



38 Special

Rifle:	S & W Model 15	Bullet Diameter:	0.357"
Barrel:	.4", 1 in 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Twist	Maximum COL:	1.550"
Case:	Hornady/Frontier	Max. Case Length:	1.155"
Primer:	Winchester WSP	Case Trim Length:	1.145"

Smith & Wesson introduced the 38 Special in 1902 in their Military and Police Model revolver. Since that time, the 38 Special has become one of the world's most reloaded centerfire cartridges. It is a very popular sidearm, once used by law enforcement agencies throughout the U. S. Because of its popularity the 38 is chambered in nearly all revolvers.

The versatility of the 38 Special is to the handgunner what the 308 Winchester is to the rifleman. The 38 Special can be used for everything from self-defense to plinking to small game hunting to target shooting, with excellent results.

To realize the full potential of the 38 Special, Hornady offers 11 bullet choices — 5 lead bullets and 6 jacketed bullets. The 148 HBWC is the most accurate target bullet. Wadcutters are not suitable for high velocity loads. For best results in target shooting, loads at 800 fps give optimum performance. Maximum loads listed with an asterisk yield +P pressures. +P pressures are above the SAAMI standard for the 38 Special and should only be used in modern guns designed by the manufacturer for +P pressures. Some powders do not show +P loads because the next increment would yield higher than +P pressures. Our test weapon produced its best groups using Bullseye and Unique, with the highest velocities obtained from Power Pistol.

110 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:0.123
0.357"**110 gr. XTP®**

Item No. 35700

C.O.L.: 1.445"

G1 B.C.: 0.131

POWDER	VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)					
	850	900	950	1000	1050	1100
TITEGROUP	4.0 gr.	4.4 gr.	4.7 gr.	5.0 gr.	*5.4 gr.	
SW Clean Shot	4.1 gr.	4.4 gr.	4.7 gr.	*5.0 gr.		
BULLSEYE	4.2 gr.	4.5 gr.	4.9 gr.	5.2 gr.	*5.6 gr.	*6.0 gr.
VIHT N-320	4.5 gr.	4.8 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.2 gr.		
WIN 231	4.6 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.3 gr.	5.6 gr.	5.9 gr.	*6.3 gr.
Accurate No. 2	4.7 gr.	5.1 gr.	5.4 gr.	*5.7 gr.		
BE-86	4.9 gr.	5.2 gr.	5.5 gr.	5.9 gr.	*6.2 gr.	
UNIQUE	5.2 gr.	5.5 gr.	5.7 gr.	6.0 gr.	*6.3 gr.	
WIN AutoComp	5.2 gr.	5.5 gr.	5.8 gr.	6.1 gr.	*6.4 gr.	
VIHT N-340	5.5 gr.	5.9 gr.	6.2 gr.	*6.6 gr.		
POWER PISTOL	5.6 gr.	6.0 gr.	6.4 gr.	6.7 gr.	7.1 gr.	*7.5 gr.
HS-6	6.8 gr.	7.2 gr.	7.6 gr.	8.0 gr.	*8.4 gr.	
Accurate No. 5	6.9 gr.	7.3 gr.	7.7 gr.	8.0 gr.	*8.4 gr.	

NOTE: * = +P loads

125 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:

0.140
0.357"

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125 gr. FP-XTP®
Item No. 35730
C.O.L.: 1.450"
G1 B.C.: 0.148



125 gr. XTP®
Item No. 35710
C.O.L.: 1.450"
G1 B.C.: 0.151

POWDER	VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)					
	800	850	900	950	1000	1050
BULLSEYE	4.5 gr.	4.7 gr.	5.0 gr.	*5.3 gr.		
BE-86	4.6 gr.	4.9 gr.	5.2 gr.	*5.5 gr.		
UNIVERSAL	4.8 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.3 gr.	5.5 gr.	*5.8 gr.	
WIN AutoComp	4.7 gr.	5.1 gr.	5.4 gr.	*5.7 gr.		
WIN 231	4.8 gr.	5.1 gr.	5.4 gr.	*5.7 gr.		
UNIQUE	5.1 gr.	5.3 gr.	5.6 gr.	*5.8 gr.		
POWER PISTOL	5.4 gr.	5.7 gr.	6.1 gr.	6.4 gr.	6.8 gr.	*7.1 gr.
VIHT 3N37	6.0 gr.	6.2 gr.	6.5 gr.	6.8 gr.	*7.1 gr.	
Accurate No. 5	6.6 gr.	6.9 gr.	7.3 gr.	7.6 gr.		
HS-6	6.6 gr.	7.0 gr.	7.3 gr.	*7.7 gr.	*8.1 gr.	

NOTE: * = +P loads

140 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY: 0.157
DIAMETER: 0.357"



140 gr. XTP®
Item No. 35740
C.O.L.: 1.450"
G1 B.C.: 0.169

VELOCITY (FPS - feet per second)						
POWDER	750	800	850	900	950	1000
BULLSEYE	4.2 gr.	4.4 gr.	4.7 gr.	*5.0 gr.		
WIN 231	4.5 gr.	4.8 gr.	5.1 gr.	*5.5 gr.		
UNIVERSAL	4.6 gr.	4.9 gr.	5.1 gr.	*5.3 gr.		
UNIQUE	4.2 gr.	4.7 gr.	5.2 gr.	*5.8 gr.		
BE-86	4.5 gr.	4.9 gr.	*5.3 gr.			
WIN AutoComp	4.7 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.3 gr.	*5.5 gr.		
VIHT N-340	4.9 gr.	5.1 gr.	5.3 gr.	*5.6 gr.		
POWER PISTOL	5.2 gr.	5.5 gr.	5.8 gr.	6.1 gr.	*6.4 gr.	*6.7 gr.
VIHT 3N37	5.8 gr.	6.0 gr.	6.2 gr.	*6.4 gr.	*6.7 gr.	
HS-6	6.1 gr.	6.4 gr.	6.8 gr.	*7.1 gr.	*7.4 gr.	
Accurate No. 5	6.3 gr.	6.6 gr.	*6.9 gr.			

NOTE: * = +P loads

140 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:

0.157
0.358"



140 gr. COWBOY™

(Discontinued)

Item No. 10078

C.O.L.: 1.450"

G1 B.C.: 0.127

VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)

POWDER	700	750	800	850	900	950
TITEGROUP	3.0 gr.	3.3 gr.	3.7 gr.	4.0 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.7 gr.
BULLSEYE	3.0 gr.	3.4 gr.	3.8 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.6 gr.	
AMERICAN SELECT	3.2 gr.	3.6 gr.	4.1 gr.	4.5 gr.	4.9 gr.	
VIHT N-320	3.4 gr.	3.6 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.5 gr.	
Trail Boss	3.4 gr.	3.8 gr.				
WIN 231	3.5 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.6 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.3 gr.
Accurate No. 2	3.6 gr.	4.0 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.7 gr.		
UNIVERSAL	4.0 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.5 gr.	4.7 gr.	4.9 gr.	5.2 gr.
UNIQUE	3.9 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.6 gr.	5.0 gr.	5.3 gr.	

148 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:

0.165
0.358"



148 gr. HBWC

Item No. 10208

C.O.L.: 1.180"

G1 B.C.: 0.047

VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)

POWDER	550	600	650	700	750	800
TITEGROUP	1.9 gr.	2.1 gr.	2.3 gr.	2.5 gr.	2.8 gr.	3.0 gr.
VIHT N-320	2.1 gr.	2.3 gr.	2.5 gr.	2.7 gr.	3.0 gr.	
BULLSEYE	2.1 gr.	2.4 gr.	2.6 gr.	2.8 gr.	3.0 gr.	
AMERICAN SELECT	2.1 gr.	2.4 gr.	2.7 gr.	3.0 gr.	3.2 gr.	
WIN 231	2.2 gr.	2.5 gr.	2.8 gr.	3.0 gr.	3.3 gr.	3.5 gr.
UNIVERSAL	2.6 gr.	2.8 gr.	3.0 gr.	3.2 gr.	3.4 gr.	3.6 gr.
UNIQUE	2.4 gr.	2.7 gr.	2.9 gr.	3.2 gr.	3.5 gr.	

158 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:0.177
0.357"**158 gr. FP-XTP®**

Item No. 35780

C.O.L.: 1.450"

G1 B.C.: 0.199

**158 gr. XTP®**

Item No. 35750

C.O.L.: 1.450"

G1 B.C.: 0.206

VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)						
POWDER	600	650	700	750	800	850
BULLSEYE	3.4 gr.	3.7 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	*4.5 gr.	
UNIVERSAL	4.1 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.4 gr.	4.6 gr.	*4.8 gr.	
WIN 231	3.7 gr.	4.0 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.6 gr.	*4.9 gr.	
BE-86	3.8 gr.	4.1 gr.	4.4 gr.	4.7 gr.	*5.0 gr.	
UNIQUE	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.5 gr.	4.8 gr.	*5.1 gr.	
VIHT N-340	4.3 gr.	4.5 gr.	4.7 gr.	4.9 gr.	*5.1 gr.	
POWER PISTOL	4.4 gr.	4.8 gr.	5.1 gr.	5.4 gr.	5.7 gr.	*6.0 gr.
VIHT 3N37	5.0 gr.	5.2 gr.	5.4 gr.	5.6 gr.	5.8 gr.	*6.0 gr.
Accurate No. 5	5.2 gr.	5.5 gr.	5.8 gr.	6.1 gr.	*6.4 gr.	
HS-6	5.1 gr.	5.4 gr.	5.8 gr.	6.2 gr.	*6.5 gr.	

NOTE: * = +P loads

158 GRAIN BULLETS

SECTIONAL DENSITY:
DIAMETER:

0.176
0.358"

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158 gr. LRN
Item No. 10508
C.O.L.: 1.455"
G1 B.C.: 0.159



158 gr. SWC-HP
Item No. 10428
C.O.L.: 1.455"
G1 B.C.: 0.139



158 gr. SWC
Item No. 10408
C.O.L.: 1.455"
G1 B.C.: 0.135

VELOCITY (FPS – feet per second)

POWDER	650	700	750	800	850
BULLSEYE	2.8 gr.	3.1 gr.	3.4 gr.	3.7 gr.	
AMERICAN SELECT	2.8 gr.	3.2 gr.	3.5 gr.	3.9 gr.	
WIN 231	3.2 gr.	3.5 gr.	3.8 gr.	4.1 gr.	4.4 gr.
Accurate No. 2	3.3 gr.	3.6 gr.	3.8 gr.		
UNIQUE	3.3 gr.	3.6 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	
UNIVERSAL	3.4 gr.	3.7 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.4 gr.
Trail Boss	2.9 gr.	3.5 gr.	4.1 gr.		
VIHT N-340	3.6 gr.	3.9 gr.	4.2 gr.	4.5 gr.	
POWER PISTOL	4.0 gr.	4.3 gr.	4.6 gr.	4.9 gr.	5.2 gr.