

# Light magnum ammunition makes every shot count

For anyone who hunts a variety of big game, the ideal situation is to have a gun and caliber for each type of game—in other words they would own a deer gun, an elk gun, an antelope gun and even a moose or bear gun. The reality for many sportsmen is that they can't afford that many rifles and so they often-times resort to "hotter" hand-loads and higher velocities in standard

cartridges to increase their effective shooting range and stopping power.

Typically higher velocity has always been achieved by putting more hotter-burning powder in bigger cartridges producing higher and probably unsafe pressures. Shooting these loads gave the hunter the advantage of faster,

flatter bullets, but took its toll on the gun with heat, pressure and greater wear.

According to the experts at Hornady Manufacturing, a leading supplier of bullets, innovative ammunition, reloading dies, equipment and accessories, there is a unique solution for hunters facing this dilemma. The answer is Light Magnum ammunition. Al-

though it sounds like a contradiction of terms, Hornady has found a combination of a special cool-burning powder and a new loading technique that results in magnum performance at safer pressures.

Hornady has loaded the Light Magnum rounds with their premium InterLock bullets, and the result is some of the finest hunting ammunition available.

need for 'hold over', making every shot more effective and confident, and there's less risk of damage to the gun," says McGovern.

Light Magnum rounds are available for a wide range of calibers from 6mm Remington to .303 British. Anyone who owns and hunts with standard magnum calibers can take heart because Hornady has expanded its enhanced velocity technology into the .300 Winchester Magnum, .338 Winchester Magnum and .375 H&H calibers. This line is called Heavy Magnum.

## Scent

In dense cover, a hunter can get additional protection with hip boots. Taller hip-length boots prevent pant legs from brushing against limbs and leaving behind a scent trail.

Although too noisy to hunt in, a rubberized rain suit provides the hunter with a total scent blocking system when walking to and from a hunting area.

Also, many hunters wear rubber gloves when climbing into their treestand to prevent leaving a human scent trail or when handling scent products to keep from contaminating them with human odor.

### Hunting scents

Sex-style scents are intended to be used to attract bucks during the pre-rut and rutting periods. It's during the few days leading up to the rut and during the rut that bucks are most interested in the scent of a

receptive doe.

Both buck and doe urines are used to attract deer, make them curious and less cautious. Urine is a whitetail deer calling card.

It can be used on boots as a trail scent, placed in runways to momentarily stop deer in locations that provide excellent shooting opportunities and added to natural or mock scrapes.

Deer lures are designed to be used in combination with natural or mock scrapes. Mock scrapes are intended to confuse local bucks into thinking a rival buck is in the area.

Select an area that offers a natural cover line for making a mock scrape. Areas like where a swamp borders dense brush or a cornfield meets a hardwood forest, find a spot where limbs or brush hang three to five feet above the ground. Use a rack or garden hoe and tear

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up a piece of earth 24 to 28 inches in diameter. Keep the scrape site free of human odor by wearing rubber gloves and boots and using scent-blocking products; take care not to rub against brush and other cover.

The smell of bare earth holds a natural attraction for deer, but use of deer lures can make the scrape even more attractive.

Some lure products come in liquid, granulated or gel form and, also, weatherproof products; as well as, new synthetic lures.

Also unique, "Deer Sense" are cover and sex scents and burn like incense.

The smoldering scent mixes with air currents, causing the scent to carry much further than liquid or gel-type scents.

Playing the scent game is an exciting and productive way to hunt.

"Putting Light Magnum ammunition in your hunting rifle will give you magnum performance with increased velocity, flatter trajectory and improved bullet performance, all with less recoil than magnum calibers. You can get .30-06 performance from your .308 and .300 Magnum from your .30-06, without any damaging heat or pressure," explains Tom McGovern, Hornady spokesman.

Tests of the Light Magnum loads provide some incredible performance. A comparison of standard .30-06 ammunition to comparable Light Magnum loads reveals some definite advantages.

For example, at a range of 300 yards, the trajectory is almost a full two inches flatter with a 150 grain soft point.

"At these longer ranges, it's more difficult for hunters to accurately gauge the distance so the flatter trajectory, higher energy and higher velocity give them a definite advantage. There is less

The company recommends that both Light and Heavy Magnum loads should be used only in bolt action, lever action, pump and single-shot rifles. Optimum performance is achieved with barrels of 24 inches or longer. The enhanced velocity of these rounds could cause the actions of semi-automatic rifles to exceed their designed limits.

For most hunters one of the biggest benefits besides greater accuracy and improved performance is the confidence of knowing they have a definite advantage in the field no matter what kind of game they're after.

Test fire a box at the range before hunting season to accustom yourself to the way it shoots and sight in your rifle for the upcoming hunting season.

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