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## **Martini-Henry & Snider Alive And Well At Ten-X Ammunition**

*Discovery Of Stash Of Original Rifles Brings Cartridges Back To Life*

**MONTCLAIR, CA — July 24, 2006** — Ten-X Ammunition, in collaboration with Jamison International of Sturgis, SD, and Buffalo Bullet Co. of Santa Fe Springs, CA has brought two famous military cartridges back to life with caliber specific headstamped brass.

“The demand for the 577-450 Martini-Henry and 577 Snider rifles intensified when Christian Cranmer of International Military Antiques discovered the preserved treasure of these magnificent rifles that laid buried for more than 100 years,” said Richard Pumerantz, owner of Ten-X Ammunition. “After a collectable rifle has been examined by a competent gunsmith and determined to be safe to be fired, there is a need for low pressure, high quality, reloadable cartridges. These rifles are quite fun to shoot when the ammunition is accurate. These are very capable of being used for hunting.”

An American from New York, Jacob Snider, developed the breech loading system for the 1853 Enfield rifle (.577 cal) which had been the most prolific imported percussion rifle in use by the North and South during the U.S. Civil War. The new rifle, named P-1864 Snider, was adopted by the British Board of Ordnance and issued in 1865. These rifles remained in use by British troops until they were replaced by the P-1871 Martini-Henry chambered in 577-450.

The Martini-Henry rifle was made famous by the movies *Zulu* and *Zulu Dawn*. The recent discovery of the stash in Nepal, brought out the collectors, re-enactors, and shooting enthusiasts alike to own a piece of history from battles like Rorke’s Drift. The 577 Snider, with its exposed hammer, is a fun cowboy action side match rifle, and the 577-450 Martini-Henry can be an effective hunting rifle for most North American game.

## **Without Brass & Bullets It's A Wall Hanger**

While the design of the actions in these guns was quite stout, any firearm over 100 years old should be used with great care. Designing lower pressure loads does not mean that you must sacrifice performance. Powder, bullets, brass, and loading techniques have improved in the past 100 years and can be used to produce a safe and effective cartridge. Ten-X Ammunition teamed up with Jamison International, because of their many years of experience in manufacturing large caliber brass including the Snider and Martini-Henry, and Buffalo Bullet Co., because of their many years of experience in designing big bore, black powder muzzle-loading bullets.

The end result is a Martini-Henry cartridge that can hold a 4" group at 50yds with open sights and 6" at 100yds, and velocities of less than 1,350fps. The cartridge makes use of the latest black powder substitutes and is exceptionally clean shooting. Testing produced less than a patch worth of powder residue in the bore after more than 20 shots.

## **Cartridges Available With Caliber Specific Brass**

Popularity of antique calibers continues to grow, and Ten-X Ammunition will be there to provide a reliable source of ammunition with the highest quality and performance. Key to making the complete cartridge is having the caliber specific headstamps and brass dimensions that meet the specifications of the firearms they are to be used. Ten-X Ammunition and Jamison International have gone to great lengths to ensure functionality and quality in bringing back these cartridges.

A box of 20 loaded rounds of 577-450 Martini-Henry retails for \$99.99 and \$89.99 for the 577 Snider. Blanks utilizing the Martini-Henry brass can be used in both rifles and retails for

\$59.99. The brass for both rifles is also being sold unloaded for \$3.00 per shell in boxes of 20 pieces.

Visit [www.TenXAmmo.com](http://www.TenXAmmo.com) for information on pricing and reloading services.

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Founded in 1992, Ten-X Ammunition is the leader in specialty lead ammunition for cowboy action shooting sports and hunting. They offer a wide range of specialty cartridges with the highest level of quality and performance that are safe to use in functional original firearms.