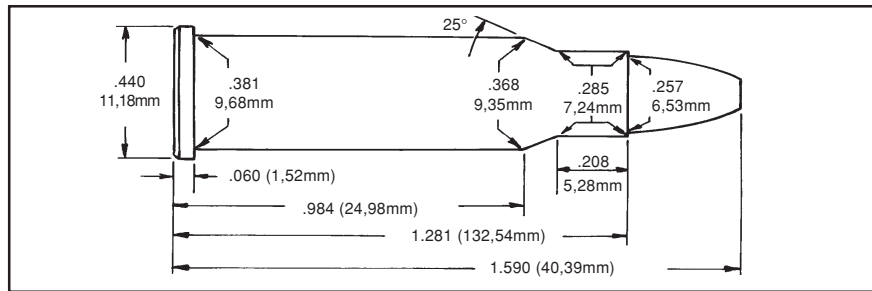


.256 WINCHESTER MAGNUM

The .256 Winchester Magnum was introduced in 1960 as a new handgun cartridge with no guns made for it. Soon after, however, the single-shot Ruger Hawkeye pistol was introduced. The anticipated Smith & Wesson and

Ruger revolvers chambered for this cartridge never materialized due to technical problems associated with setback of the bottle-necked case when the cartridge is fired in a revolver.



The .256 Winchester Magnum is also listed as a rifle cartridge because Marlin produced the Model 62 lever action rifle in this chambering. The Thompson/Center Contender was also chambered for this round.

As a rifle cartridge, the .256 Winchester Magnum is somewhat more potent than the .25-20 and is considered an effective varmint cartridge out to about 150 yards.

The SAAMI Maximum Average Pressure for the .256 Winchester is 43,000 C.U.P.

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Gun	DOUGLAS	Max Length	1.281"	
Barrel Length	24"	Trim Length	1.261"	
Primer	CCI 500	OAL Max	1.590"	
Case	WW	OAL Min	1.540"	

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			C.U.P.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
65 (L) FNGC	1680	13.5	2034	1680	15.0	2311	29,300	1.585"	LY257420
	2015	16.2	1952	2015	18.0	2218	27,000		
HDY 60 FN	1680	16.2	2423	1680	18.0	2753	40,900	1.580"	Compressed
	2015	18.0	2138	2015	20.0	2430	30,600		
SPR 75 FN	1680	14.9	2120	1680	16.5	2409	37,400	1.575"	Compressed
	2015	18.0	2133	2015	20.0	2424	36,100		