## 5.5 x 55 Swedish Mauser

Before ordering a Walkabout carbine from Serengeti Rifles, Inc., I thought long and hard about cartridge selection. The rifle would be used for hunting deer and pronghorn, along with possibly a few coyotes. Too, I wanted a European chambering instead of a typical American cartridge.

I chose the 6.5x55mm Mauser (a.k.a. "Swede"), which was even more venerable than the .30-06, and boasted a similar military and sporting heritage. Adopted by both the Swedish and Danish military in 1894, the 6.5x55 has long been a popular hunting and target round. A survey once showed more Scandinavian moose had been killed with the 6.5x55 than with all other cartridges combined.



A mild-mannered round with downright civilized recoil, the 6.5 Swede won its spurs with long, 160-grain (or heavier) bullets that delivered outstanding penetration. The 120-grain Triple-Shock handloads I feed my Serengeti carbine shoot flatter and—if anything—penetrate even better. I've yet to recover a TSX bullet from any game I've taken with one.

Because of the aging 6.5x55 rifles still in service, SAAMI specifies a maximum pressure of 51,000 psi. Ammunition loaded to that pressure provides all the punch I need, along with the excellent accuracy this cartridge is famous for. While slightly warmer loads may be safe in modern rifles of good condition, handloaders should not exceed the loads recommended in this manual.—Clair Rees



<sup>\*</sup>This load data was test fired up to SAAMI maximum average pressure of 51,000 psi.



Sectional Density .225 Ballistic Coefficient .452 C.O.A.L 2.980"

Suggested Bullet Use





	Minimum		Maximum		Load	
Powder Brand	Charge (grains)	Velocity (fps)	Charge (grains)	Velocity (fps)	Density (%)	
IMR 4831	43.0	2668	47.0	2905	98	
XMR 3100	43.5	2681	47.5	2899	100	
Mag Pro	49.0	2768	54.5	3007	100	
VIT N165	43.0	2715	48.0	2920	96	
*RL 22	45.5	2737	49.0	2931	98	
IMR 7828SSC	45.0	2635	49.0	2866	95	



Sectional Density .246 Ballistic Coefficient .381 C.O.A.L 2.950"

Suggested Bullet Use





	Minimum		Maximum		Load	
Powder Brand	Charge (grains)	Velocity (fps)	Charge (grains)	Velocity (fps)	Density (%)	
IMR 4831	40.5	2519	44.5	2744	93	
XMR 3100	41.5	2541	45.5	2751	96	
Mag Pro	46.0	2568	51.0	2814	93	
*RL 22	41.0	2530	46.0	2762	92	
IMR 7828SSC	43.0	2498	47.0	2718	91	
H1000	45.5	2485	50.0	2707	100	



Minimum Maximum Load Charge Velocity Charge Velocity Density Powder (%) **Brand** (grains) (fps) (grains) (fps) 43.0 2568 92 2349 IMR 4831 39.0 94 XMR 3100 39.5 2376 43.5 2574 92 49.0 2655 Mag Pro 44.0 2443 44.0 2594 91 \*RL 22 39.0 2399 2365 45.0 2584 90 41.0 IMR 7828SSC 2370 98 43.5 47.5 2557 H1000

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"I worked up a 180-grain TSX load for my .300 RUM to take this caribou in Alaska. This kind of performance is exactly why we only hunt with the TSX, and why it's revolutionizing the high-performance hunting bullet industry. My Barnes hat says it all, 'The Tracks Stop Here'!"

—Bill De Haan

I was shooting a .300 Winchester Magnum with handloads of Barnes' 180-grain MRX bullets to take this red hartebeest. —Bob Pew





"While I hunted in the Northern Province of South Africa, my PH guides were very doubtful of my .300 Ultra Magnums' capabilities. Loaded with the 180-grain Triple-Shock bullets, it proved to be more than enough. Thanks for the outstanding product performance and many one shot kills."—Carey Samford

Wide and heavy describes this choice Canadian moose taken by Tracy Burton, of Double Diamond Outfitters. She used her trusty .257 Roberts firing a 100-grain TSX.

