

Charter Arms Revolver Sells for \$258,750!



Charter Arms, Dayton, OH, 2009—Sold at auction in May 2009 for \$258,750 (not including buyer commission) the one and only prop-pistol used by Harrison Ford in the 1982 science futuristic 2019 movie, *Blade Runner*.

The so-called *Hero Gun* was used to blast artificially created people called replicants.

A Charter Arms .44 Special caliber Bulldog revolver with a 4-inch barrel formed the base for the blaster. Attached to the top of the pistol is a bolt action Steyr Mannlicher SL receiver in .222 Remington. The magazine extends below the revolver's barrel and there is no barrel on the rifle receiver.

The Bulldog frame was then fitted with two triggers (double set), we assume from the Steyr model, and a large trigger guard. Custom hand stocks (grips) were constructed of amber plastic and fitted to the Bulldog frame along with an aluminum grip base extension.

The cylinder area was then covered with a plastic panel for streamlining. Two red and two green LEDs, which are operated by the shooter, were built into the handgun. They perform no function, (then again, nothing else performs a function, either) but they look cool when utilized. We are told that the revolver can still fire from the original Charter barrel.

This gun may still have to be registered as an actual firearm since it has two receivers.

How that 4473 Federal form might read:

Type: Replicant Blaster

Manufacturer: Charteyrman

Action: revolrifl

Caliber: .222 Remington.44 Special

Serial Number: 522368588594

Having seen this movie a couple of times we admit, we never noticed this stuff—Hollywood and the prop builders are just great, aren't they?

This gun is so popular that replicas are being made and sold in airsoft versions and hobbyists are working to create its clone. The actual buyer's name is held confidential by the auction house, Profiles in History, which also gave us the photo.

For more information on the Internet, search under Blade Runner Gun.