

9. OEP powder recommendations seem to be faster than usual, I normally use ADI 2208 in my 308, yet OEP don't recommend it except for the heaviest of bullets, why?

OEP copper bullets occupy more case capacity than conventional jacketed bullets of the same weight when seated correctly. This sometimes requires faster powders to achieve necessary pressures, without compressing the powder excessively. The bonus here is that higher velocities are frequently achieved, with less carbon fouling. Put simply, ADI's 2208 is too bulky for the lighter OEP Hunting and Target bullets designed for the small case capacity of the 308 Win. ADI's AR 8208 BR, AR 2219, and AR 2206 H are a better choice. The use of faster powders is especially important when using shorter barrels, typical of hunting rifles.

Be careful though; OEP projectiles have lower SSIP's than many copper bullets on the market today, and the load data suggested for these bullets **should not** be confused or under any circumstance used with **any other** copper bullet, as dangerously high pressures are a likely result!