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AMP AMMO RUNS 19.50 PER BOX OF 50 NET UNTIL MORE BARASS BECOMES AVAILIABLE COMME  
RCIALLY. THEN PRICE WILL DROP DOWN TO FORMER LEVEL. HIGH PRICE IS REQUIRED  
DUE TO AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO MAKE FORM 308 or 30-06.

ALL OTHER PRICES ARE CURRENT AND HAVE A FEW OF ALL BBL S IN STOBK YET.

THANKS FOR YOUR INTERST S AND GOOD SHOOTING AND HAMPY NEW YEAR.

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LOADS FOR THE 44 AUTO MAG.

ALL LOADS IN ONCE FIRED CDM 44 AUTO MAG CASES, ONCE FIRED & TRIMMED TO 1.296 OAL. CCI MAG PISTOL PRIMERS AND OAL OF LOAD 1.600. ALL H-110 USED LOT 68 KCR

POWDER	AMOUNT	BULLET	VEL.	COMMENTS
H-110	26	180 SUPER VEL	1385	GOOD FUNCTIONING LOAD NOT MAX BUT RAN OUT OF POWDER ROOM. THE VEL OF THIS LOAD WITH MAG-NA-PORT. 1677.
	27		1465	
	28		1483	
	29		1558	
	30		1597	
	31		1643	
	32		1688	
	33		1724	
WC295	30		1637	NON CANISTER POWDER ABOUT THE SAME AS WW296 NOT MAX BUT NO MORE ROOM FOR POWDER. GOOD LO
	31		1691	
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2400	27		1537	NOT MAX. COULD PROBABLY REACH 1800 WITH AROU 30.5 gr.
	28		1643	
	29		1709	
H-110	28	200 SPEER	1494	200 gr. Hornady 1481 MAG-NA-PORT 1568 GOOD WORKING LOAD. MAX.
	30		1614	
	31		1653	
	32		1704	
240	22	240 SIERRA HC	1284	240 REM. 1423; 240 SPEER 1395; 240 NORMA 1411; GOOD WORKING LOAD
	23		1311	
	24		1372	
	25		1442	
	26		1490	
	27		1534	
	28		1538	
	29		1595	
2400	21		1170	MAX POWDER TOO DIRTY FOULS GUN TOO FAST.
H-110	20	265 HORNADY	1167	GOOD WORKING LOAD GOOD WORKING LOAD. MAX. MAG-NA-PORT 1456
	21		1247	
	22		1307	
	23		1352	
	24		1400	
	25		1459	
	26		1502	

CASES FORMED FROM BRASS OF LESSER CAPACITY NEED LOADS REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY. WW 296 CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE H-110 LOADS LISTED ABOVE. ALL VEL TAKEN FROM 6 1/2 INCH BBL.  
I ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF THE LOADS LISTED. START WELL BELOW ANY MAX LISTED.

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**LOADS FOR THE 357 AUTO MAG**

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POWDER	AMOUNT	OVER ALL LENGTH	CASE & BULLET	VEL.	COMMENTS
			110 ZERO		
H-110	24.5	1.575	LAKE CITY 308	1925	
LOT 68KCR	26.0		FIRE FORMED & TRIMMED	1975	
	27			2080	
	28			2100	GOOD WORKING LOAD
	29			2230	
	30			2295	MAX
	24.5		CDM AUTO MAG	1830	NOTICE LOWER VEL WITH
	26		FIRE FORMED & TRIMMED TO LENGTH	1960	SLIGHTLY GREATER CAPAC
	27			1990	CDM CASES.
		1.585	LAKE CITY 308		
			FIRE FORMED TRIMMED		
			125 gr. ZERO		
	24			1825	
	25			1900	(VEL. 1871 IN CDM CASE
	26			1993	GOOD WORKING LOAD
	27			2084	MAX
		1.575	150 SIERRA HC		
	21			1653	
	22			1749	GOOD WORKING LOAD
	23			1840	MAX
H-110		1.585	158 REM.		
LOT 68KCR					
	22				
	23			1670	22.5gr. GOOD WORKING
				1835	LOAD MAX.

ALL LOADS USED CCI LARGE PISTOL MAG. PRIVERS.  
 NOTE: THE NEW WINCHESTER BALL POWDER WW296 CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ABOVE M-110 LOADS.  
 ALL VEL. TAKEN FROM 6 1/2" bbl. ADD APPROX. 150fps FOR 8 1/2" INCH 9BL. MAG NA PORTING THE 6 1/2" BBL GREATLY REDUCES RECOIL AND USUALLY RESULTS IN THE LOSS OF 15-20 FPS IN VEL. WHICH IS NEGLIGIBLE. CASE NECK THICKNESS WAS .019. IF CASES ARE REAMED TO NECK THICKNESS OF .015. USUALLY ONE TO TWO GRAINS OF POWDER CAN BE USED FOR IDENTICAL VEL.  
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 OTHER LOADS WHICH WILL WORK MOST 6 1/2", AND SOME 8 1/2" GUNS ARE THE FOLLOWING.

WW630	27	1.550	80 SUPER VEL LAKE CITY 308	?	GOOD LOAD
	25.5	1.560	90 SUPER VEL	?	GOOD LOAD
WW296	31.0	1.600	105 SUPER VEL	2300	GOOD LOAD.

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ADDITIONAL DATA

Both the 357 and the 44 case should be trimmed<sup>M</sup> after the first loading. Full length size and trim the 44 to 1.296 and the 357 to 1.294-1.295.

The 357 case should be sized just enough for the bolt to rotate shut and then an additional .015. This can be done by removing the bolt from the gun and then by ~~turning the size die down~~ turning the size die down a little at a time until the bolt can be rotated shut with case in gun by hand with resistance felt. Then carefully turn the sizing die down another .015. Cases sized in this manner should allow the bolt to rotate shut even after the gun is dirty.

The neck portion of the 357 chamber runs .398+ .001. Cases O.D. at the neck when loaded should run around .385-.390 to allow sufficient clearance for the bolt to rotate shut. RCBS now makes a separate crimp die for the 357 that tapers the mouth of the case bringing the neck to correct dimensions. This die also eliminates the bulge that the roll crimp gives and helps feeding and function by eliminating the mouth of the case sticking up in slightly shorter than normal cases. The part No. of this die is 55,000.

If case walls ~~are~~ at the neck on the 357 are upwards of .019 they should be reamed. Rcbs makes a reamer die for the 357 AMP also No. 55,000.

OAL of the loads for both calibers should be such that they will fit the clip and close in the gun with no resistance. Depending on the bullets this runs from 1.575 to 1.635.

With 80 and 90 gr bullets in the 357 AMP cases are best left unreamed to provide sufficient bullet tension. Often the expander plug of the expanding die must be turned down. I turn mine to .345 so they do not contact the case at all but only slightly. After the case is sized the I.D. of the neck should be around .350. I have seen some dies that left them around .340. This works the brass too much. If your neck walls are .015-.019- and the ID is .340 return the die.

Sometimes it is necessary to remove up to .025 from the bottom of the size die to obtain correct headspace when sizing the 357AMP.

Use RCBS dies all the way as they are the best. Taper crimp the 44 AMP.

Some loads for the 80 and 90 gr. bullet are listed with WW630. Better loads are as follows.

With 80 and 90 gr bullets use a full case of WW296 and seat to OAL of 1.580.

90 sierra	34.5	WW296	OAL 1.580	Vel 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ bb1 2720fps
I have some cases that hold 38 grains and have not chronographed this load yet but pressure is OK and load functions guns well.				
110 Sierra	30.0 gr	WW296	OAL 1.625	2425FPS
125 Speer	28	WW296	OAL 1.625	2245fps
158 Hornady	23.5	WW296	OAL 1.635	1940FPS

Use CCI LP mag primers. If you pop some drop load. I have modified my guns for increased firing pin energy (see June 74 Auto Mag Newsletter) and have been using CCI large Rifle Mag primers with good luck. They allow pressures greater than the pistol primers which pop at around 50,000 CUP and also raise pressures around 3,000 P CUP.

WORK ALL LOADS UP AND BE CAREFUL. I ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF THE LOADS LISTED. I HAVE USED THEM WITH GOOD RESULTS BUT MAYBE YOU WON'T.





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CUSTOM AUTO MAG WORK OUR SPECIALTY

AUTO MAG IN 357 OR 44 COMPLETE WITH CARRYING CASE, INSTRUCTIONS, AND LUBRICANT, 6 1/2 RIBBED, 8 1/2 or 10 1/2 bbl. \$500.00  
 CUSTOM AUTO MAG WITH MAG-NA-PORT, CUSTOM GRIPS, CLIP DEPRESSOR, BOX OF AMMO, ANY CAL OR BBL LENGTH. \$585.00  
 EXTRA BBL ASSEMBLIES 44 OR 357 (41 WHEN AVAL.) 6 1/2 - \$185.00, 8 1/2 - \$195.00, 10 1/2 - \$200.00  
 YOUR AUTO MAG SCOPED WITH LUPOLD M-8-2X, SET UP AND MODIFIED FOR POSITIVE FUNCTION WITH ADDED WEIGHT-COMplete WITH STANDARD WEAVER BASE AND RINGS, \$235.00 WITH CUSTOM BASE AND RINGS (SEE PROTOTYPE PG. 89 1975 HANDLOADERS DIGEST) \$360.00.

RCBS LOADING DIES 44 AMP FOUR DIE SET - 24.50ppd., 357 AMP THREE DIE SET - 26.00ppd., 357 AMP FOUR DIE SET (MANDATORY FOR GOOD AMMO) - 32.00ppd.,  
 CASE FORMING DIES FROM 308, 243, 244, 30-06, 22-250 etc. 44AMP = \$28.00 ppd, 357 AMP \$36.00 ppd. NOTE: IF YOU REQUIRE CASES FOR BOTH CALIBERS BUY ONLY THE 44 AMP FORM SET. THE 357 AMP CAN THEN BE EASILY MADE BY RUNNING THE 44 AMP INTO THE 357 AMP SIZE DIE. IF YOU NEED ONLY THE 357 BUY ONLY THE 357 FORM SET AS IT IS A LITTLE EASIER TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE 357 AMP.

HOLSTERS: INCLUDE 1.50 PER HOLSTER FOR HANDLING AND POSTAGE. SHOULDER HOLSTER PLAIN BROWN 6 1/2 - \$32.00, 8 1/2 (will also work for 10 1/2) - \$36.95. HEAVY FULL FLAP TOP LINED HOLSTER - this holster offers complete protection for the AUTO MAG - can double as a carrying case - 2 1/4 inch belt loop. 6 1/2 or 8 1/2 - \$27.95, 10 1/2 \$29.95, COLOR BROWN. CLIP POUCHES PLAIN \$11.00, BASKET - 12.50, SPECIFY BLACK OR BROWN. HEAVY BARREL CASES WITH SIGHT PROTECTOR DESIGNED TO BE WORN ON BELT - OFFER COMPLETE PROTECTION TO YOUR EXTRA BBL. CHOICE OF BLACK OR BROWN. 6 1/2 - \$20.00, 8 1/2 - \$22.00, 10 1/2 - 24.00.

CUSTOM LAMINATED WOOD GRIPS OF CONTRASTING WOODS - \$39.50 ppd. CLIP DEPRESSOR FOR EASY CLIP LOADING (HOLDS CLIP DEPRESSED SO SHELLS CAN BE DROPPED IN) \$7.50ppd. EXTRA CLIP (same clip for all cal) \$17.50 PPD. YOUR CLIP TUNED FOR SMOOTH OPERATION \$10.00 ppd. YOUR BBL MAG-NA-PORTED (MANDATORY FOR BEST FUNCTION ON THE 44 AMP). 36.00PPD. COMPLETE REPAIR AND TUNING - SEE SEPERATE SHEET.

AUTO MAG AMMO LOADED IN NEW COMMERCIAL CASES AND PACKAGED IN 50 ROUND REUSABLEE BOXES, YOUR BRASS OR BRASS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM US. 357 AMP (YOUR BRASS) 90hp. 125hp. 140sp. 158sp. \$8.25/50, 165.00/1000. BRASS 180hp, 200hp, 240sp. 265sp. \$9.50/50, \$180.00/1000. PRACTICE AMMO: SHEET FOR 44 AMP (YOUR BRASS) 180hp. 200hp. 240sp. 265sp. \$9.50/50, \$180.00/1000. BRASS 180hp, 200hp, 240sp. 265sp. 145 gr. V-6 1/2 = 1600fps, V-8 1/2 = 1750fps, V-10 1/2 = 1900. YOUR BRASS \$4.50/50, \$90.00/1000. 240 GR. V-6 1/2 = 1350fps. 44AMP LYMAN 429383 CAST FROM 23 BRINELL LINOTYPE. THESE WILL STAY IN 6 INCHES AT 100YDS. 240 GR. V-6 1/2 = 1350fps. V-8 1/2 = 1450fps. V-10 1/2 = 1525fps. \$5.50/50. \$100.00/1000.

BALLISTICS OF THE JACKETED LOADS ABOVE THE PRACTICE

37AMP BULLET	V 6 1/2	V 8 1/2	V10 1/2	44AMP BULLET	V 6 1/2	V8 1/2	V 10 1/2
90hp	2325fps	2525fps	2750fps	180hp	1800fps	1975fps	2050fps
125hp	1950fps	2100fps	2250fps	200hp	1600fps	1725fps	1850fps
140sp	1850fps	2000fps	2125fps	240sp	1400fps	1500fps	1550fps
158sp	1750fps	1900fps	2000fps	265sp	1200fps	1300fps	1400fps

LOADING FOR THE AUTO MAG: Both the 357 and 44 AMP cases should be trimmed after the first firing after being full length resized. Trim the 44 to 1.296 and the 357 to 1.294-1.295. The 357 AMP case should be sized enough for the bolt to just rotate shut and then an additional .012. This can be done by removing the bolt from the gun and inserting it into the bbl. assembly and manually rotating it shut with a sized round chambered. Start with the size die backed out and size a case and try it in the gun. The bolt will not rotate. Turn the die down a little at a time until the point is reached that the bolt can be JUST ROTATED SHUT WITH RESISTANCE FELT. This is the point of maximum allowable case headspace. Now turn the size die down an additional .012. This will allow sufficient clearance for the bolt to rotate shut even when the chamber and bolt are dirty from repeated firing.

The neck portion of the 357 AMP chamber runs .398 or .400. Case o.d. at the neck should be around .388-.392 to allow sufficient clearance for easy rotation. RCBS makes a separate taper crimp die that helps hold this dimension. This die also eliminates the bulge that often arises using cases of varying length with roll crimping/. If the neck walls of the 357 Run over .019 they should be inside neck reamed although some guns will function well with much heavier walls. RCBS markets a separate inside neck reamer die and reamer. This set is also included in the 357 form die set.

OAL of loads for both calibers should be such that they will run thru the magazine and chamber without having the bullets hit the rifling. this length usually runs around 1.575-1.645 in both cal depending on the bullet. With 60 and 90 gr bullets in the 357 AMP cases are usually best left unreamed to provide for sufficient bullet tension to assure uniform ignition and bullet retention during recoil. Expander plugs usually run .355. They should be turned down to .350. After sizing mouth I.D. should be around .350. SOME dies leave the mough at .345. If yours do and your neck walls are .016 return the die for correction.

Incidentally sometimes it is necessary to remove around .025 from the bottom of some 357 AMP size dies to be able to properly adjust the headspace for rotation as explained above. See article in HANDLOADERS DIGEST FOR 1975 ON AUTO MAG LOADING.

I RECOMMEND THE 357 AMP OVER THE 44 AMP. THE 357 SHOOTs TWICE AS FLAT TO EXTREME RANGE, WILL SHOOT CONSISTENT 2 1/2 MOA AT 100yds whenscoped from the bench, recoils only half as much as the 44 AMP, is more reliable and will last longer.

FOR THOSE THAT ARE INTERESTED MY PROTOTYPE 22, 25, AND 30 AMPS BEST LOADS SO FAR ARE THE FOLLOWING.  
 30AMP 40gr-3200fps, 55gr-2900fps, 70gr-2500fps. 25AMP 60gr-2800, 75gr. - 2550-. 100gr-2100. 117-2000fps.  
 30AMP 110gr. 2400, 130gr-2200. 150gr-2100. THESE VELS ARE FROM 11 3/4 INCH BBLs.  
 Eventually these calis will become commercially available making the Auto mag truly a versatile big game, varmit and target handgun.

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		1.575	150 SIERRA HC		
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	22				
	23			1670	22.5gr. GOOD WORKING
				1835	LOAD MAX.

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