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Smith & Wesson® Introduces M&P® Pistol Threaded Barrel Models

Suppressor Ready Performance Center® Ported and Standard C.O.R.E. Pistol Now Available

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (October 27, 2015) – Smith & Wesson Corp. today announced that it is adding greater versatility to its premier line of M&P pistols by offering two new versions of the M&P with an additional threaded barrel included in the box. The new 9mm variants, which include the Performance Center M&P Ported and the Performance Center M&P C.O.R.E. (Competition Optics Ready Equipment), allow owners the ability to easily attach a sound suppressor of his or her choice without the use of additional tools.

At the foundation of the new M&P Performance Center Ported and Performance Center M&P C.O.R.E. pistol resides a specialized mounting platform on top of the slide that can be conveniently changed to match the desired optic. Five removable brackets allow the user to simply install the corresponding mounting screws to achieve the precise fit and height required. Designed to work in conjunction with the Trijicon RMR®, C-More STS, Leupold® DeltaPoint™, Docter, Insight® MRDS™ and J-Point™, both M&P models offer quick and custom sight installation for the industry's most popular aftermarket red-dot sight manufacturers.

Engineered as a true competition platform, each firearm model retains original design features including a polymer frame with a through-hardened stainless steel slide and barrel, ambidextrous operating controls, striker-fired action and a durable, corrosion resistant finish. For improved handling, both the M&P Performance Center Ported and Performance Center M&P C.O.R.E. feature a new textured interchangeable back strap with prominent stippling. Three patented palmwell grips are supplied with each pistol, providing shooters the ability to tailor the grip size to their personal preference.

The M&P Performance Center Ported pistol and Performance Center M&P C.O.R.E. are each standard with a Performance Center sear, providing improved accuracy and precise shot placement by way of the enhanced trigger design. The M&P Performance Center Ported pistol has been further enhanced with a factory ported barrel and slide as well as a user-adjustable trigger stop. Both new M&P models feature a 4.25-inch barrel along with higher sights on top of the slide that can be used in conjunction with the mounted optic.

The additional threaded barrel included with both pistols brings an added retail value of \$175 and feature a thread pattern of ½"-28-2A. The two 9mm pistols are standard with a 17+1 round capacity and are shipped complete with two magazines.

For more information on the new M&P pistol models with threaded barrels, please visit www.smith-wesson.com.

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC) is a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, delivering a broad portfolio of quality firearms, related products, and training to the global military, law enforcement, and consumer markets. The company's firearm division brands include Smith & Wesson®, M&P®, and Thompson/Center Arms™. As an industry

leading provider of shooting, reloading, gunsmithing and gun cleaning supplies, the company's accessories division produces innovative, top quality products under Battenfeld Technologies, Inc., including Caldwell® Shooting Supplies, Wheeler® Engineering, Tipton® Gun Cleaning Supplies, Frankford Arsenal® Reloading Tools, Lockdown® Vault Accessories, and Hooyman® Premium Tree Saws. Smith & Wesson facilities are located in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, and Missouri. For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.

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