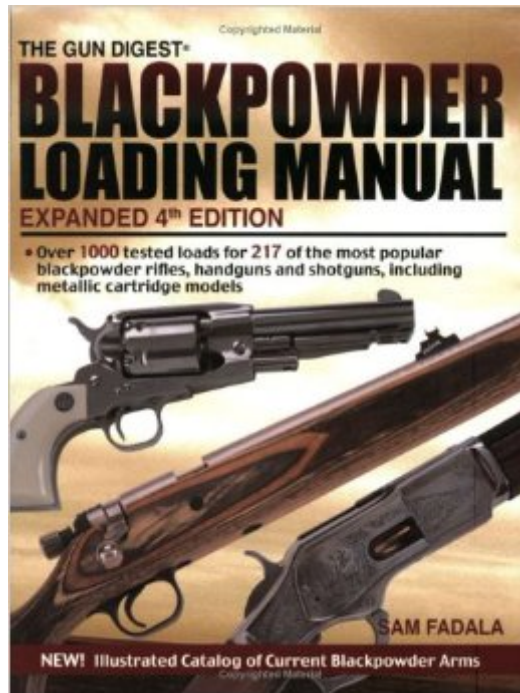


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# The Gun Digest Blackpowder Loading Manual



## Synopsis

This book is the absolute must-have loading reference for the active shooter using muzzleloader or replica cartridge guns. Learn all about blackpowder and its use. Author Fadala expertly guides both the novice and the veteran charcoal-burner through today's arms, powders, accessories and uses. Greatly expanded, this new edition includes the major propellants currently available - Pyrodex and Triple Seven replica powders; GOEX, Swiss, Schuetzen and Elephant blackpowders. Muzzleloading hunters will find plenty of good load information for in-line rifles using the latest projectiles, including sabots. The traditional arms aren't neglected - rifles, muskets, shotguns, caplocks, revolvers and pistols are well represented. Cowboy action and rifle silhouette shooters will find plenty of cartridge data: tested loads for revolvers, lever-action rifles and long-range single-shot rifles.

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## Customer Reviews

Fadala has done it again. This seminal work, now in its third edition is updated and better than ever. Anyone, who uses a blackpowder rifle, pistol or shotgun should be equipped with this due to its sheer range of information. The book usefully covers the history of blackpowder rifles, what is available and basic care. Safety is emphasised, complete with enough horror stories to ensure one is always careful. Basic loading techniques are covered- flintlock, and cap lock for all types of firearm. The illustrations are clear, and the text nicely laid out and readily understandable by even the most

novice shooter. Even the expert would learn a lot from Fadala in some of his tips- I certainly did. The rest of the book covers loads for practically all (I certainly am unaware of any brand that has been missed) blackpowder and pyrodex muzzle loaders in the market today. Loads are suggested together with ballistics. I have checked the figures with my own rifle and they are spot on. Everything is covered from .75 Cal Smoothbore "Brown Bess" Flintlocks to .32 cal cap lock squirrel guns. There is no criticism that can be made of this book but for binding which is a soft cardboard- yours will soon fall to bits as it is taken to ranges and on shoots. Other than that- highly recommended. Grade: A+

The author (S. Fadala) is a recognized expert in the area of black powder shooting sports. The manual is well planned, referenced and provides a progressive experience in the use and feeding of black powder firearms. All areas of loading and shooting are represented in the manual. However, as might be expected, emphasis is placed on the rifle and pistol loads. Unfortunately, this does not carry over to the muzzle loading shotgun(s). This is an area that requires further work and shooters in this discipline might feel slighted.

Not every possible bp firearm is listed here, but there are enough to figure out a starting load for the one you have. Fadala has done a great service to everyone that has purchased a used bp gun with no owners manual or any way to figure out loading and projectiles. A most useful book from the Dean of bp shooting.

I have a couple of black powder revolvers. I want to put a conversion cylinder in the Remington 1858. I was looking for a book that clearly explained how many grains to put in a cartridge for a specific weight bullet. This book is great for history reference and reports how much powder the early 45 Colt cartridge held for the standard weight bullet of the day. That is enough for me to go on.

Have been interested in black powder shooting for a long time and found this manual to be very helpful in improving my knowledge of the subject.

Doesn't cover much on flintlocks but worth the price.

Lots of good information of all types and shows different models of BP guns available of all types, pldyold, rifles, etc. and good technical information

This is a great book with tons of useful information. It should be required reading for anyone interested in blackpowder shooting.

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