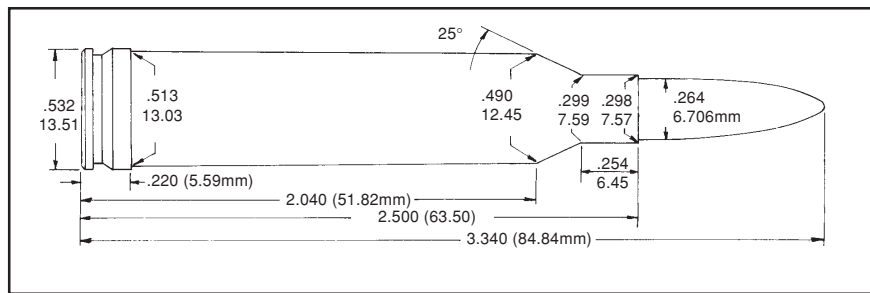


.264 WINCHESTER MAGNUM

The .264 Winchester Magnum was introduced by Winchester in 1958. As originally introduced in Winchester's Model 70 "Westerner," it was available with a 26 inch stainless steel barrel. The .264 Winchester Magnum was designed to produce what Winchester hoped would be the ultimate open-country hunting cartridge for deer-sized big game. To accomplish this feat of engineering, Winchester's ballisticians utilized a 2-diameter bullet with only the section aft of the cannelure being full groove diameter.



Complaints by shooters who did not understand the necessity of the 26-inch barrel to produce the advertised ballistics caused Winchester to reduce the length of the rifle barrel to 24 inches. With its shortened barrel the .264 Winchester Magnum was unable to live up to its advertising claims and quickly fell from favor with the shooting public. This coincided with the introduction of Remington's 7mm Remington Magnum cartridge whose arrival sounded the death knell for the .264 Winchester Magnum.

As originally designed and produced the .264 Winchester Magnum was, and still is, an excellent cartridge for medium sized North American game.

The SAAMI Maximum Average Pressure for the .264 Winchester Magnum is 64,000 P.S.I.

.264 WINCHESTER MAGNUM			
Gun	DOUGLAS	Max Length	2.500"
Barrel Length	24"	Trim Length	2.480"
Primer	CCI 250	OAL Max	3.340"
Case	WW	OAL Min	3.160"

Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			P.S.I.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
SRA 100 SP	4350	60.3	3102	4350	67.0	3523	62,900	3.220"	Compressed
	3100	64.8	3054	3100	72.0	3471	61,900		
	8700	74.7	2732	8700	83.0	3105	40,800		
NOS 125 (Part)	4350	48.6	2502	4350	54.0	2843	60,800	3.265"	
	3100	52.2	2534	3100	58.0	2880	61,300		
	8700	69.3	2765	8700	77.0	3142	64,000		

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Bullet	START LOADS			MAXIMUM LOADS			P.S.I.	Cartridge Length	Comment
	Powder	Grains	Vel.	Powder	Grains	Vel.			
NOS 140 (Part)	4350	47.7	2414	4350	53.0	2743	64,000	3.265"	
	3100	50.4	2402	3100	56.0	2729	61,600		
	8700	64.8	2559	8700	72.0	2908	62,700		

Caliber 264Winchester Magnum

Case length

Min: 2.480

Barrel: H&S Precision 24"

Max: 2.500

Case: Winchester

Cartridge length

Min: 3.160

Primer: CCI 250

Max: 3.340

Bullet Make Type	Bullet Weight Grains	Powder Type	Start Load grains	Start Velocity Fps	Start Pressure kPsi	Maximum Load Grains	Maximum Velocity Fps	Maximum Pressure kPsi	AOL inches
Hornady A Max	140	Magpro	58.7	2821	51.2	65.2	3079	64	3.325

WARNING!! ALWAYS BEGIN LOADING AT THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM OR "START" LOAD