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The Beginner's Guide To Reloading Ammunition



Synopsis

If you've ever wanted to reload ammunition but didn't know where to start this book is for you. You'll find detailed chapters about primers, cartridge cases, gun powder, and bullets, explaining in layman's terms what they are, variations you'll encounter and the characteristics of each. You'll also learn the different facets of case preparation: which are necessary and which are optional, and how to do them. You'll learn some characteristics of gunpowder and which types work best with bulk measurements. There'll be detailed photos and explanations teaching the process of reloading ammunition. From there you'll be shown how you can gear up to reload your own ammunition even if you don't have much money or space. Although most of the book is geared toward metallic cartridge reloading there's also a chapter on reloading shotgun ammunition. It too, will show you the steps involved and how to become operational with very little money and minimal space requirements. After reading this book the novice reloader will: (a) be capable of making informed choices when purchasing their equipment and components; (b) be able to understand the reloading process and why certain steps are taken or omitted; (c) have a safe, profitable and enjoyable experience from the very beginning.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book that I was privileged to get to read last week. I have just started reloading and this book goes into much detail about the subject matter. The best feature of the book is the author's first person writing style. This makes for a much easier to read book as compared to a manual. The manual is important, and as the author says you need reloading data to be safe, this book adds to the manual, as if the author were there with you. A lot more pictures then what I expected are also to be found here.

This book is a great overview of just about everything needed to learn about reloading. While it could go more in-depth into some areas, what you get for the price is all the basics and you'll learn the nooks and crannies of reloading through experience, so can't really fault the book for not providing personal preferences you'll discover on your own. For those looking to start, this is a must in any library. Also highly recommend Lyman's Guide as well to supplement this.

Great book for anyone new to reloading or, like me, who needs a refresher because I haven't done it for the last 30 years. Steven Gregersen writes in an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand style. He covers all the basics, but lets you know what's really important and where the potential dangers and pitfalls are. He doesn't just explain how to reload, but does a very good job of separating the critical "must do" items from optional steps that you just need to check, but may not need to do every time you reload. This book does not provide load recipes, but Gregersen explains a lot about how they work and why you need to follow those manuals. This book is a quick read, just 150 pages, but really only about 100 everyone should read. The other 50 pages are about different equipment that may not apply to you, and about loading shotgun shells all readers may or may not be interested in reading. I earmarked and highlighted several important points I don't want to forget, like when and why you should use a small base sizing die (its not for everything, but it matters if you are reloading for ARs), and another section on how to find the exact right bullet seating depth. Its full of stuff like that I'm sure will help when I actually get my reloading equipment. He has a great section on different bullet types, when to use different types of bullets, and when you would be wasting your money on the more expensive ones. I highly recommend any new reloaders read this book BEFORE you start buying reloading equipment and materials. You'll have a better understanding of the wide variety of reloading equipment out there and what will probably be right for you.

I just took a chance on this book but I have found it to be down to earth and very helpful. The information is quite clear and easy to understand. He has been there and has done what he says.

Some very good suggestions are given and a lot of cautions which can help a person who is a beginning reloader.

This is a very good book for the beginner telling you everything you need to know to get started. Full of basic information with a lot of detail. It does not have load data but does not claim to have any. Good book. Great for a Kindle or any rereader.

Wanders a bit, kind of a stream of consciousness writing style. Good pictures generally, very clear and helpful; correlate well with the text. You can tell this guy has seen or personally made all the common mistakes and shares how to avoid them. If you just bought a reloading press, are just sick of the accordion style supply of ammo, or think maybe the dependability of our supply and transport system in a crisis is suspect, this is a good starting point. In reality, you will save about 25% on the price of your ammo, once you are up and running, if you shoot a lot. (Factor in all the gizmos you early need to do this safely) If you shoot less than 500 rounds a year, you are probably better off just buying factory ammo in bulk. If you can confine yourself to a few select calibers and want to climb to the next level of independence, accuracy and ownership of your results, this is where you start.

This is a great book written by a knowledgeable man. The style of his writing is very easy to follow and read. He gives a great overview of equipment and what to do and not to do. I am just getting into reloading and I read this book in a few days. It's just simply really good.

I've been reloading since the 1980s. I bought this book out of curiosity. I'm glad that I did so. The author has noted repeatedly that this is a text for "novices". Most of the advice is aimed at beginners. Repeated advice on over pressure. The importance of moderate loads over "maximal velocity" because hitting what you're aiming at is better than a high chronograph value. This confirms my own experience with loads. Some of it was novel to me. I learned a few pointers; locating potential case ruptures using a common tool for example. Neck sizing tips. A lot of time on crimping, where and how it's useful and the potential pitfalls. There is a section devoted to reloading shotgun shells. I've never done, I do little shotgun shooting, so this so this was interesting reading. There is a lot of common sense in this book. Worth anyone's time or dime.

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