

# Ammunition & Chokes

## AMMUNITION

Gauge of shot shell – see below

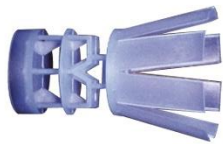
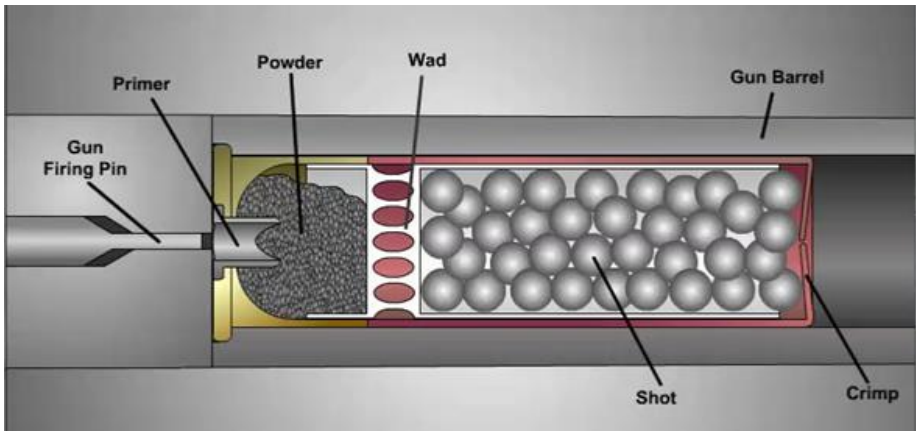


Shot Size: Clays sports restrict shot size to No. 9, 8 or 7 1/2 shot

Length of pre crimped shot shell – maximum length 2 3/4 inch for clay sports

Speed of the shot (velocity) in feet per second (fps)

Weight of shot in the shell. Generally restricted to maximum of 1-1/8 ounce of shot for clay sports




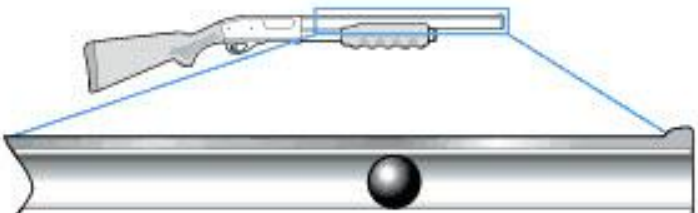
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## SHOTGUN BASICS

### Gauge Sizing Examples



0.727-inch diameter

**12-GAUGE BARREL =  
12 x 0.727-INCH BALLS = 1 LB**



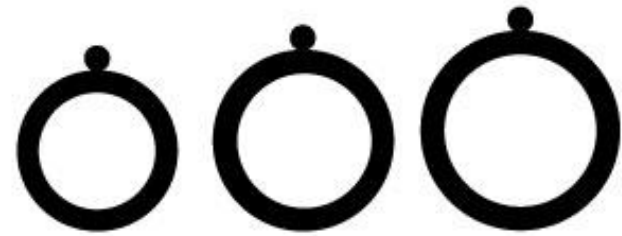
0.617-inch diameter

**20-GAUGE BARREL =  
20 x 0.617-INCH BALLS = 1 LB**

## Common Shotgun Gauges



**.410 ga. .28 ga. .20 ga.  
.410" .539" .615"**



**.16 ga. .12 ga. .10 ga.  
.670" .729" .775"**

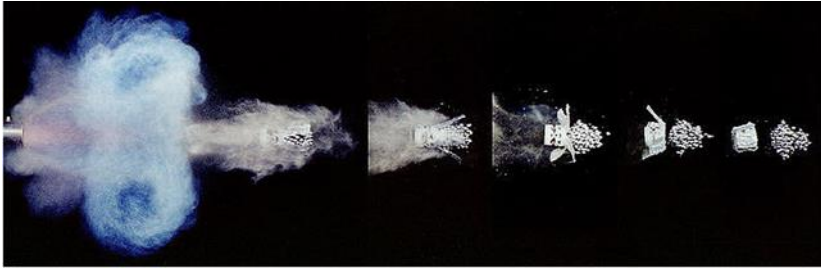


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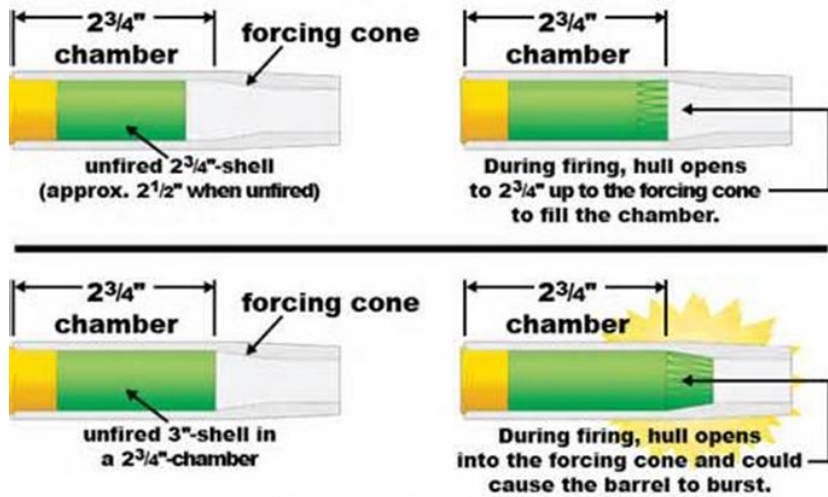
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## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SHELL WHEN THE TRIGGER IS PULLED



## NEVER USE THE WRONG SIZE SHELL



### Wrong Size Shell

**DANGER: If shotshell is too long, barrel may burst.**

## CHOKES



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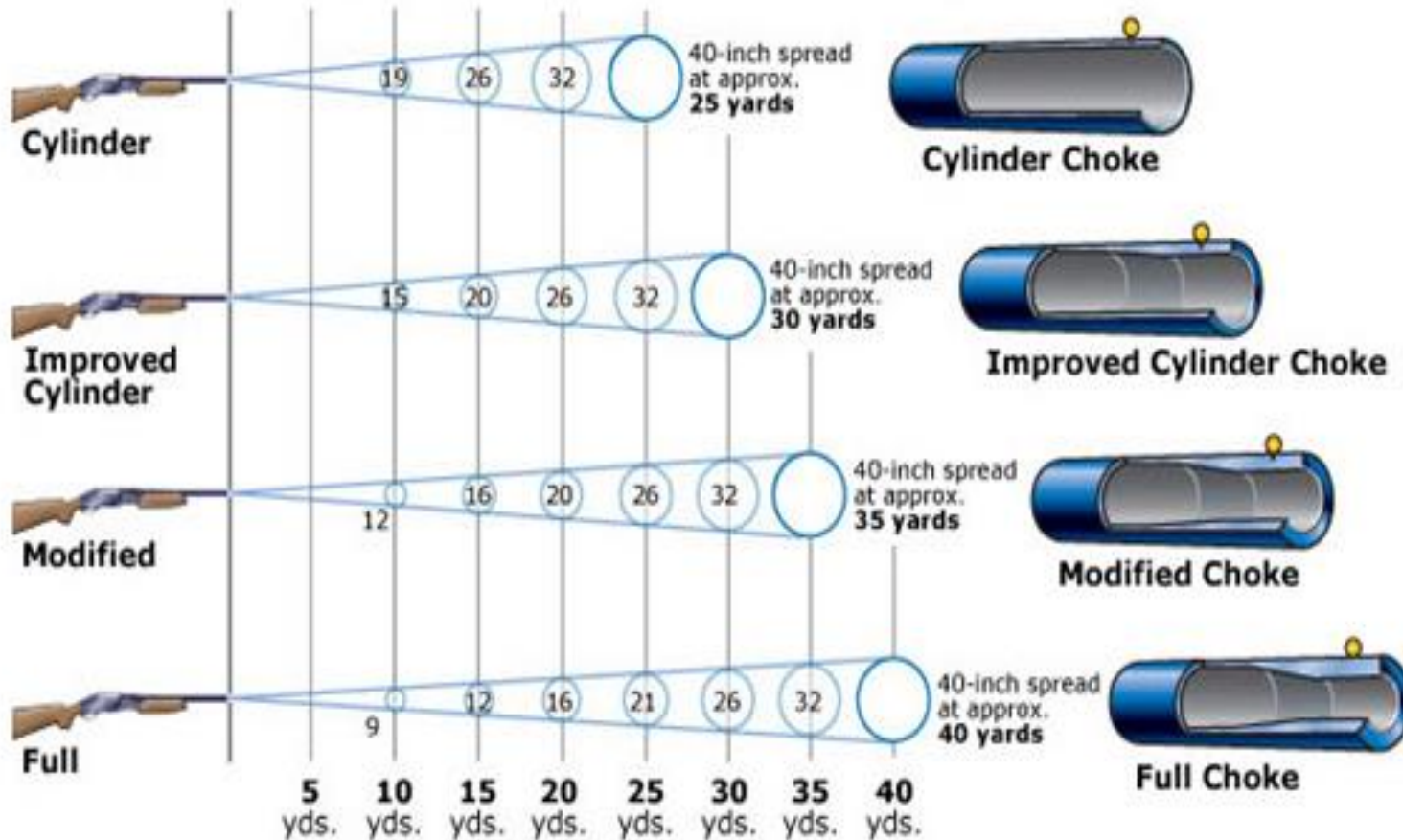
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## Effect of Choke on Shot String at Various Distances

Circles represent the diameter of a lead shot string (in inches) as distance (in yards) increases.

Bore narrowing is exaggerated for clarity.



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