

Remington **NEWS**

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REMINGTON TO PRODUCE .35 WHELEN AS FACTORY-LOADED CARTRIDGE

After a distinguished career of 66 years as one of America's most durable and popular wildcat cartridges, the .35 Whelen will finally be given legitimate status in 1988 by the Remington Arms Company. Remington not only will produce the highly regarded "old timer" as a factory-loaded round, but will chamber two centerfire rifles for it, a limited production run of the MODEL 700™ Classic bolt action rifle and the MODEL 7600™ pump action rifle.

Remington will load the cartridge with two bullets, a 200-grain pointed soft point with a muzzle velocity of 2675 fps and a 250-grain soft point with a muzzle velocity of 2400 fps.

The .35 Whelen dates back to 1922 when it was created by James Howe of Griffin & Howe as a more practical derivation of a previous 40-caliber version designed by the well-known writer and shooting expert, Col. Townsend Whelen of the U. S. Army Ordnance Department.

The .35 Whelen is produced essentially from a straight .30-06 case necked down to take 35-caliber bullets. It was developed at the time to produce a more powerful cartridge that could be used in then-available bolt action rifles.

Despite the continuing popularity of the .35 Whelen as a wildcat, its failure to gain factory-available status may have



resulted from a misinterpretation of its correct niche in the centerfire hierarchy. In terms of energy and downrange ballistics, it was not intended to compete directly with the performance of larger, straight-cased or belted magnums.

However, shooters who became familiar with it learned to appreciate its true capabilities. The .35 Whelen is, and always has been, a highly versatile, all-around cartridge, well adapted for deer hunting, but with near-magnum performance completely adequate for the largest North American big game out to ranges of about 200 yards.

The appeal of the cartridge to many shooters has been based on the fact that it produces high energy performance in a standard, medium-sized case without the shoulder-shocking recoil of its big-belted brothers. Comparatively, the .35 Whelen provides downrange energy roughly equivalent to that of the .350 Remington Magnum.

Remington's introduction of the .35 Whelen as a factory-loaded cartridge now brings retail availability of this versatile round to all hunters and will provide reloaders with a source of factory-formed brass. In addition, the chambering for it of Remington's MODEL 700 and MODEL 7600, two well-known and proven centerfire rifles, eliminates the need for expensive rechambering or rebarreling.

Factory-loaded .35 Whelen ammunition will be available from Remington retail dealers in early 1988.

DOWNRANGE BALLISTICS*
.35 WHELEN, 200-GRAIN PSP

<u>Range</u> <u>(yds)</u>	<u>Velocity</u> <u>(ft/sec)</u>	<u>Energy</u> <u>(ft-lbs)</u>	<u>Trajectory</u> <u>Short Range</u>	<u>Trajectory</u> <u>Long Range</u>
0	2675	3177	-.9	-.9
50	2524	2828	0.2	1.6
100	2378	2510	0.0	2.6
150	2236	2220	-1.8	2.2
200	2100	1957	-5.3	0.0
250	1968	1720	-10.8	-4.2
300	1841	1506	-18.5	-10.6
350	1721	1314	-	-19.6
400	1606	1145	-	-31.5
450	1490	997	-	-46.8
500	1399	869	-	-65.9

*From 24-inch test barrel

DOWNRANGE BALLISTICS*
.35 WHELEN, 250-GRAIN SP

<u>Range</u> <u>(yds)</u>	<u>Velocity</u> <u>(ft/sec)</u>	<u>Energy</u> <u>(ft-lbs)</u>	<u>Trajectory</u> <u>Short Range</u>	<u>Trajectory</u> <u>Long Range</u>
0	2400	3197	-.9	-.9
50	2230	2759	.4	1.2
100	2066	2369	0.0	1.6
150	1910	2024	-2.5	0.0
200	1761	1722	-7.3	-.4
250	1672	1459	-15.0	-10.9
300	1492	1235	-26.0	-21.0
350	1374	1037	-	-35.1
400	1269	893	-	-53.8
450	1178	772	-	-77.8
500	1107	680	-	-108.2

*From 24-inch test barrel

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