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Dear Mr. Weber,

Joanna Cote forwarded a copy of your e-mail with a question about the Winchester feather-lite cartridge.

Yes I have done P&V testing of the Winchester 12 gauge, 26 gram load. I am not sure if they sell a lightly-loaded cartridge in other shot charge weights. The following data pertains only to the 26 gram load.

I fired a test string of 10 rounds. The average velocity was 1026 feet/second. The ESTIMATED average pressure I recorded is 5,950 psi.

Please understand that I do not represent this as an absolute correct pressure. What I can tell you with fair confidence, is that this load develops pressure consistent with that of handloads that I have been using in my black powder proofed guns for several years, with no ill effects.

The pressure rise time is shorter with this load than with my handloads. This is to be expected because of the compression-formed hulls.

Here comes the obligatory stuff. Neither I nor *The Double Gun Journal* make any guarantee that pressure and velocity data contained herein is correct. We assume no responsibility for the safety of shooting your gun with any specific cartridge.

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