



Summary

Manufactured c. 1987-1988. The included factory letter confirms this pistol's configuration, including the 3.5 inch barrel in .45 ACP caliber, Colt blue finish, walnut grips, factory engraving, and furnished with a French fitted cherry presentation case, when shipped to Gary W. French at 150 Huyshope Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut, on June 24, 1988.

The factory letter further notes that Gary French, the President of Colt Firearms at the time, commissioned the Colt Custom Shop to create the President's Edition, with the ornamental motif designed by Colt Custom Shop Manager Al DeJohn and the engraving executed by Master Engravers Steve Kamyk and Alvin A. White, with this example signed "A.A.W" for Alvin White under the Rampant Colt on the left of the slide.

It was processed under Colt Custom Shop Order #2900. The factory letter also confirms the features of flush gold inlaid bands at the front and gold inlaid borders at the rear of the slide, "COLT PRESIDENT'S EDITION" in a gold inlaid banner and gold highlighted Rampant Colt on the left of the slide, factory class pattern floral scroll engraving with punch-dot backgrounds of the frame and slide.

It has fixed blade front and notch rear sights, along with standard Colt factory markings.

Fitted with a pair of checkered walnut grips with gold washed Rampant Colt medallion inserts.

Includes the Colt "French" fitted cherry presentation case with light blue velvet lining French fitted for the pistol.



Description/ About the Engravers

Master Engraver: Alvin White

Alvin A. White was one of America's most celebrated 20th-century firearms engravers. A Colt Master Engraver, White became renowned for intricate scrollwork, precious-metal inlays, and presentation-grade firearms. His artistry adorned Colts presented to U.S. presidents and world leaders, establishing his legacy among the finest craftsmen in American firearms history.

Master Engraver: Steve Kamyk

Steve Kamyk was a distinguished **Colt Custom Shop Master Engraver** whose remarkable career spanned 43 years. Beginning at Colt in 1976, he became one of the Custom Shop's original engravers. Kamyk created exceptional presentation firearms for collectors, dignitaries and U.S. presidents, leaving an enduring legacy of American firearms artistry.