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# NEWSLETTER

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## HANDLOADING FOR THE .357 AMP

The October issue of the Auto Mag Newsletter carried load data on laboratory and field tested handloads for the .44 AMP. From the standpoint of propellants, the same statements will hold true for the .357 AMP, those being H-110, 296 and Blue Dot, are the best choices regardless of bullet weights. In the .44 AMP, the individual handloader, particularly when using the slower burning ball propellants, might use the standard .44 magnum load data and, while not the optimum choice, could expect an increase of approximately 100 f.p.s. over the revolver. The above statement is not true with the .357 AMP. The larger case capacity and the change in burning characteristics, due to the bottle neck design, make the .357 AMP a horse of a different color. Possibly .357 AMP is not the best name for this cartridge as too many people associate it with the standard .357 magnum cartridge. A comparison between the standard .357 magnum and the .357 AMP stops after the numerical similarity.

To my personal way of thinking, the .357 AMP is the best all-around hunting handgun/cartridge combination commercially available today. Excepting possibly for big bears or the American Bison, this cartridge, in the hands of the expert, can be counted on to successfully take any North American game.

The .357 AMP case is formed by running a .44 AMP case into the .357 AMP

full length size die. Whereas the .44 AMP headspaces on the case mouth, the .357 AMP headspaces on the shoulder. This headspace measurement is critical, particularly from the standpoint of bolt rotation closing. Next month we shall elaborate in detail, techniques on forming the .357 AMP from both the .44 AMP and the .308 cases.

Let us assume at this point the .357 AMP handloader is experienced at setting

up his size die for proper headspace and go right into the .357 AMP load data.

All loads tested were fired from a 6½" P&V barrel, using new CDM cases and CCI# 350 primers. With the 90 grain bullet, seat to an O.A. length of 1.590"; with bullets from 110 grains to 158 grains, use an O.A. length of 1.600" to 1.620".

### USE MAXIMUM LOADS WITH CAUTION:

#### .357 AUTO MAG LOAD DATA

BULLET WEIGHT	CHARGE	POWDER	VELOCITY	PRESSURE-CUP
90 Grain	32.0 gr.	296	2385	46,000
90 Grain	24.0 gr.	Blue Dot	2320	46,000
110 Grain	27.5 gr.	296	2095	45,000
110 Grain	20.0 gr.	Blue Dot	2010	46,000
125 Grain	25.5 gr.	296	1960	46,000
125 Grain	19.0 gr.	Blue Dot	1910	49,000
137 Grain	24.0 gr.	296	1830	45,000
137 Grain	17.5 gr.	Blue Dot	1780	47,000
158 Grain	22.0 gr.	296	1700	44,000
158 Grain	16.0 gr.	Blue Dot	1605	45,000

## Rotary Bolt



by LEE E. JURRAS

Recent activities by the "Consumer Product Safety Commission" have been rather subtle. Although there has been a lack of the usual emotional outbreaks, banner headlines and protest marches, the C.P.S.C. has moved quietly forward exercising their awesome power and political

influence to "ban the manufacture, sale and possession of handgun ammunition".

In the "legislative column" of this issue is a letter submitted by member M. Witanowski, M.D. # 241. Read this letter and ACT NOW. Address your letters to:

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY  
COMMISSION

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Hon. \_\_\_\_\_ M.C.  
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Washington, D. C. 20515

**BULLETIN**

Due to pressing business commitments, our host for the upcoming National Auto Mag Matches, Col. Evan Quiros #041 of the Shipp Ranch near Laredo, Texas, has had to temporarily postpone the date. As I will be moving my entire operation to Roswell, New Mexico in June, this conflicted with the next opening date. Hopefully either Col. Quiros or myself will be able to host these matches in September or October, either at the Shipp ranch in Texas or at my facilities in New Mexico.

Should any other members have access to proper facilities and would like to host these matches prior to this Fall, feel free to volunteer. Members of the competition committee will be glad to assist in any organizational matters.

**HOUSTON, JANUARY, 1975**

Winner of the 1975 "OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HANDGUNNER AWARD" was Mr. Bill Ruger, President of Sturm, Ruger & Co., fame. Complete coverage of this will be included in the next issue.

Each of the "Top Ten" finalists in this program is a recipient of a handgun from one of the domestic manufacturers. T.D.E. Corporation, who manufactures the Auto Mag, presented an Auto Mag to Mr. Bill Ruger. As a point of interest to Auto Mag owners, not only was this gun inscribed to Mr. Ruger honoring this event, but the Serial Number was RUGER: truly a one of a kind Auto Mag.

# Letters

**EDITOR:**

In several articles on loading for Auto Mags I've read statements to the effect that cast lead bullets cannot be used. Not understanding the reason for this, I went ahead and fired a few thousand Lyman 429215's & 358156's through my AMP's and have to admit that I still don't understand it. My results have been excellent.

Straight wheel weight alloy was used and the bullets weighed 225 & 162 grs. respectively. All bullets were weighed to .5 gr. •

My standard loads are: .44 AMP-429215, 26.0 gr. WW296 & CDM brass for 1554 fps; .357 AMP-358156, 22.5 gr. WW296 & LC66 Match brass for 2026 fps.

Accuracy is as good as with any jacketed bullet loads I've tried and there has been no leading due to the gas check design of both bullets.

The only problem I have had with the Auto Mag is in knowing just where to stop when working up loads. For instance, increasing the above .44 AMP load to 270 gr. did not produce any change in primer appearance or case head expansion but I broke two bolt rotation pins. I've set a limit on case head expansion & I stop short of primer cratering, but without pressure equipment it's pretty hard to know how hot I'm loading. Any advice you could give on this would be greatly appreciated.

John P. Lisbeth #262  
448 S. Alandale Ave.  
Tuscon, Az.

**ED. NOTE**

I don't recall anyone saying lead bullets cannot be used in the Auto Mags, it's just that jacketed bullets can and will perform much better under most hunting conditions. Club Member Lisbeth seems to have had good results using cast bullets. Let's hear from other members or Auto Mag owners who have satisfactorily used cast bullets. Send us some targets shot at 50 and 100 yards; that's proof of the pudding.

**LEJ**



**Pete Bello No. 437, shown with his Bison taken in Wyoming. Temperature -5, wind chill factor -35. Pete used his own handloads with the Norma 240 gr. bullet at 60 yards.**

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Well, the big push has started. TV programs and the big newspapers and magazines daily spell out and in large type, how rapidly violence and crime grow; all caused by the gun. What is more, their lies and misconceptions gain more sympathy and followers as time marches on. Many well intentioned groups with easy access to powerful news media and legislators spring up all around. They talk, they write, they sell antigun propaganda. And if you don't waken those long slumbering pens and tongues, they will win. They are motivated, moneyed and organized. Furthermore, they are stingy with neither money nor words.

A federal organization, Consumer Products Safety Commission, born a few short years ago, has tremendous powers granted it by Congress. Another recently formed group, The Committee for Handgun Control, is made up for the most part by irate housewives. Now, what does all this have to do with guns? This group of women, through hard work, has petitioned a Washington Federal District Court to rule that handgun ammunition be declared a hazardous substance falling within authority of the C.P.S. Commission. They won!

The Commission is now drafting a proposal to prohibit the manufacture, ownership and sale of handgun ammunition. When completed it will be published in the Federal Register to assess public reaction over a thirty day period. If the response is favorable, the Commission will put this ban into effect. Now, note carefully, no voting, no putting this rule through Congress. The Commission has the power to do it directly. See what a small band of determined women has done? What are you fifty million concerned gun owners, your wives and children doing?

Those having any wish for the future existence of our Constitution and Bill of Rights to pass on to the next generation and those to come had better shake off the chains of complacency today and for all days. The battle for liberty is never ending. Those who want to enslave will never quit. Once handgun ammunition goes, they will proceed to work on rifles and lastly on shot guns. If guns can not be abolished through legislation, it will be done through this Commission.

Forget the old arguments that only honest citizens be disarmed and not the criminals. Those desiring disarmament know this, and it is you, Mr. Average, that they wish to disarm. Armed citizenry is all that stands in the way of take over of our country by international planners. This shadowy group has been diligently at work since the early 1800's to form a single international government; theirs to control. Billions of dollars, many highly trained people in high government posts (both ours and those of other lands), control of mass media, expertise in propaganda are some of what this group owns and uses. Using these tools, the insiders have under the guise of helping undeveloped countries; stamping out communism, disease, ignorance, poverty caused bankruptcy of our country, moral decay and great social unrest. The final barb, all this gain in power for the insiders and gradual enslavement of people is costing them nothing. The taxpayer foots all the bills, and the insiders grow wealthier and stronger from these wild spending schemes.

What to do? Scream? Get mad? Swear they'll never get your gun? No, none of these. Wake up and start working instead. Be polite, knowledgeable, persistent and constant in this fight. Tell your Congressmen, newspapers, TV channels, magazines how you feel. Write one brief letter each week. Urge members of your family and your friends to do likewise. Also send letters to the Committee for Handgun Control, 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Compliment these hard working civic minded women on their wonderful accomplishment, but point out where they have been misled by expert propagandists. Be gentle; be kind. Being fooled is bad enough. This is no time for harsh words and insults.

M. Witanowski, M.D. #241

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**OFFER BILL TO BAN GUNS**  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich. and Rep. Jonathan B. Bingham, D-N.Y., joined by two former big city police chiefs, today urged Congress to outlaw handguns except for law enforcement officers and security guards.

At a joint news conference, the two legislators announced 'reintroduction of legislation to control handguns, endorsed by former New York City Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy and former Washington, D. C. Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson.

Murphy said 132 police officers were killed in the line of duty last year, compared to 37 in 1961, and the ban would support local police.

"As citizens, we could take no greater step in this direction than by working to eliminate the proliferation of handguns and their indiscriminate possession by persons who clearly have no need for them," Murphy said in a prepared statement.

Under the bill, handguns not owned by law enforcement or security people, with few exceptions, would be bought at fair value by the government and destroyed. The bill does not affect shotguns and rifles.

Citizens would have 6 months to sell handguns to the government, after which a 5-year prison term and \$5,000 fine would be possible for conviction of unauthorized possession.



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