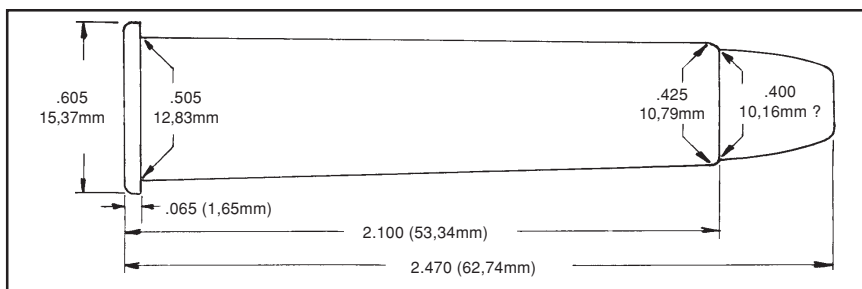


.40-65 WINCHESTER

The .40-65 Winchester, also known as the .40-65 Marlin, was introduced in 1887 for Winchester's Model 86 lever action rifle. The Winchester single-shot rifle was also chambered for it.



The .40-65 was loaded with both black and smokeless powder and remained listed in Winchester catalogs until about 1935. The .40-65 Winchester is essentially the .45-70 Government cartridge necked down to .40 caliber. The purpose behind this cartridge was to increase the power available in Winchester's lever action rifles thus making them more competitive with their single-shot rivals.

The pressure limit used for the maximum loads listed below were established by first firing 65 grains of "FFg" black powder and a 300 grain lead bullet. **Accurate 8700** is a good duplicate of the performance of blackpowder in this cartridge. **Accurate 5744** provides modern performance in this 106-year old cartridge at safe pressures.

This data is intended only for firearms safe for use with smokeless propellants.

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Gun	C. SHARPS	Max Length	2.100"
Barrel Length	36"	Trim Length	2.080"
Primer	WLR	OAL Max	2.470"
Case	WW	OAL Min	--

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			P.S.I.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
260 (L) FN	5744	23.4	1452	5744	26.0	1651	20,000	2.540"	RCBS
300(L) FN	5744	21.6	1333	5744	24.0	1515	19,200	2.580"	RCBS
300 (L) CSA	5744	21.6	1338	5744	24.0	1521	21,600	2.660"	Compressed
	2495	38.7	1649	2495	43.0	1874	18,800		
	8700	54.0	1255	8700	60.0	1426	21,900		
350 (L) CSA	5744	20.7	1263	5744	23.0	1436	21,000	2.660"	Compressed
	2495	36.0	1556	2495	40.0	1768	20,800		
	8700	48.6	1104	8700	54.0	1255	19,700		
400 (L) CSA	5744	20.7	1200	5744	23.0	1364	22,000	2.830"	Compressed
	2495	33.3	1437	2495	37.0	1633	19,600		
	8700	46.8	1041	8700	52.0	1183	16,800		

NOTE: CSA Bullets are designed for single shot rifles. They are not recommended for use in lever action rifles.