

# Speed Reloading The Single-Shot Handgun

To ensure I stay inside the Masters Long Range Handgun event's tight time limits, I save as much time as possible during reloading.

The secret is to use a position that does not require any excess movement of the shooting hand or upper torso. It is a modification of the roll-over prone style where the body is positioned at a 30- to 45-degree angle to the line of fire. The difference: resting my head on my shoulder when in position and using only one hand to reload.

To achieve this position, I extend my shooting arm toward the target and remain in that position for the duration of the string. The loading block holding the spare cartridges is positioned just to the right rear of the bolt and within easy reach of the left hand. After firing a shot, the left hand leaves its support position and moves smoothly to the bolt without my lifting my head or upper torso from their positions. The left hand lifts the bolt smoothly and snaps it smartly to the rear to ensure positive ejection while I take a deep breath or two. The left hand then leaves the bolt and reaches for a cartridge, which is standing base up in the loading block. The cartridge is then dropped into the action and the left hand returns to the bolt and closes it in a smooth motion before resuming its support position. I use the same system in standing, but I substitute an armband loader for the loading block.



*First, above left: To save time reloading the single-shot Glenn handgun, I use only one hand to reload. The loading block holding the spare cartridges is positioned just to the right rear of the bolt. After firing a shot, the left hand leaves its support position and moves smoothly to the bolt. Second, above right: The left hand lifts the bolt smoothly and snaps it smartly to the rear to ensure positive ejection.*



*Third, above left: The left hand then leaves the bolt and reaches for a cartridge, which is standing base up in the loading block.*

*Fourth, above right: The cartridge is then dropped into the action and the left hand returns to the bolt and closes it in a smooth motion.*