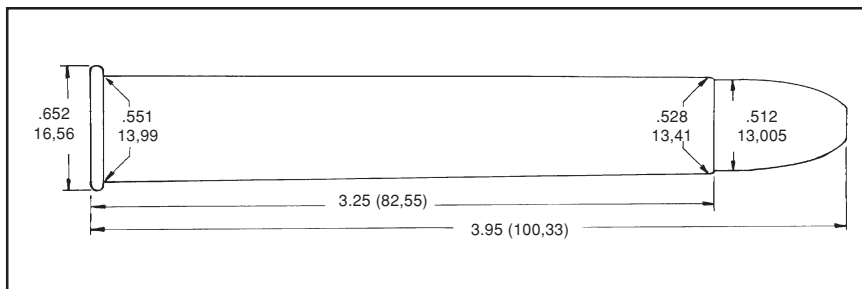


# .50-140 SHARPS

The .50-140 Sharps and the .50-140 Express are nearly identical cartridges. The primary differences are the weight of the bullets used. The .50-140 Sharps was produced as a special order item and was usually used with a 700 grain paper patched lead bullet which could be purchased commercially for loading the cartridge.



This was the most powerful of the Sharps (Buffalo) cartridges, but by the time it became available, the buffalo herds had already been destroyed.

Currently available as a special order from manufacturers of Sharps replicas, the .50-140 Sharps is strictly a handloader's proposition. Eldorado Cartridge Company still offers excellent quality cartridge cases for this round.

The pressure limit set for this cartridge by Accurate was developed by firing a 140 grain charge of FFg black powder and a 550 grain lead bullet. This produced a pressure of 28,000 PSI.

The .50-140 Sharps is a powerful cartridge capable, with smokeless propellant, of driving a 550 grain cast bullet the same velocity as the factory 500 grain bullet from a .458 Winchester Magnum.

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

<b>.50-140 SHARPS</b>				
Gun	C. SHARPS	Max Length	3.250"	
Barrel Length	30"	Trim Length	3.230"	
Primer	FC 215	OAL Max	3.950"	
Case	Eldorado	OAL Min	--	

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			P.S.I.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
440 (L) FN **	<b>5744</b>	43.0	1600	<b>5744</b>	55.0	1978	24,500	3.785"	Clean
	<b>4350</b>	103.5	1972	<b>4350</b>	115.0	2241	25,000		100% Density
	<b>3100</b>	108.0	1891	<b>3100</b>	120.0	2149	24,200		*
	<b>8700</b>	115.0	1745	<b>8700</b>	135.0	1983	25,400		Compressed

## .50-140 SHARPS (continued)

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS				Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.	P.S.I.		
550 (L) FN	<b>5744</b>	40.0	1466	<b>5744</b>	50.0	1736	24,800	3.735"	Clean
	<b>4350</b>	94.5	1922	<b>4350</b>	105.0	2184	27,500		RCBS
	<b>3100</b>	99.0	1889	<b>3100</b>	110.0	2033	26,300		
	<b>8700</b>	100.0	1653	<b>8700</b>	120.0	1806	25,100		*

Please note that a firm crimp is necessary for good powder ignition.

\* Lt. Compression

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