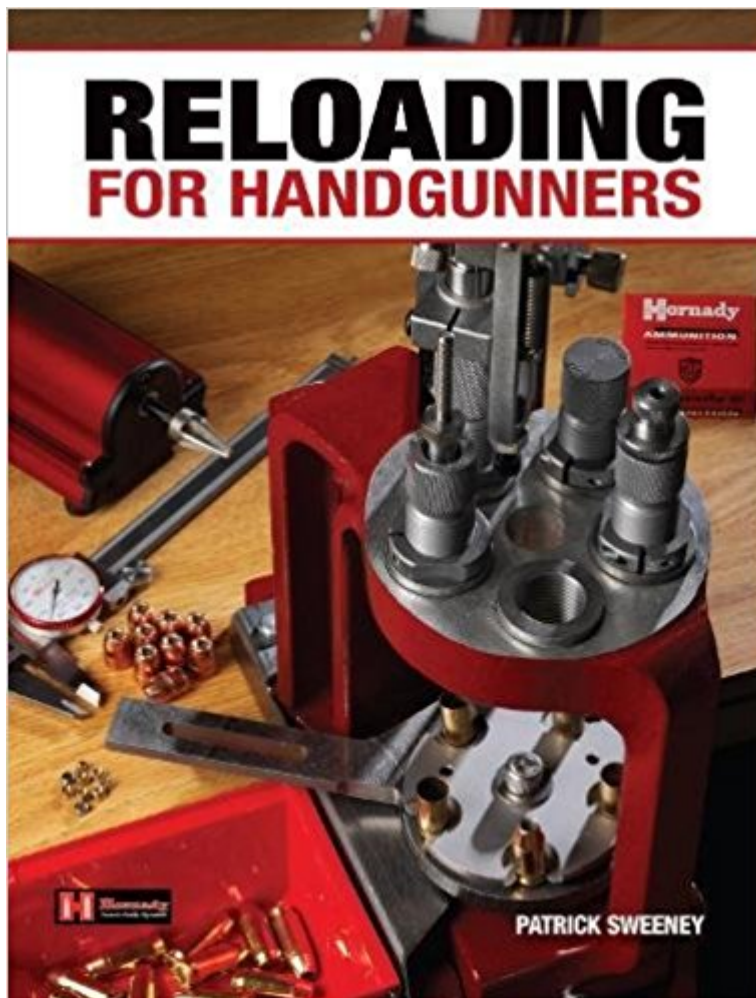


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# Reloading For Handgunners



## Synopsis

Written and painstakingly illustrated by gunsmith and best-selling firearms author Patrick Sweeney, *Reloading for Handgunners* is the indispensable how-to, tips & techniques guide to reloading handgun ammunition for recreation, hunting and competition. Learn the benefits of serious handgun ammunition reloading in an accessible, step-by-step format. Avoid the costly, wasteful errors that plague many reloaders, experienced and novice alike. Enjoy the vast experience and unique style that have made Patrick Sweeney the country's leading guru on tactical and competition shooting and ammunition. Shortcuts, hints and tips (from a certified master gunsmith, film consultant, and certified Armorer Instructor) to reload your own ammunition and avoid costly errors. Loading data for the most popular and asked-about calibers. This comprehensive volume includes specialty loading info for: Competition: IPSC/IDPA, Bullseye, Steel Challenge, Cowboy Hunting. Heavy magnums and big bores.

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## Customer Reviews

Patrick Sweeney is a certified master gunsmith, film consultant, certified armorer instructor for police departments nationwide, author of many of Gun Digest Books' best-selling titles, and *Handguns* Editor for America's largest general-circulation shooting magazine, *Guns & Ammo*.

Mr. Sweeney is a prolific writer who specializes in handguns and reloading. This book is a synopsis of his many articles pertaining to the special considerations pertaining to reloading for handguns. While it is not exactly a "step-by-step" guide that will hold a new reloader by the hand, it does cover

the fundamentals of producing safe, reliable ammunition. The first part of this book covers the process in a depth that the handgun reloader will find useful. It provides greater depth than other more generalized books aimed at the beginner which also cover rifle and shotgun reloading. By limiting the scope to handguns, both beginners and more advanced reloaders will benefit from his experience and advice. The second part examines the most common handgun cartridges reloaded today. While the steps to reload them might be similar, each one has special characteristics that must be considered by the conscientious reloader. For example, the vagaries of the 357 Sig are very different from the characteristics of the 45 ACP. If I were to offer one criticism, it is that while he is generous with his coverage of cartridges and different bullets, he is somewhat skimpy in his treatment of gunpowder. Specifically, while he goes into detail matching the most suitable bullet for a given task in a specific caliber, he doesn't provide the same insights into powder selection. This would have been of substantial interest to me and the cursory treatment of the subject left me wanting. All told, Mr. Sweeney's experience and conversational style make this an enjoyable and informative reference. I would recommend it highly.

Most reloading books and manuals cover both rifle and handgun with a heavy leaning towards rifle. I bought this book because it exclusively covers handgun reloading. The first 115 pages are nothing special and consist of similar information in other books on reloading. For example, essential equipment, brass, primers, bullets, dies, and so forth, are most of the topics. However, the rest of the book, pages 116 thru 222, consists of 16 short chapters, each one exclusively devoted to one handgun cartridge/caliber. It is this portion of the book that caters to the handgunner. However, I would not consider much of the material in these chapters as "must read" material, but it is interesting material. I did enjoy reading it. One exception is that the chapter on 40 caliber is absolutely must read material if you shoot 40's, ESPECIALLY GLOCK 40 caliber. I see that the low price on is currently \$6.99 + S&H. The cover price of \$28 is outrageous since the print is large, there is a lot of empty white space, and there are lots of pictures, many of which do not add any explanatory value. They are just filler. But it is definitely worth the \$6.99 or a few dollars more. So at this price I do consider it a must read!

If your a Glock owner like me who has been told over and over, Never load ammo for a Glock, read this book. I started reloading with confidence after giving this book a good read. 1000 rounds later and all is good. I now have more accurate ammo at a fraction of the cost. That's a win win no matter what sights your looking down. Auto loader or revolver, this book is for you. Two thumbs up.

Be Smart and Be Safe when it comes to firearms.

Patrick Sweeney does a very good job of making very technical information informative, accurate and enjoyable reading. He discusses not only the reloading information of most of the popular calibers but includes some of the history on how the round was developed and got to the state of it's current usage. He brings decades of experience as a master gunsmith and reloader. As an indicator, he normally buys his bullets in lots of 50,000. That is not a typo, fifty thousand! If you are new to reloading or just want to get some new ideas this is well worth the read. Most of the data is slanted towards Hornady but with the prominence of their equipment in the photographs and their logo on the front cover that is to be expected. My only complaint is everything is black and white and the quality of some of the photo's leaves much to be desired. Maybe I am being too picky, at one point in my journey I worked as a professional photographer. If you are one of the multitude of new handgun shooters entering the sport and are considering reloading as a way to cut your weekly ammo bill, this is a good book for you.

i bought this book, along with a lyman reloading manual. This book is really great for those new to reloading. Gives you info on just about everything there is to know (setting up/choosing a press, components). Has pretty much every handgun listed as well as quite a few different loading data's. Many loading manuals only have 1 or 2 brands listed, this book has some lead cast bullets, Berry's plated bullets, aswell as your typical Hornady, Speer, other more pricey bullets. I would recommend this to a beginner or even a more experienced loader

if you reload for handguns. this is a must for your library. it gives minimum and maximum load and ballistic data. tells what bullet from which company with which powder they used. good book

But, mostly geared for the noobs. Much of the safety advice and "why do they do that?" stuff cannot be over stressed. I finished it in about 2 hours and enjoyed it. The reloading charts in the last third or so of the book were all prefaced by interesting facts about each cartridge. The charts themselves were not particularly useful and one of my favorite powders (Unique) was never mentioned in the charts. The writing style and humor made the reading go by quickly. I got the Kindle version because I knew going in that it was not going to be a reference book that I would need to have at my bench. The charts don't enlarge with a change in font size and were very hard to read for that reason. Fortunately, I didn't find them useful. Bottom line, I would recommend it to someone

considering reloading.

Very detailed and easy to understand book.

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