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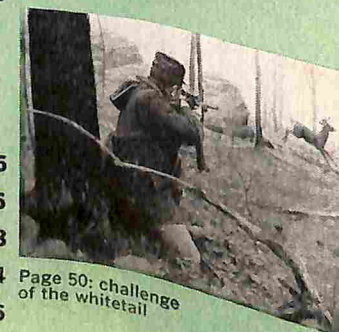
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How to pick a shotgun shell that gives you a sporting chance.

Remington hunters can help you pick the right shot size... and Remington engineers make sure it travels straight and true.

Some people have an idea that shot size "isn't all that critical". But a hunter who tries to make do with whatever loads he happens to have on hand can be making a big mistake. Experienced hunters consider the kind of country they'll be hunting in, the kind of game they're after, when they're going after it... then they decide what shot size is best for that situation. Here are some of their ideas:

Ducks. For close shooting over decoys they use No. 7½. For middle range, the extra weight of No. 5 or 6 helps. And, for long range or fast passes, No. 4 seems to work best.

Geese. Wallop is needed here... the kind delivered by big loads with large shot such as BB and No. 2. Many hunters prefer No. 4 for denser patterns at shorter ranges.

Quail. For taking bobwhites early in the season when their feathers are light, No. 9 shot is adequate. But as the season wears on, feathers get thicker and heavier, so most hunters switch to a No. 7½ or 8 shot.

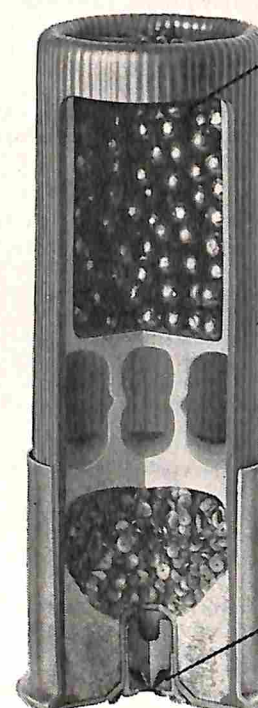
Pheasants. For cornfield shooting where long shots are usual, better use No. 5. On a normal rise over dogs and for all-around use, No. 6 is the favorite.

(Our 1971 catalog goes into more detail about shot sizes for other species. It's yours, free for the writing.) Making sure of your shot size is one thing. Making sure the shot gets to where it's supposed to go is something else. That's why it pays to know a little about the complete shell before you chamber it.

The key to successful shotgunning is "pattern"... how the shot is grouped when it reaches the target. The pattern should be dense enough to eliminate gaping holes for game to fly through. (Barrel choke is important in patterning, too, and will be covered in a future Remington Report.) The patented Remington and Peters "Power Piston" one-piece wad starts you off with a greater chance of getting your game.



Since the "Power Piston" (photo on left) helps cushion the shot when it's fired and keeps it from flattening itself against the barrel, more shot stays round. (The picture above right is shot fired from a competitive shell.) And since round shot shoots straighter, you end up with about 10% more shot in your pattern than with old-style wads.



(Incidentally, we make our own shot in our own shot towers, and it's made hard to prevent deformations. And we make sure it's round before it goes into the shell. Hard shot is more apt to stay round when it leaves the shell.)

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