

260 Remington

Test Specifications:

Firearm Used: Universal

Barrel Length: 24"

Twist: 1-8"

Components:

Case: Hornady

Trim-to Length: 2.025"

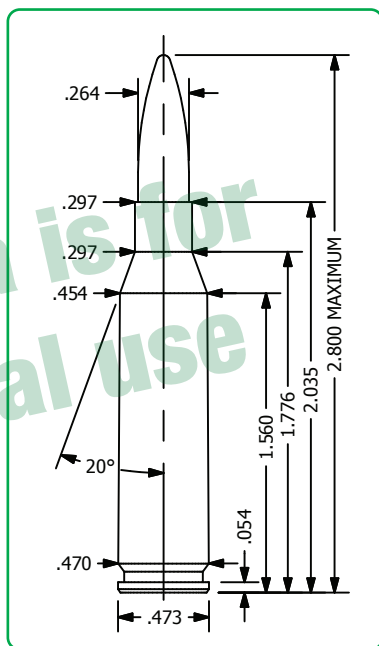
Primer: WLR

Remarks:


It is impossible to say who first came up with the idea of necking the 308 Winchester down to accept a .264" diameter bullet. At least as far back as 1962, a version of it was described as the 263 Express by noted gun writer Ken Waters. At that time, the bore size was considered a bit of an oddball, at least here in the United States. Times change, as do shooters. When Outdoor Life's Shooting Editor Jim Carmichael wrote an article on a pair of 6.5mm cartridges in the mid 1990s, he caught people's attention, especially competitive shooters. Carmichael, an avid competitive shooter himself, described his testing with what he dubbed the 260 Bobcat, a 250 Savage necked down to 6.5mm. The other cartridge, known as the 6.5mm Panther, was the latest incarnation of the 308 necked down to take .264" diameter bullets. By this time, American shooters had come to appreciate the merits of the 6.5mm bore, and several wildcat versions of the 6.5-08 were already seeing serious use. It had been used by G. David Tubb to win the U.S. HighPower championships at Camp Perry and had developed a loyal following among silhouette shooters. Remington took notice of this rise in popularity and standardized the cartridge as the 260 Remington.

As a competitive round, the 260 has come on strong. The wide array of newer bullet styles, weights, and profile configurations has given the 6.5 mm cartridges a huge boost in popularity yet again. The 260 with the 130 Tipped MatchKing (TMK), the 142 grain MatchKing, and now the very sleek 150 gr MatchKing, keeps gaining ground in the competitive circles. Newer 6.5 cartridge developments are forcing it to share some of the limelight currently.

In the hunting world, the 260 has found its place very easily also. Varmints to deer, it performs very well. The lighter weight BlitzKing of 107 grains is outstanding on small varmints up to predators of coyote size. The 130 HPBT GameKing makes an excellent deer and hog bullet. Also capable of fine performance on black bear. The 120 Spitzer makes an excellent choice for larger predators and small to medium bodied deer. With the 130 TGK GameChanger and 140 GameKing being a wise choice for mulies and possibly elk.





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Bullet Caliber Weight Type								C.O.A.L.
		#1700	.264"	85gr.	HP			2.650"
Powder	Velocity	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200	3300	3400
H4895			35.3	36.4	37.6	39.0	40.6	42.2
IMR 4166 End.		35.0	36.5	37.9	39.3	40.7	42.0	
IMR 4064		35.5	36.7	37.9	39.3	40.8	42.3	
RE 15			37.5	38.9	40.3	41.7	43.1	44.5
N140	36.0	37.6	39.2	40.7	42.3	43.8	44.8	
Varget			36.9	38.4	40.0	41.6	43.2	44.8
Big Game			39.8	41.2	42.8	44.6	46.5	
N540			37.9	39.4	40.9	42.3	43.6	44.9
IMR 4350	39.8	41.3	42.8	44.4	46.0	47.7		
IMR 4451 End.	41.1	42.5	43.9	45.3	46.7	48.2		
H4350	39.5	40.8	42.2	43.5	44.9	46.3	47.8	
RE 17	39.6	41.3	42.8	44.3	45.6	46.9	48.1	
Hybrid 100V	39.0	40.5	42.0	43.5	44.9	46.3	47.7	
Energy Ft. Lbs		1479	1587	1698	1813	1932	2055	2181
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs				
Accuracy Load	RE 15	44.5	3400	2181				
Hunting Load	H4895	42.2	3400	2181				

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Bullet	Caliber	Weight	Type	C.O.A.L.					
	#1710	.264"	100gr.	HP	2.720"				
	#1711	.264"	100gr.	HPBT	2.720"				



Powder	Velocity	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200
H4895		33.3	34.7	35.0	36.6	38.2	39.7	
IMR 4166 End.	33.1	34.7	36.1	37.6	39.1	40.5		
IMR 4064	33.8	35.4	37.0	38.5	39.9	41.4		
RE 15		35.3	36.8	38.3	40.0	41.8		
N140	34.2	35.8	37.5	39.2	40.9			
Varget		34.8	36.5	38.2	40.0	41.8		
Big Game		37.6	39.3	40.9	42.6	44.2	45.9	
N540		35.7	37.1	38.7	40.3	42.0		
IMR 4350	37.5	39.2	40.8	42.5	44.2	45.8		
IMR 4451 End.	38.0	39.6	41.2	42.8	44.3	45.8		
A 4350			41.0	43.5	45.6	47.3	48.7	
H4350		38.1	39.8	41.5	43.1	44.7	46.3	
RE 16			39.7	41.7	43.5	45.1	46.6	
RE 17		38.7	40.3	41.8	43.3	44.8	46.2	
Hybrid 100V		38.0	40.1	41.9	43.6	45.2		
Energy Ft. Lbs		1501	1618	1741	1867	1998	2133	2273

Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs
Accuracy Load	H4350	46.3	3200	2273
Hunting Load	Big Game	45.9	3200	2273

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	Bullet	Caliber	Weight	Type	C.O.A.L.			
	#1715	.264"	107gr.	HPBT Match	2.800"			
	#7407	.264"	107gr.	TMK	2.800"			
Powder ▾	Velocity >	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200
H4895			33.8	35.3	36.9	38.4	40.0	
IMR 4166 End.	33.2	34.8	36.3	37.7	39.0			
IMR 4064	34.1	35.4	36.8	38.2	39.6			
RE 15		35.6	37.1	38.6	40.0	41.4		
N140	34.3	35.8	37.4	39.0	40.6			
Varget		35.1	36.7	38.3	40.0	41.7		
Big Game	37.2	38.6	40.0	41.5	43.1	44.7		
N540	34.5	36.0	37.6	39.1	40.6	42.1		
IMR 4350	38.0	39.4	40.8	42.2	43.7			
IMR 4451 End.	38.3	39.6	41.0	42.5	44.0	45.5		
A 4350		39.3	41.4	43.4	45.1	46.6		
H4350	37.2	38.6	40.0	41.4	42.8	44.2		
RE 16		38.8	40.3	41.8	43.4	44.9	46.6	
RE 17	37.3	39.0	40.6	42.0	43.3	44.4	45.3	
Hybrid 100V	36.4	38.3	40.0	41.6	43.0	44.3		
Energy Ft. Lbs	1606	1732	1862	1998	2138	2283	2432	
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs				
Accuracy Load	RE 17	45.3	3200	2432				
Hunting Load	RE 16	46.6	3200	2432				
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Bullet	Caliber	Weight	Type	C.O.A.L.
	#1720	.264"	120gr. SPT	2.720"
	#1725	.264"	120gr. HPBT Match	2.750"

Powder	Velocity	2350	2450	2550	2650	2750	2850	2900
IMR 4166 End.				33.5	35.1	36.8	38.6	
IMR 4064		31.9	33.6	35.2	36.8	38.2		
RE 15				34.6	36.4	38.2	40.0	
N140		31.0	32.9	34.8	36.7	38.5		
Varget			32.0	34.0	35.8	37.2	38.3	38.8
Big Game				37.8	39.6	41.3	42.9	43.7
N540			33.0	34.8	36.6	38.4	40.2	
IMR 4350			35.7	37.6	39.4	41.3		
IMR 4451 End.			36.4	38.0	39.6	41.4	43.2	
A 4350					38.0	40.3	42.6	
H4350					37.9	40.2	42.1	42.8
RE 16				36.2	38.1	40.1	42.2	43.3
RE 17				36.8	38.8	40.7	42.5	43.4
Hybrid 100V			35.6	37.3	39.1	40.9	42.6	
RE 19					42.4	44.6	46.4	47.2
H4831sc				40.9	42.3	43.9	45.6	46.6
Energy Ft. Lbs		1471	1599	1732	1871	2015	2164	2240




Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs
Accuracy Load	RE 16	43.3	2900	2240
Hunting Load	Big Game	43.7	2900	2240

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		Bullet Caliber Weight Type							C.O.A.L.
		#1727	.264"	123gr.	HPBT Match				2.800"
Powder	Velocity	2400	2500	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000	
IMR 4166 End.		31.1	32.7	34.3	35.9	37.5			
RE 15			33.1	34.7	36.4	38.1	39.8		
N140			33.7	35.4	37.1	38.8			
Varget			32.8	34.4	36.1	37.9			
Big Game			35.9	37.5	39.1	40.7	42.4		
N540			33.5	35.0	36.6	38.3	40.2		
IMR 4350		35.2	36.9	38.5	40.0	41.5			
IMR 4451 End.		35.7	37.1	38.5	40.0	41.5	43.0		
A 4350				38.7	41.0	42.9	44.5		
H4350			35.8	37.4	39.0	40.6	42.1		
RE 16			36.0	37.8	39.5	41.1	42.7		
RE 17			36.1	37.7	39.2	40.8	42.3		
Hybrid 100V		34.2	35.7	37.1	38.6	40.1	41.6		
RE 19			39.6	41.1	42.7	44.3	45.9	47.5	
H4831sc			39.5	40.8	42.4	44.2	46.3		
Energy Ft. Lbs		1573	1707	1846	1991	2141	2297	2458	
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs					
Accuracy Load	N140	38.8	2800	2141					
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	Bullet	Caliber	Weight	Type	C.O.A.L.			
	#1728	.264"	130gr.	HPBT	2.650"			
	#7430	.264"	130gr.	TMK Match	2.800"*			
	#4330	.264"	130gr.	TGK	2.800"*			
*requires a 1x8" or faster twist								
Powder	Velocity	2200	2300	2400	2500	2600	2700	2800
Varget			30.7	32.3	33.9	35.6		
Big Game				34.2	35.9	37.8	39.7	
N540			31.1	32.9	34.6	36.2		
IMR 4350			34.1	35.8	37.6	39.5	41.5	
IMR 4451 End.			34.3	35.8	37.5	39.3	41.3	
A 4350				36.0	37.8	39.5	41.2	
H4350				35.2	36.8	38.4	40.1	
RE 16				34.7	36.6	38.3	40.0	41.7
RE 17				34.7	36.3	37.9	39.5	41.2
Hybrid 100V				34.7	36.5	38.3	39.9	
RE 19				38.2	39.9	41.6	43.4	45.3
H4831sc				38.2	40.0	41.7	43.5	45.4
IMR 4955 End.		33.6	35.7	37.5	39.1	40.4		
RE 22					40.1	41.7	43.3	44.9
N560			37.6	39.2	40.9	42.6	44.5	
Energy Ft. Lbs		1397	1527	1662	1804	1951	2104	2263
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs				
Accuracy Load	IMR 4955 End.	40.4	2600	1951				
Hunting Load	RE 16	41.7	2800	2263				
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	Bullet	Caliber	Weight	Type	C.O.A.L.			
	#1730	.264"	140gr.	SBT	2.725"			
	#1740	.264"	140gr.	HPBT Match	2.750"			
	#1742	.264"	142gr.	HPBT Match	2.800"*			
*requires a 1x8" or faster twist								
Powder	Velocity	2250	2350	2450	2550	2650	2750	2800
IMR 4350		33.9	35.6	37.3	39.1	40.9		
IMR 4451 End.		34.1	35.9	37.6	39.2	40.8		
A 4350				36.3	38.6	40.6		
H4350				35.1	37.5	39.5		
RE 16			34.4	36.5	38.5	40.4		
Hybrid 100V			34.5	36.2	37.9	39.6		
RE 19			37.4	39.3	41.1	42.9	44.6	45.5
Hunter			37.2	38.8	40.6	42.6	44.7	
H4831sc				39.0	41.0	42.9		
RE 22			36.6	38.6	40.4	42.1		
N560			39.3	41.1	42.8	44.4	45.7	
RE 23			36.2	38.1	39.9	41.8	43.7	
IMR 7828ssc				41.0	42.8	44.5	46.1	
H1000					43.5	45.5	47.6	
Magnum			43.0	44.7	46.5	48.5	50.7	51.8
Energy Ft. Lbs		1573	1716	1866	2021	2183	2351	2437
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs				
Accuracy Load	RE 23	43.7	2750	2351				
Hunting Load	RE 19	45.5	2800	2437				
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Bullet Caliber Weight Type
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#1755 .264" 150gr. HPBT Match

2.950"*

*requires a 1x7.5" or faster twist

Powder ∨	Velocity >	2200	2300	2400	2500	2600	2650	2700
IMR 4350		32.7	34.6	36.5	38.4			
IMR 4451 End.		32.9	34.8	36.7	38.4	40.0		
A 4350			32.6	34.7	37.1			
H4350				35.0	36.9			
RE 16			33.0	34.9	37.0	39.2		
RE 19				37.5	39.5	41.5	42.4	43.4
Hunter			36.1	37.9	39.6	41.4	42.3	
H4831sc				38.0	40.5	42.3		
RE 22			36.1	38.0	39.8	41.6	42.5	
N560			37.6	39.7	41.6	43.3	44.1	44.8
RE 23			35.2	37.1	39.1	41.2	42.3	
IMR 7828ssc			37.6	39.8	41.7	43.4	44.1	
RE 25				40.1	42.0	44.0	45.0	46.0
H1000			38.3	40.3	42.4	44.5	45.6	46.7
RE 26			37.2	39.1	40.9	42.7	43.6	44.5
Magnum				43.6	45.2	47.3	48.5	49.9
Energy Ft. Lbs		1612	1762	1918	2081	2251	2339	2428

Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lbs
Accuracy Load	A 4350	37.1	2500	2081

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