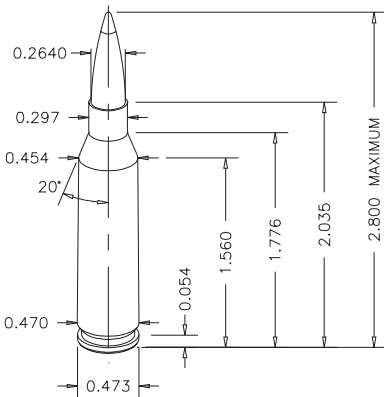


260 Remington



Test Specifications/ Components

Firearm Used: Savage 12VSS

Barrel Length: 24"

Twist: 1 x 8"

Case: Remington

Trim-to Length: 2.025"

Primer: Remington 9 1/2

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 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 was 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. As of this writing, it has already become the second most popular cartridge for the Hunter class of rifle silhouette competition. This should be no surprise since it delivers a superlative combination of decent velocity, low recoil, good barrel life, and an outstanding bullet selection. But it doesn't stop there. Its performance is similar to the 6.5x55mm Swede and a host of other highly efficient mid-size European cartridges that have earned a superb reputation in the game fields. The 260 is adequate for all but the largest North American game. It is an ideal choice for antelope or whitetail deer.

260 Remington continued

#1700 .264" 85 gr. HP
C.O.A.L. 2.710"



Powder↓/Velocity→	3000	3100	3200	3300	3400	3500
748	38.2	39.9	41.6	43.3		
AA-2495	37.7	39.4	41.1	42.8	44.5	
IMR-4895	39.7	41.0	42.3	43.6	44.9	46.2
Varget	39.6	41.1	42.6	44.1	45.6	
IMR-4064	39.0	40.3	41.6	42.9	44.2	45.5
Viht N140	38.6	40.3	42.0	43.7	45.4	
Viht N540	40.0	41.4	42.8	44.2	45.6	
BigGame	42.1	43.8	45.5	47.2		
RE-15	38.6	40.1	41.6	43.1	44.6	46.1
H380	43.2	44.6	46.0	47.4	48.8	
H414	43.4	44.9	46.4	47.9	49.4	
Viht N150	40.2	41.8	43.4	45.0	46.6	
Viht N550	42.5	43.8	45.1	46.4	47.7	
IMR-4350	44.7	46.0	47.3	48.6		
RE-19	47.9	49.2	50.5	51.8		
Energy/ft.lbs.	1699	1814	1933	2055	2182	2312
	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.		
Accuracy Load	AA-2495	42.8	3300	2055		
Hunting Load	Viht N150	46.6	3400	2182		

INDICATES MAXIMUM LOAD – USE CAUTION
LOADS LESS THAN MINIMUM CHARGES SHOWN ARE NOT RECOMMENDED.

260 Remington continued

#1710 .264" 100 gr. HP
C.O.A.L. 2.710"



Powder ↓/Velocity →	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200
748	37.8	39.5	41.2	42.9	
AA-2495	36.2	38.0	39.8	41.6	
IMR-4895	37.6	39.1	40.6	42.1	43.6
Varget	37.1	38.6	40.1	41.6	
IMR-4064	36.5	38.1	39.7	41.2	42.8
Viht N140	36.4	38.2	39.9	41.7	
Viht N540	36.5	38.3	40.1	41.8	43.6
BigGame	38.3	40.3	42.3	44.2	46.2
RE-15	36.2	37.8	39.4	41.0	42.6
H380	40.0	41.7	43.4	45.1	46.8
H414	40.9	42.6	44.2	45.9	
Viht N150	37.3	38.9	40.6	42.2	43.8
Viht N550	40.0	41.4	42.9	44.3	45.7
IMR-4350	42.0	43.6	45.1		
RE-19		45.4	47.0	48.6	
Energy/ft.lbs.	1741	1868	1998	2134	2274
	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.	
Accuracy Load	Varget	40.1	3000	1998	
Hunting Load	BigGame	46.2	3200	2274	

INDICATES MAXIMUM LOAD – USE CAUTION

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260 Remington continued

#1715 .264" 107 gr. HPBT MatchKing
C.O.A.L. 2.765"



Powder↓/Velocity→	2700	2800	2900	3000	3100
748	37.8	39.2	40.7	42.1	
AA-2495	34.2	36.2	38.2		
IMR-4895	37.0	38.2	39.4	40.6	41.8
Varget	36.9	38.2	39.5	40.8	42.1
IMR-4064	36.3	37.5	38.8	40.0	41.2
Viht N140	36.1	37.6	39.1	40.5	42.0
Viht N540	37.0	38.3	39.7	41.0	42.3
BigGame	38.3	40.3	42.3	44.3	46.3
RE-15	36.0	37.4	38.9	40.3	41.7
H380	39.2	40.7	42.2	43.7	
H414	40.6	41.8	42.9	44.1	45.2
Viht N150	36.8	38.4	39.9	41.5	
Viht N550	39.6	40.7	41.9	43.0	44.1
IMR-4350	41.2	42.5	43.9	45.2	
RE-19	42.9	44.7	46.6	48.4	
Energy/ft.lbs.	1732	1863	1998	2138	2283

	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.
Accuracy Load	Varget	40.8	3000	2138

Sierra does not recommend MatchKing bullets for hunting applications.

INDICATES MAXIMUM LOAD – USE CAUTION
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260 Remington continued

#1720 .264" 120 gr. SPT
C.O.A.L. 2.765"



#1725 .264" 120 gr. HPBT MatchKing
C.O.A.L. 2.785"



Powder↓/Velocity →	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000
748		37.3	39.2		
AA-2495	34.7	36.5	38.3		
IMR-4895	35.3	37.2	39.0	40.9	
Varget	34.0	36.1	38.3	40.4	
IMR-4064	33.6	35.7	37.8	39.9	42.0
Viht N140	34.6	36.7	38.7		
Viht N540	34.6	36.5	38.3	40.2	42.0
BigGame	36.6	38.8	40.9	43.1	
RE-15	34.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	
H380		40.0	41.9		
H414		40.9	42.6	44.2	
Viht N150	35.5	37.5	39.5		
Viht N550		38.6	40.5	42.4	
IMR-4350	38.6	40.7	42.8		
RE-19		42.2	44.2	46.2	
Energy/ft.lbs.	1801	1942	2089	2241	2398

	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.
Accuracy Load	Viht N150	39.5	2800	2089
Hunting Load	IMR-4064	42.0	3000	2398

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260 Remington continued

#1730 .264" 140 gr. SBT

C.O.A.L. 2.765"



#1740 .264" 140 gr. HPBT MatchKing

C.O.A.L. 2.765"



#1742 .264" 142 gr. HPBT MatchKing

C.O.A.L. 2.765"



Powder↓/Velocity→	2300	2400	2500	2600	2700
748		34.5	36.5	38.5	
AA-2495	30.8	32.9	34.9	37.0	
IMR-4895	32.6	34.2	35.9	37.5	
Varget	32.3	34.0	35.8	37.5	
IMR-4064	32.0	33.7	35.4	37.1	
Viht N140	31.7	33.6	35.6	37.5	
Viht N540	32.2	34.0	35.7	37.5	39.2
BigGame	32.5	34.9	37.3	39.7	
RE-15	31.5	33.3	35.1	36.9	
H380		36.2	38.0	39.7	41.5
H414		36.9	38.8	40.6	42.5
Viht N150		33.9	35.9	37.9	39.9
Viht N550		35.9	37.6	39.3	41.0
IMR-4350	35.9	37.5	39.2	40.8	
RE-19		40.0	41.5	43.0	44.5
Energy/ft.lbs.	1644	1791	1943	2101	2266

	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.
Accuracy Load	Viht N150	37.9	2600	2101
Hunting Load	Viht N540	39.2	2700	2266

Sierra does not recommend MatchKing bullets for hunting applications.

#1750 .264" 160 gr. SMP

C.O.A.L. 2.640"



Powder↓/Velocity→	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Viht N540	32.3	33.2				
BigGame	33.8	34.8	35.8	36.8		
H414	34.2	35.3	36.4	37.5	38.6	
Viht N150	32.3	33.3				
Viht N550	32.4	33.6	34.8			
RE-19	34.2	35.4	36.6	37.8	39.0	40.2
Energy/ft.lbs.	1719	1799	1879	1962	2046	2133

	Powder	Grains	Velocity	Ft. lbs.
Accuracy Load	Viht N150	33.3	2250	1799
Hunting Load	RE-19	39.0	2400	2046

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