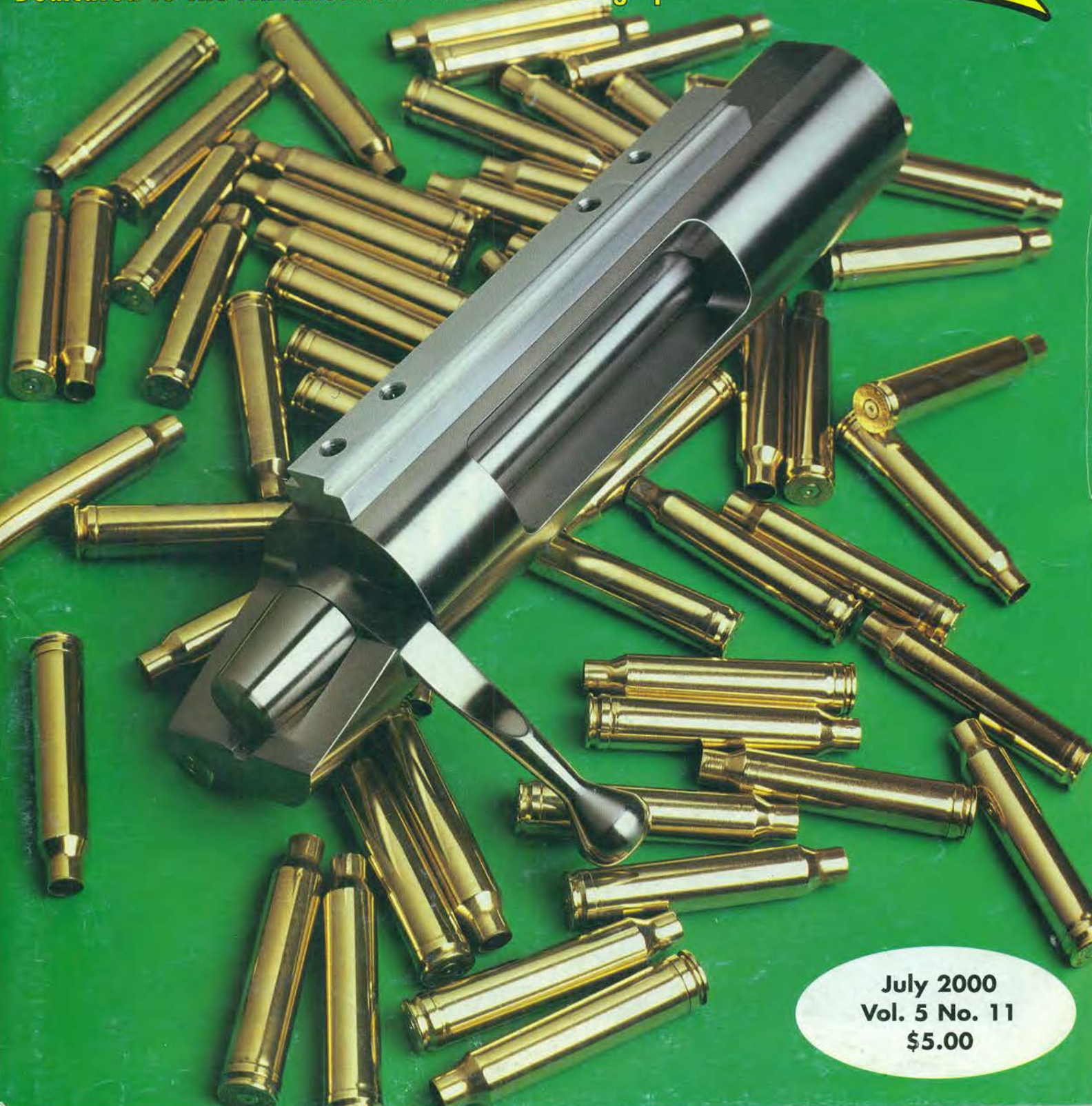


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There are a number of other high performance bullets on the market. The "boattail" is a very good long range target match bullet. It has very good wind performance. If you are shooting for precision, you should weigh each powder charge and put exactly the same amount in each case. Each case should be exactly on specification.

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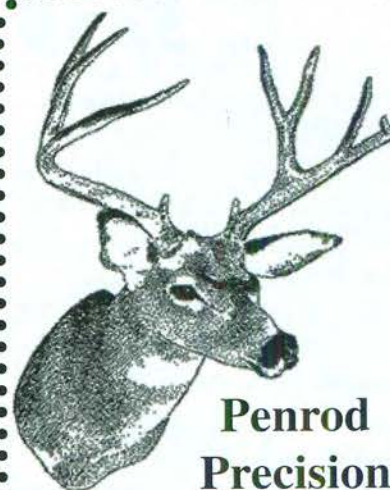
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the 23.8 grains of H4198, mated with the Sierra 55 grain Blitz Kings.

H335 - 43 clicks = 28.0 grains. This load with the 55 Sierra Blitz Kings produced 3087 fps, and grouped .615 the temperature was 46 degrees. This load would need to be watched closely in higher temperatures. The Speer reloading manual #11 lists 28 grains as a max load. I had no other reloading manual that listed that high of a powder charge.

H322 - this excellent propellant out performed the other powders in the smallest group category. 48 clicks = 26.7 grains, this load with the 55 grain Sierra Blitz King produced a .242. The velocity with this combination was 3278 fps. An excellent balance of high velocity and small group size. This load wrecked havoc in several bean fields. The temperature was 85 degrees and the relative humidity was 35%.

The summary of the above propellants indicated that

the Hodgdon powders produce excellent velocities and small groups. Varget produced the second smallest group with the Bullberry 22PPC.

If you are shopping for a new long range pistol, consider the Encore with their popular chamberings or any of the Bullberry after market barrels. I would also recommend using Hodgdon propellants with the Sierra 55 grain Blitz King. This projectile with its benchrest jacket showed its stuff in my opinion. Both on the bench and in the gaming fields.

Special thanks to T/C Encore for the loan of the Encore and to Sherry Fears who made this evaluation possible. Fred Smith of Bullberry Barrel Works, for the loan of the two barrels and the three inch forend. Adam Braverman at Sierra Bullets for the 55 grain Blitz Kings. And especially to Hodgdon Powder Co., and Chris Hodgdon for their generous assistance. I recommend them all highly.

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