



Smith & Wesson Introduces Walther PPK 75th Anniversary Edition

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (Amex: SWB), parent company of Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 153-year old company in the global business of safety, security, protection and sport, announced today the release of a limited 75th Anniversary edition of the Walther PPK.

After 75 years, the pistol that helped make James Bond famous will be recognized with a special commemorative model. Manufactured of carbon steel with a polished blue finish, the Anniversary Model has wood grips as well as full scroll, machine engraving on both sides of the frame and slide. A 24kt gold plated Walther logo and model name along with an engraved "75th Anniversary" will be featured on the left side of the frame. Each Anniversary PPK will bear a special serial number, starting with 0000PPK and will be shipped with a glass-top wooden display case.

The classic Walther PPK, chambered in .380 ACP ammunition, has a traditional double-action trigger pull, measures 6.1 inches in total length with a 3.3-inch barrel, and weighs 20.8 ounces. The slide features a fixed red dot front sight and a drift windage adjustable dovetail red line rear sight. The pistol is manufactured with a durable and corrosion-resistant stainless barrel, carbon steel frame and slide, and has a capacity of six rounds plus one round in the chamber.

Smith & Wesson, under a licensing agreement from Carl Walther GmBH, manufactures a similar version of the venerable Walther firearm: the PPK/S. The Anniversary Model is smaller in size and almost 3 ounces lighter than the PPK/S. The same ergonomic enhancements found on the PPK/S have been retained for the Anniversary Model. The PPK features an extended beaver tail and an edge break package on the frame designed to provide a streamlined look and feel.

Information on the Walther PPK/S and the Special Anniversary model are available on the Smith & Wesson website at www.smith-wesson.com, and both are available through authorized Smith & Wesson dealers.

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