

Winning Loads : 2002

The following information was collected from competitors who won events in the 2002 Pistolfest, the National Pistol Championships, the Pedersoli Challenge and the English Pistol Championships. This information should be a guide to the new shooter and those who would like to try something different.

For the single shot pistols only the patch thickness was noted because the type of lubricant used would need an article in its own right. This also applies to the sealants people use on revolvers.

Important Note

These components and charges were safe in individual specific firearms, and cannot be guaranteed for other shooters and their firearms and handloads. Readers who replicate them do so entirely at their own risk.

SINGLE SHOT PERCUSSION PISTOLS

Firearm	Calibre	Ball		Powder	Patch
Belgian	0.50	0.457	Swaged	19g Swiss 2	0.040
Billinghurst Underhammer	0.36	0.350	Cast	11g Swiss 1	0.010
Couch Underhammer	0.36	0.350	Cast	11g Swiss 1	0.010
Greathead-Underhammer	0.40	0.397	Cast	11g Swiss 1	0.010
Hege	0.33	0.330	Swaged	9g Swiss 1	0.013
Hege	0.44	0.436	Cast	14g Swiss 2	0.010
Hege	0.33	0.330	Cast	10g Swiss 1 + Filler	0.010
J Greathead	0.40	0.385	Cast	16g Black Silver 2	0.022
L Penn-Lepage	0.41	0.400	Cast	12g Swiss 2	0.010
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.36	0.354	Swaged	12.5g Swiss 2	0.010
R Senn	0.41	0.400	Cast	14g Swiss 2	0.012

FLINTLOCK PISTOLS

Firearm	Calibre	Ball		Powder	Patch
Joseph Manton	0.50	0.490	Cast	34g Swiss 1	0.015
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.45	0.460	Cast	35g Swiss 2	0.015
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.45	0.454	Cast	39g Swiss 2	0.010
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.45	0.457	Cast	33g Swiss 1	0.010
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.45	0.457	Swaged	40g Swiss 1	0.015
Pedersoli-Lepage	0.45	0.457	Cast	32g Swiss 1	0.015
S & C Smith	0.50	0.495	Cast	40g Swiss 1	0.030
Turner	0.52	0.490	Cast	40g Black Silver 1	0.032

REVOLVERS

Firearm	Calibre	Ball		Powder	Patch
Beaumont Adams	54 bore	0.455	Cast	18g Curtis & Harvey	Filler
Euroarms R & S	0.44	0.451	Cast	15g Swiss 2	Filler
Euroarms R & S	0.44	0.454	Swaged	22g Swiss 2	Filler
Feinwerkbau R & S	0.44	0.454	Swaged	15g Swiss 1	Filler
Hege-Remington	0.44	0.457	Cast	14g Swiss 1	Wad
Hege-Remington	0.44	0.454	Swaged	18g Swiss 2	Wad
Pedersoli-Remington	0.44	0.451	Swaged	20g Swiss 2	Filler
Remington	0.44	0.454	Cast	17g Swiss 2	Filler
Remington	0.44	0.454	Swaged	22g Black Silver 2	Filler
Tranter 2nd Model	54 bore	0.454	Cast	20g Black Silver 2	none