



## 357-44 BAIN & DAVIS

<b>HANDGUN:</b> . . . . .	T/C Contender	<b>BULLET DIAMETER:</b> . . . . .	0.357"
<b>BARREL:</b> . . . . .	.10", 1 in 14" Twist	<b>MAXIMUM C.O.L.:</b> . . . . .	1.580"
<b>CASE:</b> . . . . .	Federal Reformed	<b>MAX. CASE LENGTH:</b> . . . . .	1.280"
<b>PRIMER:</b> . . . . .	CCI 350	<b>CASE TRIM LENGTH:</b> . . . . .	1.270"

The 357-44 B&D is a 44 Magnum case necked down to hold 38 caliber (.357" diameter) bullets. Its origin dates to about 1964, and the intention of its developers appears to have been obtaining higher velocities out of 38 caliber revolvers. The means was rebuilding 44 Magnum revolvers with the smaller bore. While gunsmithing was required to make this conversion, case development was a snap. 357-44 B&D cases were easily formed, with no trimming necessary, and required only two reloading dies: a full length resizing die along with a seating die.

In its revolver incarnation the 357-44 Bain & Davis went nowhere. Better times were ahead. With the advent of silhouette shooting and new single shot pistols designed expressly for the purpose, the cartridge enjoyed something of a revival. The 357-44 B&D is a good cartridge for handgun silhouette shooting, and performed well chambered in Thompson/Center pistols. It demonstrated its fine hunting qualities on game from varmints through deer. However welcome this second chance for the 357-44 B&D, more recent developments have left this wildcat far back in the pack again.

Our test gun gave excellent results with all powder-bullet combinations at maximum or near maximum velocities in the T/C Contender. Maximum loads should be approached with caution, as all barrels will not produce the same results.

**110 GRAIN BULLETS****SECTIONAL DENSITY:  
DIAMETER:****0.123  
0.357"****110 gr. HP XTP®**B.C.: 0.131 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 35700**VELOCITY** (FPS – feet per second)

<b>POWDER</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2400</b>
Alliant 2400	19.7 gr.	20.9 gr.	22.1 gr.	23.3 gr.	24.5 gr.	
WIN 296			23.8 gr.	25.4 gr.	27.0 gr.	28.7 gr.
IMR 4227	23.0 gr.	24.4 gr.	25.7 gr.	27.1 gr.	28.5 gr.	

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DIAMETER:****0.140  
0.357"****125 gr. FP XTP®**B.C.: 0.148 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 35730**125 gr. HP XTP®**B.C.: 0.151 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 35710**VELOCITY** (FPS – feet per second)

<b>POWDER</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2200</b>
Alliant 2400	17.1 gr.	18.5 gr.	19.9 gr.	21.2 gr.	22.6 gr.	
WIN 296				22.4 gr.	24.0 gr.	25.7 gr.
IMR 4227	20.9 gr.	22.2 gr.	23.6 gr.	24.9 gr.	26.3 gr.	27.6 gr.

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**158 GRAIN BULLETS****SECTIONAL DENSITY:  
DIAMETER:****0.177  
0.357"****158 gr. FP XTP®**B.C.: 0.199 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 35780**158 gr. HP XTP®**B.C.: 0.206 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 35750**VELOCITY** (FPS – feet per second)

<b>POWDER</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>
Alliant 2400	16.9 gr.	18.2 gr.	19.5 gr.	20.8 gr.		
WIN 296	18.0 gr.	19.4 gr.	20.8 gr.	22.2 gr.	23.5 gr.	24.9 gr.
IMR 4227	20.7 gr.	21.9 gr.	23.1 gr.			

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DIAMETER:****0.179  
0.357"****160 gr. CL-SIL****(Discontinued)**B.C.: 0.181 C.O.L.: 1.580"  
Item No. 3572**VELOCITY** (FPS – feet per second)

<b>POWDER</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2100</b>
Alliant 2400	16.9 gr.	18.2 gr.	19.5 gr.	20.8 gr.		
WIN 296	18.0 gr.	19.4 gr.	20.8 gr.	22.2 gr.	23.5 gr.	24.9 gr.
IMR 4227	20.7 gr.	21.9 gr.	23.1 gr.			

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