



Reloading the Revolver using Bianchi Speed Strips

Illustration of the Stressfire Revolver Reload Technique

(Modeled after the Massad Ayoub Stressfire Reload with speed strips)

(Permission of Massad Ayoub was obtained)

The Massad Ayoub video is at [this link](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMAXIT3ZLzs) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMAXIT3ZLzs>

This illustration is for a dominant right handed shooter who is reloading with the right hand.



Illustration 1:

You have finished firing and revolver needs to be reloaded.

Always keep finger off of trigger until you intend to shoot.

Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.



Illustration 2:

Start lowering revolver.



Illustration 3:

As revolver is lowered:

- Right thumb engages cylinder release latch (on S&W revolver, thumb pushes forward);
- Left hand fingers (middle) are against right side of revolver to press cylinder open (see next photo).



Illustration 4:

As seen from the right side of revolver:

- Middle fingers of left hand apply pressure to open cylinder.



Illustration 5:

As seen from left side of revolver:

- Revolver is now open.



Illustration 6:

Orient the revolver vertically.

Right thumb is applying pressure to the cylinder to keep it open.

If revolver has a hammer, then place the hammer spur into the web of the right hand.



Illustration 7: Revolver is vertical:

- Left hand is placed with web of hand against barrel, and then pressure is applied directly downward on the ejector rod (the web of the hand is guided by the barrel so that the hand goes straight down). One strong motion downward – to eject spent casings;
- Spent casings are to fall to the ground;
- Right thumb continues pressure to cylinder in order to keep it open.
- Be sure to keep hands clear of area below the cylinder so that the casings drop free.



Illustration 8:

Another photo showing the spent casings being removed.

Notes and observations:

-method prevents fingers from touching the forcing cone which may be very hot. Thus, reducing risk of “burns” with resultant reflex to drop firearm.

-using barrel as a guide allows straight downward pressure on the extractor rod, thereby reducing risk of bending of the extractor rod which may render the firearm non operable.



Illustration 9:

- Photo from right side showing positioning of hands.
- Notes and observations:
- Thumb on cylinder helps keep cylinder open even if you are loading on your side or back. Of course muzzle will have to be in downward orientation in any event so that gravity keeps the new cartridges from falling out during reloading.



Illustration 10:

- Photo from right side showing positioning of hands.



Illustrations 11 and 12:

- As spent casing fall clear to ground, the revolver is oriented in a downward position with the left hand. The left hand will grab the firearm in a fist type hold (see photo below);
- Concurrently, your right hand retrieves the speed strip.

Note: speed strip is held as shown. If carried in your pocket, it should be placed in the pocket in the position shown in the hand so that it can be retrieved in the proper position.

Be sure that your pockets are large enough to allow your hand to enter easily.

Another photo showing how the speed strip is held. Consider:

- Keeping the pocket, which you have greatest probability of doing a reload from, empty of all items except for the speed strips (e.g., 2 speed strips). Under stress you don't need to bring out your keys tangled with your ammo.
- Also, carry another speed strip(s) in opposite side pocket (e.g., left side).
- Consider loading only 5 rounds into a speed strip so that you can obtain a stronger grip on the strip.
- Speed strip is held like a scalpel.





Illustration 13:

With revolver oriented in a downward position (held in a fist type grip with the left hand), the right hand (i.e., hand with the most dexterity for right handed person) uses the speed strip to insert 2 rounds at a time into the cylinder.

The index finger applies pressure at the tip and you peel the strip upward (a straight linear motion).

The left hand thumb and base of thumb applies pressure to keep the cylinder open and to rotate the cylinder in a counter clockwise rotation as you proceed to load more rounds (this helps keep the cylinder open).

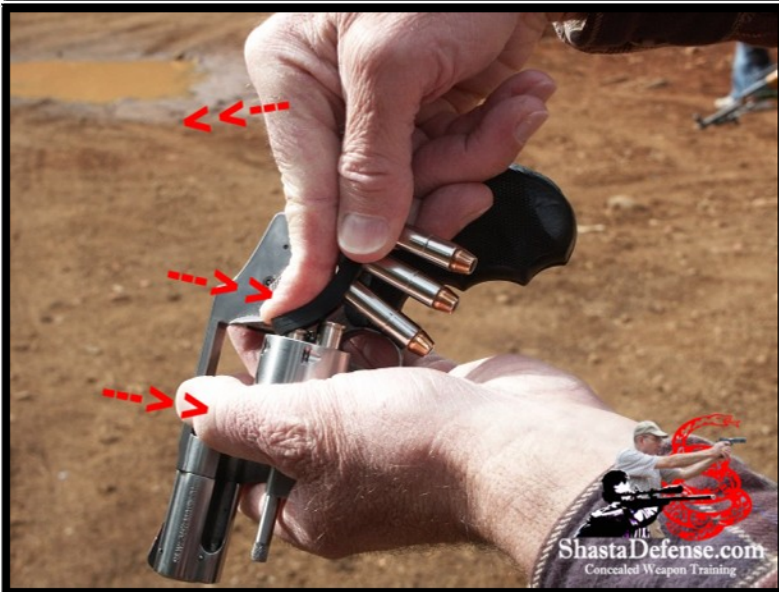


Illustration 14:

Insert the next two rounds and so on until the cylinder is full.



Illustration 15:

Continuing cylinder loading as shown.



Illustration 16:

When the speed strip is empty – drop it as you proceed to form your grip on the revolver with your right hand.

In the photo, you can see the speed strip near the muzzle as it is falling to the ground.



Illustration 17:

With your right hand grip in place, use your left hand thumb and base of thumb to close the cylinder.



Illustration 18:

Continue using thumb and base of thumb to close cylinder.



Illustration 19 :

Secure a full firing grip and bring the revolver into a shooting position.

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* Former Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court.*

Above is introductory in nature.

Training should be obtained through and under direct supervision of a qualified instructor.

Remember the Fundamental NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling:

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Also, remember to know your target and what is beyond.

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April 19, 1775.

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