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## *Fire Cartridges with your Cap & Ball revolver*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Do I need to modify my revolver?

A. To be a breech loader a loading groove must be cut. Depending on the revolver some timing may be needed.

Q. Is the Kirst Konverter a “drop in” conversion cylinder?

A. Kirst Konverters typically need minor fitting adjustments to function properly, due to the manufacturing variances in each revolver.

Q. **What ammo is required?**

A. **Standard Pressure or Cowboy Action ammunition loaded with either Smokeless or Black Powder.**

Q. Can I shoot jacketed bullets?

A. Yes, however jacketed ammo may cause slightly more wear to the bore of the barrel than using lead bullets.

Q. Can I shoot +P or any other high-pressure loads?

A. **ABSOLUTELY NOT!**

Q. What ammo should I use in my new Pietta or Uberti .36 caliber, 1851 Navy percussion revolver, with a .38 Special Konverter?

A. This Konverter will handle .38 Special (Overall length no longer than 1.425”) .38 LC, and .38 Short.

Q. Can I shoot .44 Special in my .44 caliber conversion revolver?

A. No! .44 percussion bores are actually .451 and require .452 - .454 diameter bullets. .44 caliber percussion barrels cannot be lined to .44. There is just not enough metal to get a liner in there.

Q. Why are .44 caliber percussion revolvers converted to .45 Long Colt?

A. .44 percussion bores are actually .451 (the same as a .45 LC) so they require .452 - .454 diameter bullets.

Q. I am a reloader. What loads should I use?

A. We cannot give any reloading advice. There are several good reloading manuals available, plus you can search online for loading data from the manufacturer’s site for the powder you are using. Remember, you should follow the manual or the powder manufacturers online loading data for Standard Pressure or low-velocity Cowboy Action loads, don’t trust any other sources.

Q. Does my .36 caliber conversion need a .38 caliber hollow base bullet to improve accuracy?

A. In 2021, we started machining our .38 caliber Konverter cylinders with .357 throats to match the standard diameter of .38 Special bullets. A .36 caliber percussion revolver barrel has a larger diameter than a .38 caliber bore; so for the best accuracy use .38 caliber, **HOLLOW** base lead bullets in the .36 caliber percussion revolver.

Q. Will your converter fit an ASM or Euroarms revolver?

A. Yes. It will usually require Gunsmithing to function in an ASM.

Q. I bought a used Kirst Konverter. Is it covered under warranty?

A. Yes. Kirst Konverters have a No B.S. product warranty.

Q. I lost my firing pin. Is that covered by the warranty?

A. Yes, send it in and we will repair it immediately.

Q. What is the turn around time for an installation?  
A. Turnaround time is generally 4 - 6 weeks for installations.

Q. Do you still build custom revolvers?  
A. No.

Q. Do you still reline barrels?  
A. No.

Q. How do I convert my revolver myself?  
A. Conversion instructions are available with each of our products and Gunsmithing Videos are linked to the FAQ's page of our website.

Q. What tools are needed to do the installation?  
A. Basic gunsmithing tools. Screw driver set, files, and a Dremel tool

## Troubleshooting Common Problems:

Q. Why won't my arbor pin seat fully in my 1858 Remington?  
A. You need to adjust the foot of the converter ring to fit your revolver. This is covered in the installation instructions.

Q. My cylinder will not rotate when I try to cock the revolver.  
A. The head of the bolt is high, not allowing the bolt to unlock when the cylinder starts to rotate. This condition is covered in the installation instructions.

Q. My gun jams when I go from full cock to half cock.  
A. NEVER let a conversion hammer down to half cock from full cock!

Q. My 1858 Remington jams when I put the hammer down from half cock.  
A. NEVER let a conversion hammer down from half cock. ALWAYS pull the hammer to full cock before letting it down.

Q. My cylinder will not rotate unless the gun is pointed at the ground.  
A. The hand spring is broken and must be replaced.

Q. Cylinder over or under rotates.  
A. The bolt may be dropping late or the hand may be too short or too long. The revolver needs timing.

Q. Trigger doesn't set.  
A. The hand may be too long, the trigger nose may be too long, or a combination of both. The revolver needs timing.

Q. Hammer doesn't fall when the trigger is pulled.  
A. Likely there is an obstruction. Check to see if the main spring is hitting the frame.

**If you're having a problem, do not hesitate to call our Technical Assistance line: 763-300-1981**