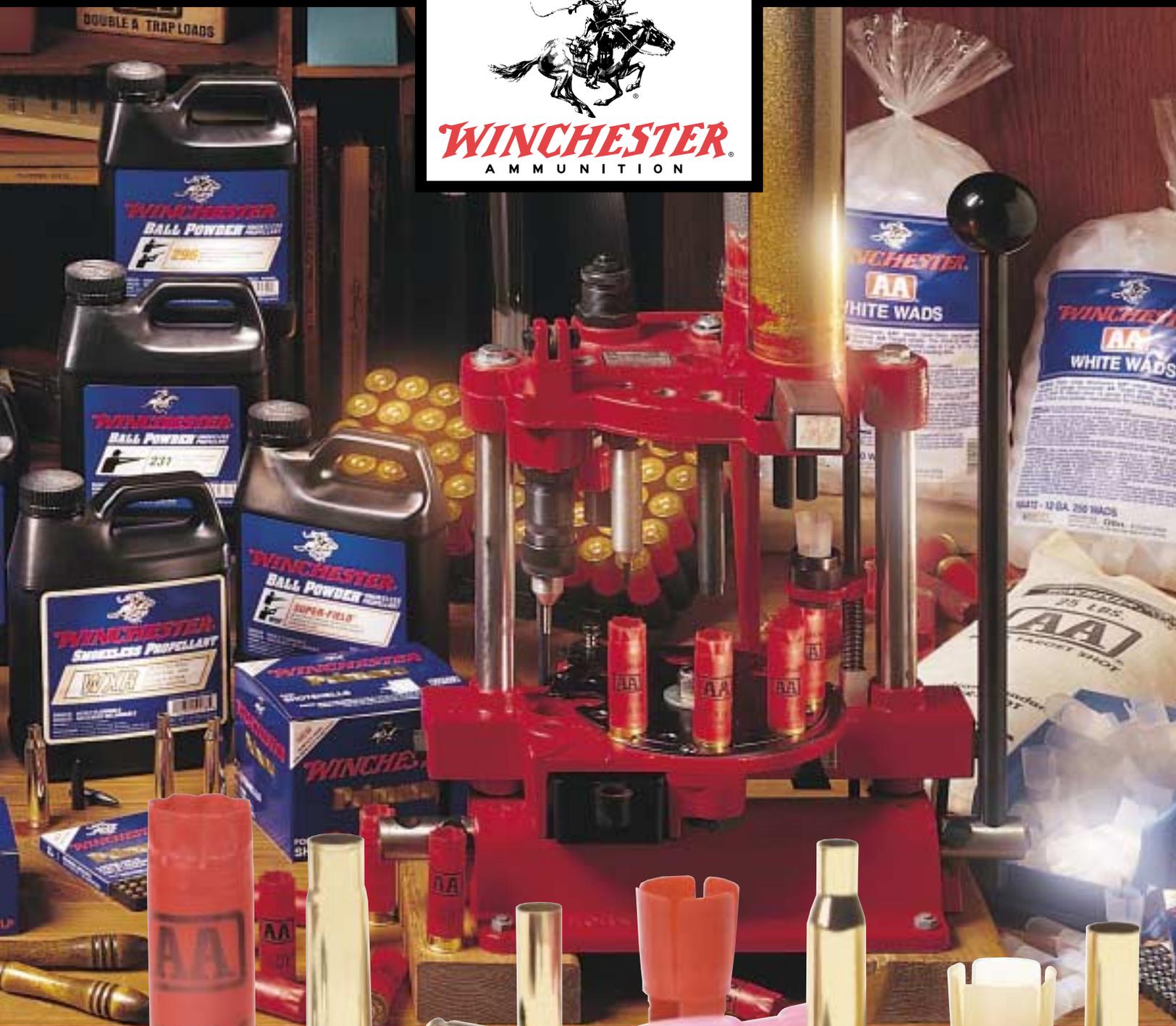


# WINCHESTER® COMPONENTS CATALOG



**RELOADING DATA INCLUDED**





**Winchester<sup>®</sup> Components**

# Winchester Powder & Primers



**New Extruded Powder**

# Winchester® Powders



## WST

Target shotshell and standard velocity handgun propellant. Ideal for use in 45 Auto match applications. Consistent, clean, low flash and smoke are benefits to the shooter. Powder of choice for reloading AA shells.



## 231

As the most popular reload propellant, 231 is a pistol powder ideally suited to the 38 Special, 45 auto, and 9mm standard loads. Consistency, clean burning, low flash, and a broad range of applications make this a powder of choice on any pistol cartridge reloader's shelf.



## WSF

Super-Field® propellant is the propellant of choice for Winchester 20 gauge AA® Target Load and 12 gauge 3 3/4 dram equivalent Super-X® load. WSF is an ideal choice to maximize velocities in 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. and 1 1/4 oz. loads. Super-Field also performs well in 38 Super, 9mm and 40 S&W pistol loads. Excellent propellant for fast shooting action pistol applications.



## 296

This propellant was developed for Winchester factory loaded ammunition for 357 magnum, 44 magnum and 410 bore. Its high loading density provides optimal velocity. 296 is also the powder type used by Winchester for factory loaded 410 bore AA loads. However, 296 is not suitable for most rifle cartridges.



## 748

748 is the powder of choice by Winchester and the U.S. military for 5.56mm and 223 Rem. ammunition. The low flame temperature of 748 extends barrel life versus other similar speed powders. It can be used in a wide variety of centerfire rifle loads including 222 Rem, 30-30 Win, 308 Win, and up to 458 Win. Mag. Combine Winchester components with 748 to duplicate 308 Win factory load ballistics. 748 is recommended for use with the new 308 Fail Safe® bullets.



## 760

Combine Winchester components with 760 to duplicate 30-06 factory load ballistics. 760 has ideal flow characteristics which give it an advantage over other propellants with similar burn rates. 760 is recommended as an excellent choice for 7mm-08 as well as with the new 30-06 Fail Safe bullet.



**New Extruded Powder**

## WXR

WXR is the propellant of choice for 7mm Magnum Winchester factory loaded ammunition. It is a double base, slow burning extruded propellant used to achieve maximum velocities and deliver superior performance in a wide variety of rifle cartridges.

# Winchester® Primers

You can't buy a more reliable primer than Winchester. Ignition is instant and precise. In Winchester testing labs, primers are constantly and rigorously tested for consistency and sensitivity at temperatures and conditions far beyond the range of normal usage. Ignition reliability is assured when you use Winchester primers.

- Better sensitivity for more positive firing in all guns.
- 7 different primers cover your reloading needs for shotshells, rifle and handgun cartridges.
- Non-corrosive, non-mercuric.
- Weight of the primer mixture is carefully controlled.
- Every Winchester primer is consistent in size and quality.
- Anvil heights are measured to precise tolerances to assure perfect ignition.
- Winchester primers maintain stability in extremes of temperature and humidity.

**WARNING** - Primers may explode if subjected to impact, shock, or intense heat. Store in original factory container only. Primers in bulk are capable of mass explosion. Do not use primer feed devices for reloading.

**Winchester Primers:** Centerfire primers are recommended for use as follows:

## Large Rifle - WLR



22-250 Remington	284 Winchester	30-40 Krag	35 Remington
225 Winchester	7mm Mauser	300 Winchester Magnum	356 Winchester
243 Winchester	7-08 Remington	300 H&H Magnum	358 Winchester
6mm Remington	7mm STW	300 Savage	375 H&H Magnum
25-35 Winchester	7mm Remington Magnum	303 Savage	38-55 Winchester
250 Savage	280 Remington	303 British	458 Winchester Magnum
25-06 Remington	7.62 x 39mm	308 Winchester	
257 Roberts +P	30-30 Winchester	32 Winchester Special	
7mm-08 Remington	30 Remington	8mm Mauser	
270 Winchester	30-06 Springfield	338 Winchester Magnum	

## Small Rifle - WSR



218 Bee	223 Remington	357 Remington Maximum
22 Hornet	25-20 Winchester	9x23 Winchester
222 Remington	256 Winchester Magnum	454 Casull
222 Remington Magnum	30 Carbine	

## Small (Reg) Handgun - WSP



25 Automatic	32 Short Colt	38 S&W	38 Super Automatic +P
30 Luger	32 Long Colt	38 Special	38 Automatic
32 Automatic	32 Colt New Police	38 Short Colt	380 Automatic
32 S&W	9mm Luger	38 Long Colt	357 SIG
32 S&W Long	9mm Winchester Magnum	38 Colt New Police	40 S&W

## Large (Reg) Handgun - WLP



38-40 Winchester	44-40 Winchester	45 Winchester Magnum
10mm Automatic	44 Magnum	
41 Magnum	45 Colt	
44 S&W Special	45 Automatic	

## Small (Mag) Handgun - WSPM



357 Magnum
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## Large (Mag) Rifle - WLRM



Large rifle magnum primer for those heavy charges of slow powder where extra ignition is required. Use only where magnum primers are specified.

## Shotshell - #209



Winchester #209 Shotshell primers are recommended for superior performance in all standard gauge shotshell reloading applications.



# **Winchester Centerfire Handgun**

# Centerfire Handgun Component Bullets

## Combined Technology

Combine Technology bullets are the most technologically advanced bullets in history. The CT brand bullets combine Winchester and Nosler advanced development techniques and innovative production processes.



### CT Partition Gold™ (PG)

- Proven Partition Technology
- Consistent, Dramatic Bullet Expansion
- Deep Penetration Regardless of Barrel Length
- Maximum Weight Retention

Caliber	Bullet Wt.	Caliber	Bullet Wt.
38/357	180 gr.	45	260 gr.
44	250 gr.	45	300 gr.



### Silvertip® Hollow Point (STHP)

- Rapid Energy Deposit
- Positive Functioning
- Uniform Expansion

Caliber	Bullet Wt.	Caliber	Bullet Wt.
38/357	145 gr.	40/10mm	155 gr.
9mm	115 gr.	40/10mm	175 gr.
9mm	147 gr.	44	210 gr.



### Full Metal Jacket (FMJ)

- Positive Functioning
- No Expansion
- Good Accuracy
- No Barrel Leading

Caliber	Bullet Wt.	Caliber	Bullet Wt.
380	95 gr.	40/10mm	165 gr. (Truncated Cone)
38	130 gr.	40/10mm	180 gr. (Truncated Cone)
9mm	115 gr. (Flat Base)	45	230 gr.
9mm	115 gr. (Hollow Base)		
9mm	124 gr. (Flat Base)		



### Jacketed Soft/Hollow Point (JSP/JHP)

- Positive Expansion
- Proven Accuracy
- Notched Jacket

Caliber	Bullet Wt.	Caliber	Bullet Wt.
9mm	115 gr.	38/357	158 gr.
9mm	147 gr.	40/10mm	180 gr.
38/357	110 gr.	45	230 gr.
38/357	125 gr.		
44	240 gr.		



**30 Luger**



**380 Auto\***



**9mm Luger\***



**38 Super  
Auto +P**



**357 Sig\***



**38 Special\***



**357  
Magnum\***



**40 Smith &  
Wesson\***



**10mm Auto**



**41  
Remington  
Magnum**



**44 Special\***



**44  
Magnum\***



**45 Auto\***



**45 Colt\***

\* Indicates Calibers available as either Primed or Unprimed Shellcases.

**Winchester Centerfire Handgun**



## Handgun Data

<b>Bullet Wt. &amp; Type</b>	<b>Pwdr</b>	<b>Starting Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>	<b>Max Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>
<b>30 Luger</b> 93 gr. FMJ	231				4.2	1085	25,500cup
<b>32 S&amp;W</b> 85 gr. Lead	231				1.4	595	9,500cup
<b>32 Auto</b> 71 gr. FMJ	231				2.5	865	14,000cup
<b>32 S&amp;W Long</b> 98 gr. Lead	231				2.4	765	11,000cup
<b>38 S&amp;W</b> 145 gr. Lead	231				2.6	675	11,500cup
<b>380 Auto</b> 95 gr. FMJ	231				3.2	860	15,000cup
<b>38 Auto</b> 130 gr. FMJ	231				4.4	875	20,000cup
<b>38 Super Auto +P</b>							
115 gr. JHP	231	5.0	1080	25,500	5.9	1230	34,200psi
	WSF	6.0	1185	28,100	7.1	1320	34,400psi
124 gr. FMJ	231	4.9	1060	27,500	5.7	1185	34,600psi
	WSF	5.2	1060	25,800	6.6	1245	34,600psi
130 gr. FMJ	231	4.8	1020	26,300	5.6	1145	34,800psi
	WSF	5.4	1065	26,100	6.3	1200	34,400psi
147 gr. JHP	231	4.4	930	28,500	4.9	1010	34,900psi
	WSF	4.8	960	27,300	5.6	1070	34,400psi
160 gr. Lead	231	3.5	860	27,300	4.2	955	34,400psi
	WSF	3.8	875	25,300	4.9	1010	34,600psi
<b>38 Special</b>							
148 gr. Lead HBWC	231	2.9	690	12,400	3.3	770	16,100psi
	WST	2.5	680	13,000	2.8	735	16,000psi
148 gr. Lead BBWC	231	3.0	690	13,600	3.4	760	16,400psi
	WST	2.5	665	13,100	2.7	700	16,300psi
158 gr. Lead	231	(6-1/8" barrel) (cowboy load)			4.1	900	16,000psi
158 gr. SWC	231	4.0	745	12,600	4.5	830	15,800psi
	WST	3.3	705	12,800	3.7	770	15,700psi

# Handgun Data

<b>Bullet Wt. &amp; Type</b>	<b>Pwdr</b>	<b>Starting Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>	<b>Max Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>
<b>38 Special +P</b>							
110 gr. JHP	231	5.3	935	14,700psi	5.7	1015	17,600psi
125 gr. JHP	231	4.8	840	14,100psi	5.3	935	17,200psi
140 gr. JHP	231	4.3	685	13,900psi	4.8	785	17,200psi
158 gr. JHP	231	4.0	635	13,900psi	4.4	720	17,200psi
158 gr. LSWC	231				4.7	860	17,100psi
	WST				3.9	800	17,300psi
<b>357 Magnum</b>							
110 gr. JHP	231				8.8	1575	42,500cup
125 gr. JHP	231				8.1	1460	42,500cup
125 gr. JHP	296*				18.5	1800	32,500cup
145 gr. STHP	296*				17.5	1640	31,600cup
148 gr. WC	231				3.4	880	19,500cup
150 gr. Lead	231				6.9	1305	42,000cup
150 gr. Lead	296*				14.0	1510	32,000cup
158 gr. JHP	231				6.9	1260	42,000cup
158 gr. Lead	231				6.7	1275	42,500cup
158 gr. Lead	296*				14.5	1560	38,000cup
158 gr. JHP	296*				16.6	1610	39,500cup
170 gr. FMJ	296*				14.3	1390	42,000cup
200 gr. Lead	231				5.5	1060	42,500cup
200 gr. Lead	296*				12.4	1335	35,000cup
<b>357 Maximum</b>							
180 gr. FMJ	296*				19.0	1670	46,900cup
<b>357 Sig</b>							
125 gr. FMC-FN	WSF				7.1	1260	33,800psi
<b>9x23mm Winchester</b>							
125 gr. JHP	231				5.3	1180	38,000psi
125 gr. JHP	231				6.3	1300	46,000psi
<b>9mm Luger</b>							
95 gr. FMJ	231	4.6	1145	27,100psi	5.1	1235	32,600psi
114 gr. Lead CCN	231	3.8	1010	26,900psi	4.2	1115	32,000psi
115 gr. FMJ	231	4.4	1045	25,900psi	4.9	1135	32,600psi
	WSF	4.9	1060	24,200psi	5.7	1195	31,900psi
115 gr. JHP	231	4.3	1010	25,800psi	4.8	1120	32,100psi
	WSF	5.2	1095	28,700psi	5.7	1165	32,100psi
124 gr. Lead RN	231	3.3	910	23,800psi	4.0	1035	32,900psi
	WSF	4.0	945	22,200psi	4.7	1055	27,300psi
124 gr. FMJ	231	4.2	1005	28,800psi	4.5	1060	32,700psi
	WSF	4.7	1015	27,700psi	5.3	1115	32,700psi
147 gr. Lead CFP	231	3.3	865	29,000psi	3.5	905	32,100psi
	WSF	3.7	905	28,500psi	4.1	965	32,800psi
147 gr. FMJ	WSF	3.9	895	28,400psi	4.3	950	32,300psi
147 gr. JHP	WSF	4.0	900	30,100psi	4.3	935	32,300psi

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<b>Bullet Wt. &amp; Type</b>	<b>Pwdr</b>	<b>Starting Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>	<b>Max Chg. Wt. (grs.)</b>	<b>Velocity (fps)</b>	<b>Pressure (psi)</b>
<b>40 S&amp;W</b>							
150 gr. JHP	231	5.2	970	21,800psi	6.3	1150	33,200psi
	WST	5.5	990	23,900psi	6.3	1050	27,100psi
	WSF	6.7	1100	26,200psi	7.7	1200	33,200psi
155 gr. JHP	231	5.1	950	23,200psi	6.0	1100	33,200psi
	WST	5.5	980	24,000psi	6.0	1040	27,900psi
	WSF	6.0	1010	21,600psi	7.3	1180	33,200psi
170 gr. JHP	231	4.5	860	24,000psi	5.3	1000	33,200psi
	WST	4.2	830	22,100psi	5.5	970	30,100psi
	WSF	5.5	920	23,300psi	6.5	1080	33,200psi
170 gr. Lead	231	4.0	850	22,800psi	5.2	1030	33,200psi
	WST	4.0	870	22,800psi	5.0	970	30,000psi
	WSF	5.2	950	23,500psi	6.2	1090	33,200psi
180 gr. JHP	231	4.0	790	23,700psi	5.0	950	33,200psi
	WST	4.0	780	21,800psi	5.0	900	28,100psi
	WSF	5.0	860	22,900psi	6.2	1040	33,200psi
200 gr. FMJ	231	4.0	750	26,600psi	4.7	850	33,200psi
	WST	3.8	740	24,200psi	4.5	810	29,900psi
	WSF	4.9	840	25,600psi	5.7	930	33,200psi
200 gr. Lead	231	3.0	700	21,100psi	4.0	850	33,200psi
	WST				3.5	760	25,200psi
	WSF	3.9	785	21,800psi	5.0	920	33,200psi
<b>10MM</b>							
150 gr. JHP	231	6.0	1090	29,000psi	7.0	1210	35,600psi
	WST	5.5	1080	30,200psi	7.0	1190	34,000psi
	WSF	6.5	1090	24,700psi	8.1	1310	35,600psi
155 gr. JHP	231	5.8	1040	23,300psi	7.3	1250	35,600psi
	WST	5.0	1000	23,100psi	8.0	1220	31,900psi
	WSF	6.8	1100	23,000psi	8.4	1320	35,600psi
170 gr. Lead	231	4.8	980	26,400psi	5.6	1100	35,600psi
	WST				5.0	1020	32,100psi
	WSF	5.5	1020	25,700psi	6.6	1170	35,600psi
170 gr. JHP	231	4.7	880	20,600psi	6.3	1120	35,600psi
	WST	4.5	940	26,200psi	5.5	1020	29,500psi
	WSF	6.0	1020	24,000psi	7.5	1210	35,600psi
180 gr. JHP	231	5.2	950	29,600psi	5.8	1050	35,600psi
	296*				12.6	990	22,400psi
	WST	5.0	950	30,500psi	5.5	1010	35,200psi
190 gr. FMJ	231	4.6	800	22,000psi	5.9	1030	35,600psi
	296*				12.6	970	22,200psi
	WST				4.5	850	26,700psi
200 gr. Lead	231	4.2	870	24,200psi	5.5	1030	35,600psi
	WST	3.8	830	23,900psi	5.0	940	32,400psi
	WSF	5.0	920	23,500psi	6.3	1080	35,600psi
200 gr. FMJ	231	4.6	840	24,600psi	5.6	1000	35,600psi
	296*				11.6	940	23,600psi
	WST				4.6	890	35,600psi
	WSF	5.2	880	26,200psi	6.2	1020	35,600psi

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<b>41 Magnum</b>							
210 gr. Lead	231				7.4	1125	28,000cup
210 gr. JSP	231				8.8	1220	38,000cup
	296*				20.4	1460	24,000cup
<b>44 S&amp;W Special</b>							
246 gr. Lead	231				5.4	795	12,500cup
240 gr. Lead	231	(cowboy load-6-12"barrel)			4.9	800	13,000cup
<b>44 Rem Mag</b>							
210 gr. JHP	231				11.7	1385	38,000cup
240 gr. Lead SWC	231				11.0	1285	38,000cup
	296*				25.0	1560	37,500cup
240 gr. HSP	231				11.2	1280	38,000cup
	296				24.0	1430	38,000cup
<b>45 Colt</b>							
255 gr. Lead	231				7.1	875	13,000cup
250 gr. Lead	231	(cowboy load-5-1/2" barrel)			5.5	750	10,000psi
<b>454 Casull</b>							
260 gr. JSP	296*				34.0	1830	40,000psi
	296*				36.0	1965	50,000psi
300 gr. JSP	296*				29.5	1600	38,000psi
	296*				31.5	1750	50,000psi
<b>45 Auto</b>							
180 gr. Lead	231	5.3	885	15,300psi	6.3	1020	20,000psi
Cast SWC	WST	4.6	880	16,200psi	5.4	1000	20,000psi
	WSF	6.6	960	15,900psi	7.4	1060	20,000psi
185 gr. JSWC	231	5.1	760	13,300psi	6.1	920	18,600psi
	WST	4.3	745	13,400psi	5.3	890	19,000psi
	WSF	6.0	775	12,800psi	7.0	950	17,600psi
185 gr. JHP	231	6.2	915	17,200psi	6.8	990	19,500psi
	WST	5.1	875	17,100psi	5.6	935	19,800psi
	WSF	7.2	920	15,600psi	7.9	1035	19,700psi
200 gr. Lead	231	4.8	800	14,900psi	5.5	910	19,600psi
Cast SWC	WST	4.4	830	15,400psi	5.1	910	19,900psi
	WSF	6.0	870	15,200psi	6.7	970	19,400psi
200 gr. FPJ	231	5.4	815	16,200psi	6.1	920	19,900psi
	WST	4.7	825	16,400psi	5.3	890	20,000psi
	WSF	6.5	870	15,500psi	7.3	980	19,400psi
200 gr. JHP	231	5.3	830	16,200psi	5.8	905	19,500psi
	WST	4.7	820	16,900psi	5.2	885	19,900psi
	WSF	6.6	870	15,500psi	7.1	970	19,500psi
230 gr. Lead RN	231	4.5	765	15,500psi	5.1	870	19,800psi
	WST	4.0	750	16,200psi	4.5	805	20,100psi
	WSF	5.5	820	15,200psi	6.2	910	19,600psi
230 gr. FMJ	231	4.9	695	14,900psi	5.7	830	19,200psi
	WST	4.1	710	15,500psi	4.9	800	19,900psi
	WSF	5.7	755	14,900psi	6.6	885	19,200psi
230 gr. JHP	231	4.8	740	18,000psi	5.1	785	20,000psi
	WSF	5.7	780	16,500psi	6.1	850	19,600psi

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## WARNINGS

### *Read before using data*

The shotshell and metallic cartridge data in this booklet supersede all previous data published for Winchester smokeless propellants.

The data shown in this booklet has been verified by tests fired in our laboratory under controlled conditions and found to produce safe cartridges. Since we have no control over the actual loading procedures and methods used, or the condition or choice of firearms and components used and assembled, no responsibility for the use or safety in use of these data is assumed or implied. Where data contained in this booklet list specific components, no changes or substitutions for these components can be made. The exception to this is substitutions of bullets of the same type, diameter, and weight from reputable manufacturers, without risking significant changes in the level of ballistic performance and/or safety of the loads shown.

**WARNING - All smokeless powders are extremely flammable. Keep them stored in their original containers in locked cabinets, out of the reach of children or incompetent persons, and away from exposure to the sun's rays, heating equipment, electrical equipment, or any source of heat, flame or sparks.**

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### *Black Powder - WARNING*

Never substitute smokeless powder for black powder or Pyrodex or mix smokeless powder with black powder or Pyrodex. Never use smokeless powder in black powder firearms or in saluting cannons. Smokeless powder has much more energy than black powder or Pyrodex. Substituting or mixing powders may cause the firearm to blow up resulting in personal injury, property damage, or death.

### *Lead - WARNING*

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead, and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

### *Dram Equivalent - WARNING*

Never use the dram equivalent measure as a weight for smokeless powders in reloading. Dangerously high pressures can occur and result in personal injury, property damage, or death.

### *Powder Storage - WARNING*

The following information has been extracted from a pamphlet entitled "Properties and Storage of Smokeless Powder" issued by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI) at Flintlock Ridge Office Center, 11 Mile Hill Rd., Newtown, CT 06470-2359/203-426-1320; FAX: 203-426-1087. For a free copy of the complete pamphlet send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address and request the pamphlet by title.

#### *Considerations for Storage of Smokeless Powder*

Smokeless powder is intended to function by burning, so it must be protected against accidental exposure to flame, sparks or high temperatures.

For these reasons, it is desirable that storage enclosures be made of insulating materials to protect the powder from external heat sources.

Once smokeless powder begins to burn, it will normally continue to burn (and generate gas pressure) until it is consumed.

D.O.T. approved containers are constructed to open up at low internal pressures to avoid the effects normally produced by the rupture or bursting of a strong container.

Storage enclosures for smokeless powder should be constructed in a similar manner:

1. Of fire-resistant and heat insulation materials to protect contents from external heat.

2. Sufficiently large to satisfactorily vent the gaseous products of combustion which would result if the quantity of smokeless powder within the enclosure accidentally ignited.

If a small, tightly enclosed storage enclosure is loaded to capacity with containers of smokeless powder, the wall of the enclosure will expand or move outwards to release the gas pressure if the powder in storage is accidentally ignited. Under such conditions, the effects of the release of gas pressure are similar or identical to the effects produced by an explosion.

Hence only the smallest practical quantities of smokeless powder should be kept in storage, and then in strict compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association (reprinted at end of SAAMI pamphlet).

#### *Recommendations for Storage of Smokeless Powder*

STORE IN A COOL, DRY PLACE. Be sure the storage area selected is free from any possible sources of excess heat and is isolated from open flame, furnaces, hot water heaters, etc. Do not store smokeless powder where it will be exposed to sun's rays. Avoid storage in areas where mechanical or electrical equipment is in operation. Restrict from the storage areas heat or sparks which may result from improper, defective or overloaded circuits.

DO NOT STORE SMOKELESS POWDER IN THE SAME AREA WITH SOLVENTS, FLAMMABLE GASES OR HIGHLY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

STORE ONLY IN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVED CONTAINERS. Do not transfer the powder from an approved container into one which is not approved.

DO NOT SMOKE IN AREAS WHERE POWDER IS STORED OR USED. Place appropriate "No Smoking" signs in these areas.

DO NOT SUBJECT THE STORAGE CABINETS TO CLOSE CONFINEMENT.

STORAGE CABINETS SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED OF INSULATING MATERIALS AND WITH A WEAK WALL, SEAMS OR JOINTS TO PROVIDE AN EASY MEANS OF SELF-VENTING.

DO NOT KEEP OLD OR SALVAGED POWDERS. Check old powder for deterioration regularly. Destroy deteriorated powders immediately.

OBEY ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING QUANTITY AND METHODS OF STORING. Do not store all your powders in one place. If you can, maintain separate storage locations.

Many small containers are safer than one or more large containers.

KEEP YOUR STORAGE AND USE AREA CLEAN. Clean up spilled powder promptly. Make sure surrounding area is free of trash or other readily combustible materials.

#### *How to Check Smokeless Powder for Deterioration*

Powder deterioration can be checked by opening the cap on the container and smelling the contents. Powder undergoing deterioration has an irritating odor. (Don't confuse this with common solvent odors such as alcohol, ether and acetone.)

The best way to dispose of deteriorated smokeless powder is to burn it out in the open at an isolated location in small shallow piles (not over 1" deep). The quantity burned in any one pile should never exceed one pound. Use an ignition train of slow burning combustible material so the person may retreat to a safe distance before powder is ignited.

### *Primer - WARNING*

#### *Instructions & Warning for the Safe Storage and Handling of Primers*

It is the responsibility of all persons who receive, store and use primers to be aware of the hazards and to know and follow all approved safety procedures. It is your responsibility to strictly comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

#### *Properties of Primers - DANGER*

**BULK STORAGE OF PRIMERS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!!**

Primers should never be stored, handled or used in bulk; i.e. piled or poured together. The energy of one exploding primer is sufficient to cause mass detonation of the surrounding primers. This could result in property damage and serious injury or death to operators and/or bystanders.

Note: Primers Should Always Be Kept In Their Original Factory Containers.

Primers contain mixtures of chemical ingredients designed to explode and provide the necessary energy in the form of hot particles, heat, & gas to ignite propellant powders.

Primers are sensitive to the following:

Impact, Friction, Heat, Flame, Static Electricity, and Mishandling abuses.

Conditions which may cause misfires or poor ignition:

- Exposure to water
- Exposure to organic solvents such as paint thinner, gasoline, oil, grease, penetrating lubricants, etc.
- Exposure to temperatures above 140 degrees Fahrenheit

Primers subjected to shaking, vibration, jolting, etc. may separate small particles of priming compound. This is referred to as "dusting". Accumulation of primer dust in primer feeds, on machine surfaces, in loading areas, etc. is extremely dangerous. Primer dust may cause fires and/or explosions due to heat, impact, friction, flame or static electricity. These areas must be kept very clean.

***Storage of Primers– Store in a Cool Dry Place***

**BULK STORAGE OF PRIMERS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!!**

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Note: Store Primers in a Cool Dry Place Away From Heat, Sparks & Flame.

Cabinets designated for primers only are recommended. They should be constructed of materials designed to provide a substantial delay in the transmissions of heat in case of fire.

The storage area should be clean and free of other combustible materials such as propellant powders, solvents, flammable gases, etc. Avoid areas which may be subjected to high temperatures, open flames, furnaces, water heaters, direct sunlight, gunfire and bullet impact, the operation of mechanical or electrical equipment and static electricity. Primers should be stored in original factory containers only. The packaging has been designed to minimize accidental ignition and to protect the consumers as well as the primers.

**NEVER SMOKE IN PRIMER STORAGE AREAS.**

Observe all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances regarding quantities of primers stored and conditions of storage.

***Handling of Primers - Handle with Care***

**BULK HANDLING OF PRIMERS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!!**

Primers should never be stored, handled or used in bulk; i.e. piled or poured together. The energy of one exploding primer is sufficient to cause mass detonation of the surrounding primers. This could result in property damage and serious injury or death to operators and/or bystanders.

Safety glasses should be worn at all times. Additional protection such as face shields and machine guards are also recommended for personal safety.

**NEVER SMOKE WHILE HANDLING PRIMERS.**

Primers are extremely sensitive and should always be handled with care.

Primers should be handled individually with adequate safeguards. The use of primer feeds for reloading is not recommended. Adequate protection from the danger of explosion must be provided by machine guards, barriers, etc.. Primer feeds allowing contact between or among individual primers cause a potentially dangerous condition and are to be avoided. One exploding primer could cause detonation of all primers in the area.

Do not decap live primers. It is recommended live primers be destroyed by firing the empty shell or cartridge in a suitable firearm.

Areas designated for the storage and/or handling of primers should require equipment and wiring methods suitable for

hazardous locations (National Electrical Code, Class II, Div. I). Persons responsible for these areas should also observe and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances pertinent to their location.

Precautions should be taken to prevent the accumulation of static electricity on persons handling primers or conducting handloading procedures. Cotton clothing, conductive shoes & floors, individual ground straps, static bars, leg stats, and proper electrical/mechanical grounds all help to reduce, dissipate and/or eliminate the buildup of static electricity. Atmospheric conditions, especially low humidity, will increase the potential of static accumulation. The working area should be maintained at a comfortable temperature with a relative humidity of at least 60% to minimize static buildup and/or discharge.

Good housekeeping is a must for safe cartridge loading and primer handling. Equipment and work areas should be kept clean and free of loose primers, primer dust, propellant powder, and/or abrasive materials. A damp cloth or sponge should be used to clean contaminated areas and be thoroughly rinsed after use. Do not use a vacuum cleaner because fire or explosion may result.

Loading operations should be conducted with a minimum quantity of primers. Unused primers should be returned to the original package and placed in a designated safe storage area.

It is common sense to make primers unavailable to children, household pets, and any individuals that are not familiar with the potential danger of primers.

Never smoke or allow open flames, spark sources or hot particles near primers or loading areas.

Additional References:

- Sporting Arms & Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute (S.A.A.M.I.)
- National Electrical Code (NEC)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 495, Explosive Materials Code
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

**WARNING: DO NOT INTERCHANGE FEDERAL 209 AND FEDERAL 209A PRIMERS**

***Reloading Precautions – WARNING***

Follow these precautions to assure maximum enjoyment and safety in reloading and uniform performance of your reloads. Remember you can suffer severe burns, be badly injured, or killed if the strictest safety precautions and housekeeping rules are not enforced.

1. Exercise care at all times. Wear safety glasses while reloading.
2. Never smoke while handling powder or primers or during any reloading operation.
3. Keep powder and primers away from heat, sparks and open flames.
4. Store powder in a cool, dry place at all times.
5. Never use a powder unless you are certain of its identity.
5. -Always read warnings on powder and component container labels.
5. -Always read and understand the instruction manual for your reloading machine/tools.
5. -Always reload in strict compliance with instructions in current reloading manuals.
6. Do not mix powders.
7. Devote full attention to reloading operations– avoid distractions.
8. Keep powder and primers out of reach of children.
9. Use components as recommended; don't take shortcuts.
10. Never exceed maximum recommended loads.
11. Examine every shell or cartridge before loading to insure good condition.
12. Double check every operation for safety and uniformity.
13. Check powder charge level in shells to avoid double charges.
14. On centerfire loads, start with charge weights 10% below recommended maximum loads.
15. Always watch for indications of excessive pressure.
16. Do not decap live primers; it is safer to destroy them by firing the empty shell or cartridge in a firearm.
17. Do not substitute components, except bullets of the same type and weight from reputable manufacturers. It could result in a significant change in ballistics, and unsatisfactory or even dangerous load.
18. Observe all local fire regulations and codes with respect to quantities of powders and primers stored and conditions of storage.
19. Store powder in its original container. Never transfer it from one storage container to another since this increases the possibility of becoming mislabeled.
20. Do not use the shotshell data contained in this handbook with steel shot; to do so would cause an extremely dangerous condition. Steel shot requires the use of special data, wads and powders.

When such components become available, Winchester will develop data specifically for steel shot.

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