

# LEE LOADER

for **SHOTGUN SHELLS**

## COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS

### UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE

The Lee Loader is **GUARANTEED** not to break or wear out through normal use, or it will be repaired or replaced **AT NO COST** if returned to the factory. Wad fingers are expected to wear through use and are easily replaced, so are not covered by this Guarantee.

Because the components you use are the same as used by ammunition makers, you can expect to reload cartridges equal to or better than factory loaded ammunition. However, because we have no control over the method with which these tools will be used or over the manufacture and storage of powder and primers, we cannot accept responsibility for the use of these tools or charge table.



## RELOADING COMPONENTS

### POWDER

Determine the load you desire from the charge table and select the powder type indicated. Powder can be purchased in quantities as little as 8 ounces and is sufficient for several boxes of shells.

### PRIMERS

Until 1964 all shells used a 209 size primer except Remington and Peters, which used a 57 size primer. Remington and Peters are changing to a 97 size primer, which is the same as the 209, so the primer sizes will, in the future, be one standard size. In the meantime, if you have Remington or Peters shells manufactured before 1964, you will need 57 size and all others will take a 209 or 97 size primer except Remington and Peters .410 shells still use 57 size.

### SHOT

Use the shot size of your choice and use the amount shown on the charge table. Never use more than recommended as this increases the breech pressure.

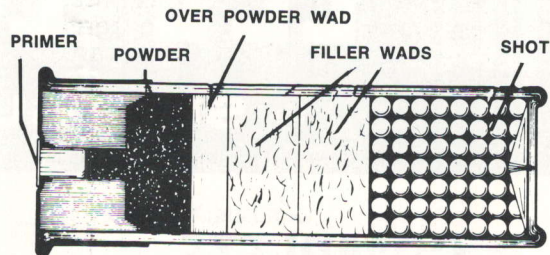
### WADS

Each shell should have an over the powder wad, usually made of cardboard, and a filler wad made of a soft, cushiony material. They can be purchased in quantities of 500 or 1,000 very cheaply. The best sizes to get are .135 cardboard wads and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " filler wads for a start.

With this combination it's possible to build up almost any size wad column with one or more of both types in each shell. If necessary, wads can be split with a pocket knife.

Plastic cup wads can be used in place of the cardboard wads and are such a good gas seal that the powder charge must be reduced 10%. To reduce the charge 10%, simply reduce the depth of your powder measure with cardboard discs cut to fit snugly with a total thickness of 1/10 inch.

New one-piece wads are also available which are easy to use and very effective. The manufacturer's instructions should be followed.



CUTAWAY VIEW OF A LOADED SHELL

### WAD PRESSURE

Because of modern reloading components, particularly primers, wad pressure is no longer critical and of very little concern to users of Lee Loaders as there is no mechanical advantage utilized.

If you wish to reload your shells with the exact wad pressure it can be done more accurately with a Lee Loader than any other tool now manufactured by simply seating the wads on a bathroom scale.

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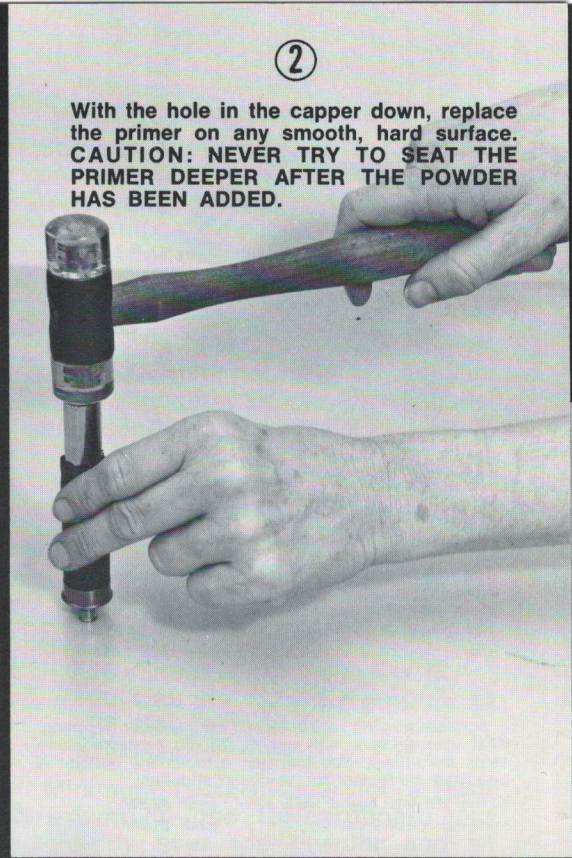
Add the shot. **DO NOT** add more shot than indicated on charge table as that will create dangerous pressures.





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Start by depriming all the cases. It is a good idea to check the shells in your gun to see if they fit, especially if they have been fired from another gun.



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With the hole in the caper down, replace the primer on any smooth, hard surface. CAUTION: NEVER TRY TO SEAT THE PRIMER DEEPER AFTER THE POWDER HAS BEEN ADDED.



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Start the crimp with proper starter (6 or 8 segment). Note: Previously fired paper cases and certain brands of plastic trap cases do not require this operation.



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Push the loader all the way down to start the crimp.

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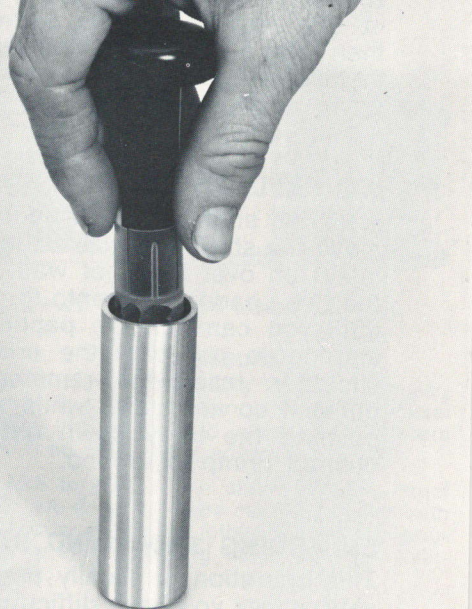
Add one level measure of powder. Select the proper powder from the charge table according to the amount of shot you wish to use.



WARNING: With the Lee Powder Measure, use only charges listed on the Lee Charge Table. Make certain you are using the correct measure.

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With the shell inside the wad starter, insert the wads with the rammer. Seat firmly against the powder (See "Wad Pressure").



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Push down hard with the rammer to complete the crimp. USE HAND PRESSURE ONLY.



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Eject the shell. If the shell does not eject easily, refer to "Resizing Problems."



### CRIMPING PLASTIC SHELLS

For a crimp that holds, it is best to have the wad column a little short so the crimp is depressed slightly in the center. The pie segments then form a wedging action against themselves so the crimp cannot creep open.

### TO REPLACE THE ROLL CRIMP

After the shot has been added remove the shell from the loader and insert an over the shot wad. Push the Lee Loader body onto the shell until you can see the paper tube starting to roll past the crimping shoulder. Insert the rammer and pump it up and down while slowly pushing the body down until the desired crimp is formed.

### ENLARGING SHELL END RADIUS

This operation is usually unnecessary unless you have difficulty with the shell feeding through your gun.

After the shell is completely loaded remove the rammer. With a washer under the head of the shell (if washer is not available use a nitro card with the center cut out so as to clear the primer), push down hard on the body to force the shell against the crimping shoulder. Eject as usual.

### SHOT MEASURE

The shot measures can also be used to measure black powder in drams.

SHOT MEASURE	DRAMS OF BLACK POWDER
1/2 Oz.	1-1/4
5/8 Oz.	1-9/16
3/4 Oz.	1-7/8
7/8 Oz.	2-3/16
1 Oz.	2-1/2
1-1/8 Oz.	2-13/16
1-1/4 Oz.	3-1/8
1-3/8 Oz.	3-1/2
1-1/2 Oz.	3-13/16
1-5/8 Oz.	4-1/8
1-3/4 Oz.	4-7/16
1-7/8 Oz.	4-3/4
2 Oz.	5

### WAD COLUMN REQUIREMENTS

Shotgun shells of different brands and different loads have different interior lengths. This difference must be compensated by the wad column. After the shot has been added there must be only enough tube left to form a perfect crimp.

The exact length wad column is best determined by trial, as it can vary with different brands of wads and conditions of shells.

### APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM TOP OF SHELL TO SHOT NEEDED FOR CRIMP

SHELL	STAR CRIMP	ROLL CRIMP
10 Gauge	19/32	7/16
12 Gauge	1/2	3/8
16 Gauge	15/32	11/32
20 Gauge	7/16	5/16
28 Gauge	13/32	11/32
.410 Gauge	5/16	1/4

Minimum requirements for a wad column are one .135 cardboard wad directly over the powder and at least 1/4 inch fiber wad to cushion the shot.

(PAPER SHELLS ONLY)

### RESIZING PROBLEMS

Keep your shells in a warm, dry place and it is unlikely that you will have trouble with resizing. If the loaded shells eject with difficulty from the loader it is an indication that heat resizing is needed.

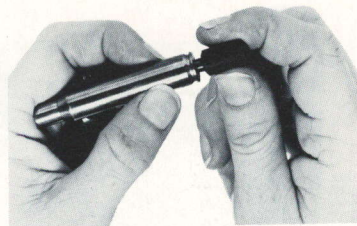
Resizing the paper shells is nearly impossible mechanically, but easily done with heat. Place the empty shells in an oven at 350 degrees for about five minutes or at 150 degrees for a half hour. This not only resizes the shell, but drives out all moisture and redistributes the wax.

If your shells chamber with difficulty or not at all after reloading and did fit easily before reloading, it is an indication your wads are oversize.



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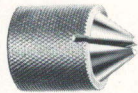
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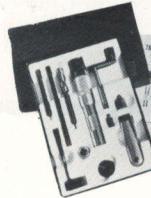
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RIFLE	RIFLE	RIFLE
17 Rem.	30 M-1 Carbine	458 Win. Magnum
22 Hornet	30/30 Win. (30 W.C.F.)	460 Weatherby
22 K Hornet	30 Rem.	
216 Bee	300 Savage	
221 Fire Ball	303 Savage	
222 Rem.	308 Win. (7.62 NATO)	
222 Rem. Magnum	30/06 Krag (30 U.S.)	
223 (5.56mm)	30/06 Springfield	
219 Zipper	300 H&H Magnum	
225 Win.	300 Win. Magnum	
22/250	300 Weatherby	
220 Swift	308 Norma Magnum	
224 Weatherby	7.62 Russian	
240 Weatherby	7.65mm Mauser	
243 Win.	303 British	
6mm Rem. (244 Rem.)	7.7mm Jap	
25 Rem.	32/20 (32 W.C.F.)	
25/25	32 Win. SP	
25/20 W.C.F.	32 Rem.	
250/3000 Savage	8mm Lebel	
257 Rem. Roberts	8 x 57mm Mauser	
257 Weatherby	32/40	
25/08	338 Win. Magnum	
303/25	340 Weatherby	
6.5 x 54 Mann. Schoenauer	348 Win.	
6.5mm Jap (Arisaka)	351 Win. SL	
6.5 x 55mm Mauser	35 Win. (W.C.F.)	
6.5 Rem. Magnum	35 Rem.	
6.5 Carcano	358 Rem. Magnum	
284 Win. Magnum	358 Norma Magnum	
270 Win.	375 H&H Magnum	
270 Weatherby	378 Weatherby	
284 Win.	38/55 Win.	
280 Rem.	38/40	
7mm Weatherby	401 Win. SL	
7 x 57mm Mauser	44/40	
7mm Rem. Magnum	444 Merlin	
7 x 61 Sharpe & Hart	45/70 Gov't	
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