

# 7.65 x 53mm MAUSER

## Test Specifications:

Firearm Used: Argentine Mauser

Barrel Length: 29 1/4"

Twist: 1 x 9.8"

## Components:

Case: Norma

Trim-to Length: 2.090"

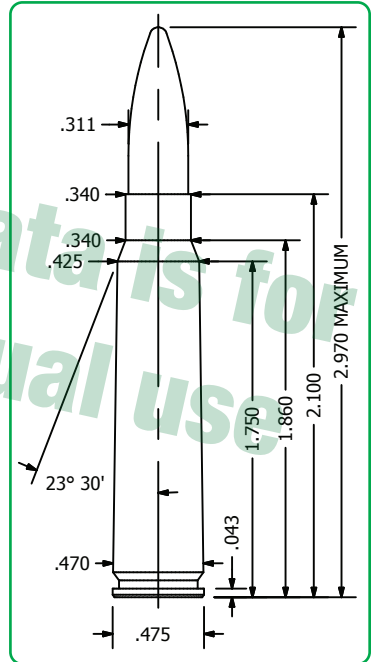
Primer: Remington 9 1/2

## Remarks:


Whether it's referred to as the 7.65x53mm Belgian Mauser or as the 7.65x53mm Argentine, the 7.65x53mm Mauser is a fine cartridge. Introduced in 1889, the 7.65x53mm has been the official military cartridge for many South American and European countries. At one time, it was popular as a sporting cartridge in the United States. In fact, not only was soft-point hunting ammunition manufactured by both Winchester and Remington, but both chambered sporting rifles for it as well. Remington offered their Model 30S (civilian cousin of the M1917 Enfield military action) for the 7.65x53mm for many years. At the same time, Winchester chambered the cartridge in their Model 54 bolt action rifle, and later, even turned out a few in the Model 70. With performance roughly midway between the 30-06 and the much later 308 Winchester, the 7.65x53mm Mauser is certainly adequate for most big game hunting applications.

Most of today's shooters, however, know the 7.65x53mm through the many surplus military bolt-action rifles that have been imported into the United States. Many of these that we have examined were in excellent condition, and have turned out to be outstanding shooters. In several cases, we have seen these rifles produce groups comparable to those produced by much more expensive commercial sporting rifles.

Even though U.S. ammunition manufacturers discontinued the 7.65x53mm in the mid 1930s, ammunition for the handloader is not a problem. Norma still produces loaded ammunition for the 7.65x53mm, and cases can be made from the much more plentiful 30-06 brass. In most instances, this amounts to nothing more than running the 30-06 cases into a 7.65x53mm sizing die (without an expanding/decapping rod installed), and trimming the reformed case to 2.090 inches. This is not a difficult conversion and is much more economical than the rather costly Norma cases. When the rifles can be found in good condition, the 7.65x53mm represents an excellent value for the money.





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Bullet Caliber Weight Type						C.O.A.L.
 #2300 .311" 150gr. SPT						2.850"
Powder ∨	Velocity >	2300	2400	2500	2600	2700
IMR-3031		36.3	38.1	39.8	41.6	43.3
IMR-4895		39.6	41.1	42.6	44.0	45.5
IMR-4064		40.6	41.9	43.3	44.6	45.9
IMR-4320		40.3	42.0	43.8	45.5	47.2
H380		40.6	43.0	45.3	47.7	50.0
IMR-4350		46.6	48.2	49.8		
H4831		51.5				
Energy Ft. lbs		1762	1918	2081	2251	2428
Special Load	Powder	Grains		Velocity fps		Energy Ft. lb
Accuracy Load	IMR-3031	41.6		2600		2251
Hunting Load	IMR-4064	45.9		2700		2428

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Bullet Caliber Weight Type						C.O.A.L.
	#2315	.311"	174gr.	HPBT MatchKing		2.900"
	#2310	.311"	180gr.	SPT		2.875"
Powder ▾	Velocity >	2100	2200	2300	2400	2500
IMR-3031		35.1	36.7	38.3	39.9	41.5
IMR-4895		36.7	38.3	40.0	41.6	43.2
IMR-4064		36.8	38.4	40.0	41.6	43.2
IMR-4320		37.4	39.2	41.0	42.8	44.6
H380		37.6	40.4	43.2	46.0	48.8
IMR-4350		43.2	44.8	46.4	48.0	
H4831		48.0	49.8	51.6		
Energy Ft. lbs		1704	1870	2043	2225	2414
Special Load	Powder	Grains	Velocity fps	Energy Ft. lb		
Accuracy Load	IMR-4320	42.8	2400	2225		
Hunting Load	IMR-4320	44.6	2500	2414		

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