

## Which crimp should I use?

<i>Description of cartridge</i>	<i>Crimp Type</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Rimmed pistol rounds (.38 Special, .44 Mag, etc) using cast lead bullets with a crimp groove, or jacketed bullets with a cannelure	Roll	Full power magnum loads need a strong crimp to prevent bullets from pulling out on recoil.
Straight or tapered rimmed rifle rounds (.45-70, .405 Winchester, etc) using a bullet (jacketed or cast) <b>with</b> a cannelure or crimp groove	Roll	These require bell mousing the case mouth. Heavier loads with slower powders need a stronger crimp.
Bottle-neck rimless magnum rifle rounds using bullets <b>with</b> a cannelure, to be fired in a rifle with a magazine	No Crimp	Crimping properly sized necked rifle rounds is never necessary
Any rimmed round using a plated bullet <b>with</b> a cannelure	Light Roll	Do not over crimp, and do not use taper crimp for full power magnum loads.
Bottle-neck rimless rifle rounds (.223, .308, etc) using bullets <b>with</b> a cannelure.	No Crimp	Crimping properly sized necked rifle rounds is never necessary
Bottle-neck rimmed rifle rounds (.30-30, 7.62x54R) using bullets <b>with</b> a cannelure.	No Crimp	Crimping properly sized necked rifle rounds is never necessary
Auto pistol rounds (.45 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W, etc), with any bullet	Taper	Light taper crimp only to flatten the bullet and reduce cartridges headspace on the case mouth.
Any round using a plated bullet w/no cannelure	Taper	Do not over crimp, and do not use taper crimp for full power magnum loads.
Straight or tapered rimless rifle rounds (.30 Carbine, .450 Bushmaster, etc) with any bullet	Taper	Light taper crimp only to flatten the bullet and reduce cartridges headspace on the case mouth.
Straight or tapered rimmed rifle rounds (.45-70, .405 Winchester, etc) using a bullet <b>without</b> a cannelure or crimp groove	Taper	Light taper crimp only to flatten the bullet and use in lever action rifles with a tube magazine.
Rimmed pistol rounds using jacketed bullets with no cannelure, or lead bullets w/no crimp groove	Taper	Do not use for full power magnum loads in a revolver or in a lever action rifle (OK for shot pistol or rifle).
Bottle-neck rimmed rifle rounds (.22 Hornet, .30-30, etc) using bullets <b>without</b> a cannelure.	No crimp	Crimping properly sized necked rifle rounds is never necessary
Bottle-neck rimless rifle rounds (.223, .30-06, etc) using bullets <b>without</b> a cannelure.	No crimp	Crimping properly sized necked rifle rounds is never necessary
Bottle-neck rifle cases with cast lead bullets	Roll	Use Lyman "M" die to flare case mouth and crimp to hold the seated bullet in place.