

WADCUTTER BULLET—A generally cylindrical bullet design having a sharp shouldered nose intended to blank target paper cleanly to facilitate easy and accurate scoring.

BULLSEYE—In target shooting, the aiming point.

BUTT—Handguns: Bottom part of the grip. 2) Long Guns: Rear or shoulder end of stock.

BUTT PLATE—A metal, rubber or composition covering to reinforce and protect the shoulder end of a firearm stock.

BUTT STOCK—The rear or butt end of the firearm which is normally placed against the shooter's shoulder.

CALIBER— 1) A term used to designate the specific cartridges(s) for which a firearm is chambered. 2) Firearms: The approximate diameter of the circle formed by the tops of the lands of a rifled barrel. 3) Ammunition: A numerical term included in a cartridge name to indicate a rough approximation of the bullet diameter.

CANNELURE—A circumferential groove generally of corrugated appearance cut or impressed into a bullet or cartridge case.

PERCUSSION CAP—A small, generally cylindrical metallic cup containing a primary explosive, used to ignite the powder charge in muzzle-loading firearms.

CARBINE—A rifle of short length and light weight originally designed for mounted troops

CARTRIDGE—A single round of ammunition consisting of the case, primer and propellant with or without one or more bullets. Also applies to a shotshell.

BLANK CARTRIDGE—A cartridge loaded without a projectile designed to produce a loud noise.

BOTTLENECK CARTRIDGE—A cartridge case having a main body diameter and a distinct angular shoulder stepping down to a smaller diameter at the neck portion of the case.

CARTRIDGE CASE—The main body of a single round into which other components are inserted to form a cartridge.

CENTERFIRE CARTRIDGE—Any cartridge intended for use in rifles, pistols and revolvers that has its primer central to the axis in the head of the case.

CARTRIDGE CLIP—A separate cartridge container to hold cartridges or shells in proper sequence for feeding into a specific firearm. It is a magazine charger. Sometimes improperly called a Magazine.

CARTRIDGE DESIGNATION-METRIC—Most foreign and some American commercial cartridges are identified by the nominal bullet diameter and cartridge case length, both of which are given in millimeters - e.g., 8x57, 7x57, 6.5x54mm.

DUMMY ROUND—An inert cartridge which cannot be fired under any circumstances. In America, an inert cartridge for gun functioning is black oxidized and may or may not have holes in side wall of the case. An inert cartridge for display may be natural colored and should have a hole in the primer cup with holes in the side wall of the case optional.

MAGNUM CARTRIDGE—A term commonly used to describe a rimfire or centerfire cartridge, or shotshell, that is larger, contains more shot or produces higher velocity than standard cartridges