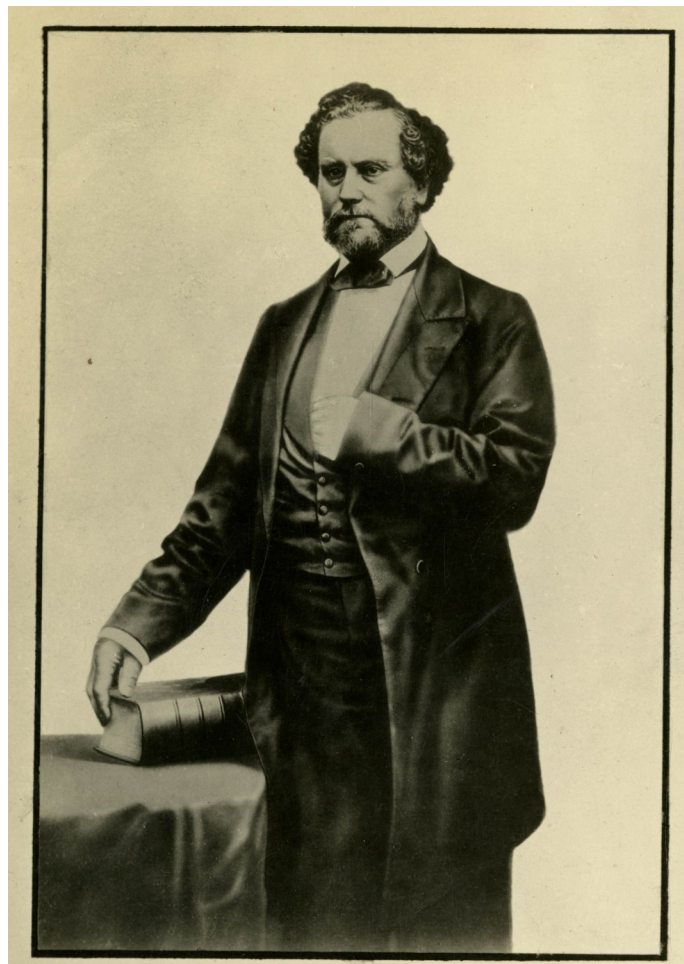




# THE COLT REVOLVER

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Samuel Colt (1814 - 1862), Archives Collection, P.22.9

# FIRST MODEL DRAGOON

## 1848 – C. 1850

The First Model Dragoon revolver was the best available at the time and became popular with both the military and civilians in the American West.



First Model Dragoon revolver, Cat. No. 1261

Design improvements led to the endorsement of Colt firearms by the armed forces. The US military bought nearly half of all Walker and Dragoon revolvers manufactured by the Colt Company.

<b>Caliber:</b>	.44 caliber round ball or conical bullet with percussion cap
<b>Cylinder:</b>	6-shot, roll engraved with Texas Ranger and Indian fight scene by W. L. Ormsby.
<b>Barrel:</b>	7.5" long, part round and part octagonal
<b>Finish:</b>	Blued with case hardened frame, hammer and loading lever Brass grip straps plated in silver for civilian use, left unfinished for military use
<b>Grips:</b>	Varnished walnut one-piece grips (civilian) or walnut oil-stained (military)
<b>Weight:</b>	4 lbs., 2 oz.
<b>Production:</b>	Approximately 7000 produced

# SECOND MODEL DRAGOON

## C.1850 – 1851



Second Model Dragoon revolver, Cat. No. 2076

The Second Model Dragoon looked very similar to the first, but included improvements that continued to make it popular with the military and civilians.

Colt made several design improvements to the Dragoon revolvers, including particular safety features of the cylinder and hammer which addressed problems of accidental discharge and burst cylinders. By

<b>Caliber:</b>	.44 caliber round ball or conical bullet with percussion cap
<b>Cylinder:</b>	6-shot, roll engraved with Texas Ranger and Indian fight scene by W. L. Ormsby
<b>Barrel:</b>	7.5" length, part round and part octagonal
<b>Finish:</b>	Blued with case hardened frame, hammer and loading lever Brass grip straps plated in silver for civilian use, left unfinished for military use
<b>Grips:</b>	Varnished walnut one-piece grips (civilian) or walnut oil-stained (military)
<b>Weight:</b>	4 lbs., 2 oz.
<b>Production:</b>	Approximately 2,700 produced

# THIRD MODEL DRAGOON

## 1851 – 1861

The Third Model was the final design of the Dragoon revolver series. It also offered detachable shoulder stocks which are now



Third Model Dragoon revolver, Cat. No. 1259

Three detachable shoulder stock designs were available, including the military design option of a water canteen inside.



Third Model Dragoon revolver with detachable stock, Cat. No. 1233a&b

<b>Caliber:</b>	.44 caliber round ball or conical bullet with percussion cap
<b>Cylinder:</b>	6-shot, roll engraved with Texas Ranger and Indian fight scene by W. L. Ormsby
<b>Barrel:</b>	Standard 7.5" or rare 8" length, part round and part octagonal
<b>Finish:</b>	Blued with case hardened frame, hammer and loading lever Brass grip straps plated in silver for civilian use, unfinished for military use
<b>Grips:</b>	Varnished walnut one-piece grips (civilian) or walnut oil-stained (military)
<b>Weight:</b>	4 lbs., 2 oz.
<b>Production:</b>	Approximately 10,500 produced