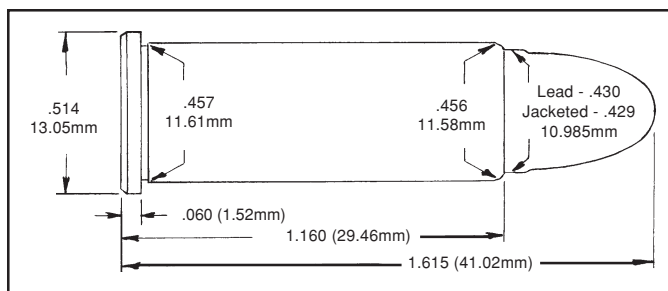


# .44 SMITH & WESSON SPECIAL

The .44 S&W Special was based on the .44 Russian cartridge case, lengthened by 0.200". The .44 Special was for many years considered our most accurate big bore revolver cartridge.

It was a favorite of handgunners such as Elmer Keith who developed the .44 Special into a big game handgun cartridge without peer until the advent of the .44 Remington Magnum.



With the introduction of the .44 Remington Magnum, there is no longer any justification to "overload" the .44 Special for hunting purposes. While the newly manufactured Smith & Wesson revolvers and some of the earlier large frame handguns would tolerate these heavy loads, there are many guns still in service which will not. Shooting high pressure loads in .44 Special revolvers is an unacceptable risk. The .44 S&W Special gives excellent results with cast bullets.

The SAAMI Maximum Average Pressure for the .44 S&W Special is 14,000 C.U.P.

<b>.44 SMITH &amp; WESSON SPECIAL</b>				
Gun	DOUGLAS	Max Length	1.160"	
Barrel Length	7½"	Trim Length	1.140"	
Primer	CCI 300	OAL Max	1.615"	
Case	MIDWAY	OAL Min	1.560"	

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			C.U.P.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
190 (L) WC	<b>N100</b>	3.3	724	<b>N100</b>	3.7	823	12,800	1.265"	NBC
	<b>S1000</b>	4.0	740	<b>S1000</b>	4.4	842	12,700		
	<b>No.2</b>	3.6	735	<b>No.2</b>	4.0	836	12,800		
	<b>No.5</b>	6.1	766	<b>No.5</b>	6.7	871	13,200		
200 (L) SWC	<b>N100</b>	3.7	762	<b>N100</b>	4.1	867	11,100	1.465"	Rucker
	<b>S1000</b>	3.9	715	<b>S1000</b>	4.3	813	9,400		
	<b>No.2</b>	4.7	827	<b>No.2</b>	5.2	905	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	6.4	876	<b>No.5</b>	7.4	959	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	8.6	873	<b>No.7</b>	9.5	992	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>	10.4	898	<b>No.9</b>	11.5	1020	13,900		
215 (L) SWC	<b>N100</b>	4.3	780	<b>N100</b>	4.8	890	14,000	1.535"	LY429215 Penny's
	<b>No.2</b>	4.8	790	<b>No.2</b>	5.3	900	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	7.0	844	<b>No.5</b>	7.8	959	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	8.6	839	<b>No.7</b>	9.5	953	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>	10.3	869	<b>No.9</b>	11.4	988	13,800		

## .44 SMITH & WESSON SPECIAL (continued)

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			C.U.P.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
245 (L) RN	<b>N100</b>	3.4	661	<b>N100</b>	3.8	752	14,100	1.600"	LY429383  Penny's
	<b>S1000</b>	4.0	696	<b>S1000</b>	4.5	791	14,000		
	<b>No.2</b>	4.2	721	<b>No.2</b>	4.7	819	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	6.1	757	<b>No.5</b>	6.8	860	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	7.8	792	<b>No.7</b>	8.7	900	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>	9.7	818	<b>No.9</b>	10.8	930	14,000		
250 (L) SWC	<b>N100</b>	3.8	679	<b>N100</b>	4.2	772	14,000	1.575"	LY429421
	<b>S1000</b>	3.9	661	<b>S1000</b>	4.3	751	14,000		
	<b>No.2</b>	4.5	711	<b>No.2</b>	5.0	808	13,900		
	<b>No.5</b>	6.3	760	<b>No.5</b>	7.0	864	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	8.1	779	<b>No.7</b>	9.0	885	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>	10.4	832	<b>No.9</b>	11.5	946	14,000		
HDY 180 JHP	<b>5744</b>	11.9	692	<b>5744</b>	12.5	737	12,600		
	<b>N100</b>	4.6	807	<b>N100</b>	5.2	920	14,000	1.485"	Good Load
	<b>No.2</b>	5.3	802	<b>No.2</b>	5.9	911	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	7.8	878	<b>No.5</b>	8.7	1000	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	9.9	880	<b>No.7</b>	10.5	1000	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>		N/R	<b>No.9</b>		N/R			
NOS 200 JHP	<b>N100</b>	4.6	807	<b>N100</b>	5.2	920	14,000	1.485"	Good Load
	<b>No.2</b>	5.3	802	<b>No.2</b>	5.9	911	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	7.8	878	<b>No.5</b>	8.7	1000	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	9.9	880	<b>No.7</b>	10.5	1000	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>		N/R	<b>No.9</b>		N/R			
IMI 240 JSP	<b>S1000</b>	4.4	687	<b>S1000</b>	4.6	731	12,200	1.490"	
	<b>No.2</b>	4.9	708	<b>No.2</b>	5.4	805	14,000		
	<b>No.5</b>	7.2	766	<b>No.5</b>	8.0	871	13,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	9.0	825	<b>No.7</b>	10.0	938	13,800		
	<b>No.9</b>		N/R	<b>No.9</b>		N/R			
145 SC	<b>S1000</b>	3.6	516	<b>S1000</b>	4.0	587	14,100	1.485"	
	<b>No.2</b>	4.1	532	<b>No.2</b>	4.5	604	13,900		
	<b>No.5</b>	5.8	640	<b>No.5</b>	6.5	730	14,000		
	<b>No.7</b>	7.2	689	<b>No.7</b>	8.0	745	14,000		
	<b>No.9</b>		N/R	<b>No.9</b>		N/R			
Shot Capsules*	<b>No.5</b>	7.4	926	<b>No.5</b>	8.2	1053	12,200	1.510"	

\* Shot capsules using 145 grains of #9 shot.