



**BMT EQUIPPED INC -- Model N38-8**  
 N38-8 BMT MOONER FUNCTION EVALUATION  
 WITH VARIOUS MOON CLIPS AND CARTRIDGES  
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The following chart shows how well the N38-8 BMT Mooner works with various moon clip and cartridge combinations. A subjective scale of 0 through 4 is used to indicate the ease and difficulty of filling the eight round clip. Each cartridge type listed is used to represent a typical manufacturer's case -- this is not guaranteed.

- 0** : Indicates a very loose fit where the cartridge does or may fall out of the clip.
  - 1** : An easy installation -- fits loose and often a little "floppy" in the clip.
  - 2** : A little more effort for installation with a more secure hold by the clip.
  - 3** : A harder installation requiring more hand strength -- often holds brass straight in clip for easier charging of cylinder.
  - 4** : The clip can not be loaded fully (or at all) with what I would consider typical hand strength.
- Not recommended; 0/5 : too loose; 4/5 : too tight.**

.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5 : Subjective rating between the two scale numbers.

For this evaluation, the moon clips are recent samples of three manufactures, the Starline brass is from a previous year's purchase, and the rest of the cartridge samples from recent purchases.

CARTRIDGE HEAD STAMP  MOON CLIP Manufacturer	STARLINE 357 MAGNUM (NOT NEW BRASS)	FEDERAL 357 MAGNUM (Ni plated case) (Federal Premium)	FEDERAL 38 SPL + P (Ni plated case) (Federal Premium)	FEDERAL 357 MAGNUM (American Eagle)	FEDERAL 38 SPECIAL (American Eagle)	R-P 357 MAGNUM (Remington)	R-P 38 SPL + P (Remington)	WINCHESTER 38 SPL + P (Ni plated case)	WINCHESTER 38 SPL	HORNADY 357 MAG (Ni plated brass)	HORNADY 38 SPL + P (Ni plated brass)	SIG 38 SPL + P (Ni plated brass)	BLAZER 38 SPL	G.F.L. 357 MAGNUM (Fiocchi)	G.F.L. 38 SPECIAL (Fiocchi)	CBC - 357 MAG - MAGTECH	CBC - 38 SPL - MAGTECH	PMC 38 SPL	AGUILA 357 MAG	RWS 38 SPECIAL	
	<b>TK CUSTOM 8 SHOT 38/357</b>																				
blue .025" (stock S&W clip)	2	3	3	4/5	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	4/5	3	3	3.5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	3.5	4/5	
.020" s/s WW (Winchester)	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	4/5	4/5	2.5	3.5	4/5	2	3.5	
.025" S/S STD	1	2.5	2.5	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	4/5	2	2	2.5	4/5	4/5	4/5	3.5	4/5	3	4/5	
.025" S/S * (StarLine)	3	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	3	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	
.025" S/S Horn (Hornaday)	0/5	0/5	0/5	1	1	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	2	0/5	0/5	0/5	2	2	0/5	0/5	2	0/5	1	
<b>REVOLVER SUPPLY CO.</b>																					
FMC-357x8-020B (blued)	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4/5	1	1	2	4/5	4/5	3	3	4/5	2	4/5	
FMC-357x8-020N (Nickel)	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1.5	1	4/5	1	1	2	4/5	4/5	3	3	4/5	2	4/5	
FMC-357x8-022B (blued)	1	1	2	2	1	1.5	1	1.5	1	4/5	1	1	2	4/5	4/5	3	3	4/5	2	4/5	
FMC-357x8-022N (Nickel)	1	1	1	2	1	1.5	1	2	1	4/5	1	1	2	4/5	4/5	3	3	4/5	2	4/5	
FMC-357x8-025B (blued)	1.5	2	2	2.5	2	2	2	2	2	4/5	1	2	2.5	4/5	4/5	3.5	3.5	4/5	2	4/5	
FMC-357x8-025N (Nickel)	1.5	2	1.5	3	2	2	2	2	2	4/5	1	2	2.5	4/5	4/5	3.5	3.5	4/5	2	4/5	
<b>RANCH PRODUCTS</b>																					
For S&W 627, 8 shot, .38 spl	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.5	1	2	.5	.5	1	2	2	2	2	4/5	2	2	

This information does not imply that any moon clip or cartridge is defective or out of tolerance.

What the above information shows is that the clips are designed and manufactured differently and brass is made differently-- even from the same manufacturer. Please note that the groove under the rim of the cartridge is not specified by SAAMI (as no groove is shown). Manufacturers use a groove to provide the effect of a sharp internal radial corner. This groove is also not standardized within the industry and may vary within a manufacturer.