

“ PARADOX ”



FILE NOTE: GUIDANCE NOTE FOR USING NEW AMMUNITION IN OLDER PARADOX GUNS

Have a qualified gunsmith measure (both) barrel bore diameters. All Holland & Holland 12-bore Paradox guns MUST have a minimum bore diameter of .735”.

1. During the production of the 12-bore ‘Nitro-Paradox’ guns Holland & Holland introduced a series of changes, each change requiring the bullet/cartridge to be modified for that model. Therefore, performance of the modern ‘Nitro -Paradox’ ammunition in vintage Paradox guns may vary from gun to gun.

It is recommended that you contact Holland & Holland for information on the suitability of these cartridges for your Paradox gun.

2. If you wish to test the gun yourself you are recommended to shoot off a table or bench-rest to steady the gun, recording the point of impact of each individual cartridge as you go. Whatever support you use the gun must be firmly hand-held and to the shoulder to allow it to recoil in a normal manner. You may use any range you wish for your tests but it is suggested that you reduce aiming error by commencing tests at 25 yards. This will clearly determine whether each barrel groups tightly, whether the two individual barrel groups print together, and whether the gun shoots high or low of your point of aim. Regardless of the points of impact do NOT change your point of aim. By all means move back after your initial tests before considering any changes to the sights.

Be sure to use a backstop with adequate provision for the penetration of the lead bullet.

3. When using a Paradox as a shotgun it should be noted that older ‘Paradox’ or ‘Nitro-Paradox’ models will in all probability have 2½”/65mm chambers. It is recommended that your choice of shotgun ammunition does not exceed this limit. New Paradox guns will have 2¾”/70mm chambers. You may find that a simple fibre wad cartridge gives a better pattern than a cartridge using a cup-wad. This is easy to determine by firing at sheets of paper whilst gradually increasing the range.