

## .44 Special Loads

### Hornady 200-Grain XTP Bullets

Powder	Powder Charge Weight	Bullet Muzzle Velocity	Average Group Size
HS6	8.6 grains	810 feet per second	2.2 inches
HS6	7.6 grains	754 feet per second	2.2 inches
Bullseye	6.0 grains	985 feet per second	2.6 inches

### Hornady 180-Grain XTP Bullets

Powder	Powder Charge Weight	Bullet Muzzle Velocity	Average Group Size
WW 231	6.0 grains	959 feet per second	2.7 inches
Herco	8 grains	796 feet per second	2.4 inches

### Bull-X Inc. 240-grain SWC Cast Bullets

Powder	Powder Charge Weight	Bullet Muzzle Velocity	Average Group Size
800 X	6.4 grains	795 feet per second	3.1 inches
HS6	7.1 grains	784 feet per second	3.4 inches
Bullseye	4.6 grains	802 feet per second	2.3 inches
Unique	7.1 grains	1021 feet per second	2.5 inches

### Bull-X Inc. 215-Grain SWC Bullets

Powder	Powder Charge Weight	Bullet Muzzle Velocity	Average Group Size
SR 7625	6.7 grains	964 feet per second	3.7 inches
Green Dot	6 grains	889 feet per second	2.9 inches
HS6	7.2 grains	940 feet per second	2.8 inches
2400	9.8 grains	856 feet per second	3.1 inches

### Bull-X Inc. 190-Grain SWC Bullets

Powder	Powder Charge Weight	Bullet Muzzle Velocity	Average Group Size
Green Dot	6.0 grains	926 feet per second	4.3 inches
2400	10.5 grains	826 feet per second	3.3 inches
HS6	7.6 grains	1,169 feet per second	3.0 inches
Herco	6.5 grains	887 feet per second	3.1 inches

Note: All loads used Starline .44 Special cases and CCI #300 primers.

\*All loads were fired for accuracy at 50 yards using a TC Contender with a 4-power TC scope from a sandbagged rest. All velocities were measured with a Shooting Chrony chronograph 10 feet from the muzzle. Accuracy is the aggregate average of three five-round groups fired at 50 yards.

Although safe in the test guns used, these loads may be unsafe in different firearms or under different circumstances. Consult reloading manuals offered by the manufacturers and always doublecheck all handloads against loads listed in their manuals. Always use prudent methods when reloading, and begin testing with loads which are a minimum of 10 percent below the loads shown as maximum unless instructed to use the loads exactly as shown in the manual.



Left and above: Even a heavy, 12-inch-barrel Contender has a stout recoil using full-house .44 mag loads. The maglite loads and .44 Special loads make the Contender, the Ruger Bisley, and Ruger Blackhawk sweeter-shooting handguns.