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.450 Bushmaster



New cartridge development drives new gun sales, and nobody does it better than Hornady. Partnering with Ruger and Bushmaster, Hornady developed what we consider to be the two best new cartridges of 2007—the .375 Ruger and the .450 Bushmaster.

## .375 Ruger

THE AWESOME, new .375 Ruger exceeds the velocity of the .375 H&H Magnum by more than 170 f.p.s.—and does it in a rimless, beltless case the same length as that of the .30-06, permitting it to be chambered in any standard-length action. Designed from the ground up to provide greater knockdown power than the African-benchmark .375 H&H Magnum, in a standard-length action and out of a 20-inch barrel, Hornady's 270-grain spire point loading of the .375 Ruger produces 4,835 ft. lbs. of muzzle energy at 2,840 f.p.s. Sighted in at 200 yards, the bullet runs only 1.8 inches high at 100 yards, and drops only 8.0 inches at 300 yards, making it the flattest-shooting .375 on earth. Two round-nose, 300-grain loads are also offered, one of which is a monolithic solid suitable for virtually any game animal on any continent. Muzzle velocities for both of the 300-grainers are 2,660 f.p.s., with muzzle energies of 4,713 ft. lbs. Hornady achieved this feat of ballistic engineering by optimizing case geometry—the .375 Ruger actually has less case volume than the .375 H&H—and employing technically advanced propellants. For everything from elk at long range to cape buffalo at knife-fighting distance, the .375 Ruger is our Editors' Choice.

## .450 Bushmaster

NICKNAMED "THE THUMPER," the new .450 Bushmaster does just that.

Designed for the AR-15 platform—and specifically for a *Bushmaster* AR-15 platform—the .450 Bushmaster turns the most popular semi-automatic rifle in America into a legitimate and ungodly effective big-bore hunting rifle. The .450 Bushmaster case is the same length as the .223 Rem. (2.250"), and drives Hornady's 0.452" diameter, 250 gr. Flex Tip SST-ML bullet to a muzzle velocity in excess of 2,200 f.p.s. and a whopping 2,800 ft. lbs. of energy.

We tested the new cartridge on European black bore in South Carolina last March. Bushmaster supplied a half dozen prototype rifles outfitted with Trijicon ACOG and Tri-Power sights, and I can't remember the last time I had more fun with a rifle in my hands. I personally whacked three big pigs with the .450, all of which were instantaneous one-shot kills. Rifle, cartridge and bullet performance were all outstanding, and I can't wait for bear season to open. Best of all, the .450 Bushmaster runs on a standard AR-15 lower receiver, so you can go from P-dog towns in Wyoming to bear country in the north woods simply by switching upper receivers and the magazine.

See them both at your local firearms retailer, or contact **Hornady Manufacturing**; Fax: (308) 382-5761; Web: [www.hornady.com](http://www.hornady.com); Tel.: (800) 338-3220. —Bill Battles

