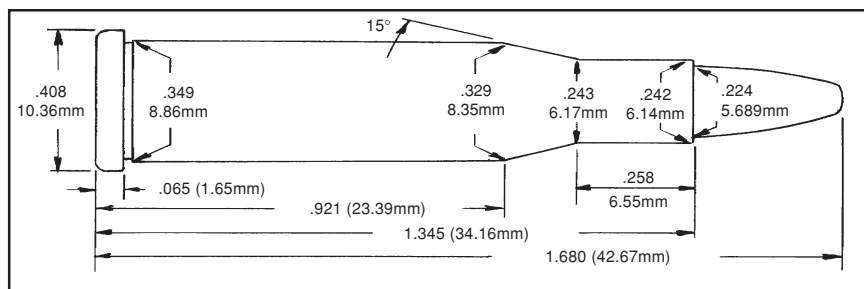


.218 BEE

Introduced by Winchester in 1938 in the Model 65 lever action rifle, the .218 Bee is based on the .32-20 Winchester case necked to .22 caliber.



Although more powerful than the .22 Hornet, the .218 Bee suffered from limitations of the Model 65. The blunt-nosed bullets that were required because of the tubular magazine reduced the effective range and individual rifles exhibited erratic accuracy.

The SAAMI Maximum Average Pressure for the .218 Bee is 40,000 C.U.P.

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Gun	DOUGLAS	Max Length	1.345"
Barrel Length	24"	Trim Length	1.325"
Primer	CCI 400	OAL Max	1.680"
Case	WW	OAL Min	1.645"

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			C.U.P.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
44 (L) RNGC	1680	9.9	1976	1680	11.0	2246	30,100	1.615"	LY225438
HDY 35 VMAX	1680	13.5	2632	1680	15.0	2992	40,000	1.680"	
SRA 40 Hornet*	1680	13.5	2463	1680	15.0	2799	34,700	1.760"	
HDY 45 HP "Bee"	1680	12.6	2350	1680	14.0	2670	39,800	1.610"	
SPR 46 FN	1680	12.6	2339	1680	14.0	2658	38,600	1.670"	
HDY 50 SX*	1680	11.7	2165	1680	13.0	2460	36,600	1.780"	

*Note: Not for use in firearms with a tubular magazine