

## 256 Winchester Magnum

Handgun: . . . . . Ruger Hawkeye	Bullet Diameter: . . . . . 0.257"
Barrel: . . . . . .8½", 1 in 14" Twist	Maximum COL: . . . . . 1.590"
Case: . . . . . Winchester	Max. Case Length: . . . . . 1.281"
Primer: . . . . . Winchester WSR	Case Trim Length: . . . . . 1.271"

Arms makers are fully aware of the burgeoning "Collector's Market" for new firearms of all types: replicas, commemoratives, and special editions. So many such offerings suggests making firearms to look at instead of shoot must be a profitable business. Then, of course, there's the phenomenon of the "instant collector's item"—manufacturing a firearm which simply doesn't sell and is promptly, quietly discontinued. Sturm, Ruger & Company didn't intend to do this with its Hawkeye pistol, but that's what happened.

Introduced in 1961 to satisfy demand for an improved long-range cartridge/pistol combination, the 256 Winchester Magnum is based on a necked down 357 Magnum revolver case. Ruger introduced this new cartridge in a unique new pistol, the 256 Hawkeye, a single shot handgun built on revolver frame, featuring a pivoting breech block to handle the pressures developed by the 256 cartridge. With the chamber integral with the barrel, the full velocity potential of the round was realized.

The Ruger system worked but didn't sell, and the Hawkeye was soon withdrawn. The 256 Winchester didn't fare much better when offered in factory rifles such as the Marlin Model 62, though it could develop almost 600 fps more velocity in the longer barrels. The 256 was available in the popular Thompson/Center Contender and the Merrill Single Shot, but is rarely encountered today.

## 60 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:  
DIAMETER:0.130  
0.257"**60 gr. FP**

Item No. 2510

C.O.L.: 1.560"

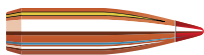
G1 B.C.: 0.101

## VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)

POWDER	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400
UNIQUE	8.0 gr.	8.6 gr.	9.2 gr.	9.8 gr.		
HERCO	8.4 gr.	9.1 gr.	9.8 gr.	10.5 gr.		
Alliant 2400				13.8 gr.	14.6 gr.	15.4 gr.

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## 75 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:  
DIAMETER:0.162  
0.257"**75 gr. V-MAX®**

Item No. 22520

C.O.L.: 1.740"

G1 B.C.: 0.290

**75 gr. HP (Discontinued)**

Item No. 2520

C.O.L.: 1.740"

G1 B.C.: 0.257

## VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)

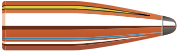
POWDER	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100
UNIQUE	6.7 gr.	7.3 gr.	7.9 gr.	8.6 gr.	9.2 gr.	
HERCO	7.0 gr.	7.6 gr.	8.2 gr.	8.8 gr.		
H110		9.5 gr.	10.3 gr.	11.1 gr.		
Alliant 2400				12.5 gr.	13.1 gr.	13.7 gr.

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# 87 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:  
DIAMETER:

0.188  
0.257"



**87 gr. SP** (Discontinued)

Item No. 2530

C.O.L.: 1.825"

G1 B.C.: 0.290

POWDER	VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)					
	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
UNIQUE	5.4 gr.	6.0 gr.	6.7 gr.	7.4 gr.	8.0 gr.	
HERCO	5.7 gr.	6.3 gr.	6.9 gr.	7.6 gr.	8.2 gr.	
H110		8.4 gr.	9.0 gr.	9.6 gr.	10.3 gr.	
Alliant 2400	8.0 gr.	8.7 gr.	9.4 gr.	10.1 gr.	10.8 gr.	11.5 gr.
H4198		12.0 gr.	12.9 gr.	13.8 gr.	14.6 gr.	

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