

## Bullet Acronyms and Abbreviations

This is a list of acronyms and abbreviations used to describe bullet shapes and/or construction. The following are very common abbreviations you will see associated with ammunition:

- +P - Contains a higher powder charge than normal (10-15% overpressure).
- +P+ - Contains a much higher powder charge than normal (20-25% overpressure).
- J - usually Jacketed.
- P - usually Point.
- S - could be Soft, Semi, Spire or Spitzer.

The list below is not a complete list, but you will get the idea. For example, you can use this information to put together or figure out the abbreviations or acronyms for a particular bullet shape such as SWCHP (Semi-Wad Cutter Hollow Point) or JHPBTS (Jacketed Hollow Point Boat-Tailed Spitzer.)

Bullet and cartridge companies have also introduced some creative new names for bullets in an effort to distinguish their products from those of other companies. These are generally used to describe a particular product, rather than the general bullet construction. For example, Remington's Golden Sabre bullets would rightly be described as JHP (Jacketed Hollow Point), however, they have chosen to label them HPJ (High Performance Jacketed) instead. A listing of the new acronyms and abbreviations is listed below.

### **Acronyms and Abbreviations:**

A	A-Frame (Swift)
ACC	Remington ACCelerator
ACEL	Accelerator Discharging (or Discarding) Sabots
ACP	Auto Colt Pistol
A-MAX	Polymer tipped long range target bullet (Hornady)
AP	Armor Piercing (has a steel or other hard metal core Military)
API	Armor Piercing Incendiary (Military)
APT	Armor Piercing Tracer (Military)
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AT-BT	AccuTip Boat Tail (Remington)
BBWC	Bevel Base Wad Cutter
BD or Ball, Duplex	M198 - Contains two bullets (Military)
BEB	Brass Enclosed Base
BEE	FP varmint bullet for .218 Bee (Hornady)
BJHP	Brass Jacketed Hollow Point
BP	Bronze Point
BT	Boat Tail, also Black Talon (Winchester)
BTBT	Ballistic Tip Boat Tail (Nosler)
BTHP	Boat Tail Hollow Point
BTM	Boat Tail Match

BTSP	Boat Tail Soft Point
C/T	Combat Target (Hornady)
CB	Cast Bullet
CL	Core-Lokt (Remington)
CL-SIL	Cannelure - Silhouette (Hornady)
CLU	Core-Lokt Ultra (Remington)
CMJ	Complete Metal Jacket
CNL	Conical Nose Lead
CP	Cone Point
DEWC	Double Ended Wad Cutter - can load either way (Cast Bullet)
DPX	Deep Penetrating X (Cor-Bon cartridge with a Barnes X all copper hollow-point bullet)
EFMJ	Expanding Full Metal Jacket (Federal)
EP	Expanding Point
FEB	Fully Encased Bullet
FMC	Full Metal Case
FMJ	Full Metal Jacket
FMJBT	Full Metal Jacket Boat Tail
FMJ-ENC	Full Metal Jacket - Encapsulated (Hornady)
FMJFN	Full Metal Jacket Flat Nose
FMJFP	Full Metal Jacket Flat Point
FMJRN	Full Metal Jacket Round Nose
FMJRP	Full Metal Jacket Round Point
FMJSWC	Full Metal Jacket Semi-Wad Cutter
FMJTC	Full Metal Jacket Truncated Cone
FN	Flat Nose
FNEB	Flat Nose Enclosed Base
FNSP	Flat Nose Soft Point
FP	Flat Point
FS or Fail-Safe	Partition bullet with steel bands around lead cores (Winchester)
FST	Winchester Fail Safe Talon (Black Talon)
GAP	Glock Auto Pistol
GC	Gas Check (Cast Bullet)
GD	Gold Dot (Speer)
GDHP	Gold Dot Hollow Point (Speer)
GS	Golden Saber (Remington)
GS	Grand Slam (CCI)
HAP	Hornady Action Pistol (Hornady)
H&H	Holland and Holland
HBWC	Hollow Base Wad Cutter
HC	Hard Cast
HE	High Energy
HM	Heavy Magnum
HMR	Hornady Magnum Rimfire
HORNET	Extra thin jacket for .22 Hornet (Hornady)
HP	Hollow Point

HPBT	Hollow Point Boat Tail
HPJ	Remington High Performance Jacketed (Golden Sabre)
HPWC	Hollow Point Wad Cutter
HS	Hydra Shok (Federal)
HS & HS2	Hi Shok & Hi Shok 2 (Federal)
HSP	Hornady Soft Point, also Hollow Soft Point
HST	(no actual meaning) a type of hollow-point (Federal)
I	Interlock (Hornady)
IB	Interbond (Hornady)
IRT	Indoor Range Training (Federal)
J	Jacketed
JET	FP for 22 Rem Jet Revolver (Hornady)
JFP	Jacketed Flat Point
JHC	Jacketed Hollow Cavity, (Sierra jacketed hollow point)
JHP	Jacketed Hollow Point
JHPBT	Jacketed Hollow Point Boat Tail
JSP	Jacketed Soft Point
JSPF	Jacketed Soft Point Flat
JSZ	Jacketed Stranded Zinc (Federal)
L	Lead
LBT	Lead Bullet Technology
LF	Lead Free (Nontoxic)
LFN	Long Flat Nose (LBT design), also Lead Flat Nose
LFP	Lead Flat Point
LGC	Lead Gas Check (Cast Bullet)
LHP	Lead Hollow Point
LM	Light Magnum
L-N-L	Lock-N-Load (Hornady)
LRN	Lead Round Nose
LSWC	Lead Semi-Wad Cutter
LSWC-GC	Lead Semi-Wad Cutter, Gas Checked
L-C	Lead Combat
L-C/T	Hornady Lead Combat/Target
L-T	Lead Target
LTC	Lead Truncated Cone
LWC	Lead Wad Cutter
MB	Multi Ball (Shot)
MC	Metal Cased (basically FMJ)
MJ	Metal Jacket
MK-BTHP	Match King Boat Tail Hollow Point (Remington)
MON	Monolithic Solid
MRWC	Mid-Range Wad Cutter
MR-X	Improved TS with poly tip & tungsten rear core (Barnes)
NBT	Nosler Ballistic Tip
NOS	Nosler
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NP	Nosler Partition
P	Plated
PB	Parabellum Lead Bullet - Lead is abbreviated Pb from its Latin name 'plumbum.' Pb might also be used (on cartridge cases rather than bullets) as an abbreviation for Parabellum.
PG	Partition Gold (Winchester)
PL	Power-Lokt (Remington)
PP	Power Point
Pro-TEX Bore	Lead bullet with a zinc washer cast in base (Cast Bullet)
PSP	Pointed Soft Point or Plated Soft Point
PSPCL	Pointed Soft Point Core-Lokt (Remington)
R.E.A.L.	Rifling-Engraved-At-Loading (Lee muzzle loader bullet)
RN	Round Nose
RNFP	Round Nose Flat Point
RNL	Round Nosed Lead
RNSP	Round Nose Soft Point
RHT	Reduced Hazard Training (Federal and CCI/Speer low toxicity bullet)
S&W	Smith and Wesson
SBBT	Soft Point Boat Tail
SCHP	Solid Copper Hollow Point
SFHP	Starfire Hollow Point (PMC)
SHP	Speer Hollow Point
SJ	Semi Jacketed, also Short Jacket (Hornady)
SJHP	Semi Jacketed Hollow Point, also Soft Jacket Hollow Point
SJSP	Soft Jacket Soft Point
SLAP	Saboted Light Armor Penetrating
SOL	Solid
SP	Soft Point, also Spire Point, also Spotter-Tracer (Military)
SPSX	Spire Point Super Explosive (Hornady)
SPTZ	Spitzer
SSB	Swift Scirocco Bonded (Remington)
SSP	Single-Shot Pistol (Hornady)
SST	Super Shock Tip (Hornady)
ST	Silver Tip HP (Winchester)
STHP	Silver Tip Hollow Point (Winchester)
Sub	Subsonic
SWC	Semi Wad Cutter
SX	Super Explosive or Hornady Super eXplosive
SXT	Supreme Expansion Technology or Supreme eXpansion Talon or Black Talon (Winchester)
TAP FPD	Tactical Ammunition Police - For Personal Defense (Hornady)
TB	Trophy Bonded
TBS	Trophy Bonded Solid
TC	Truncated Cone
TCMJ	Truncated Cone Metal Jacket

TCSP	Truncated Cone Soft Point
THP	Tubular Hollow Point
TL	Tumble Lube (Lee)
TMJ	Total Metal Jacket -- like FMJ, but the copper jacket even wraps the rear of the bullet and totally encapsulates the lead. Also CMJ, FEB
TNT	TNT hollow point (Speer)
TRI	Triad Group (A Square)
TRU	Tactical Rifle Urban (Federal)
TS or Triple-Shock	Improved X-bullet (Barnes)
UHC	Ultra High Coefficient (Hornady)
VLD	Very Low Drag
V-MAX	V-Max Polymer Tip Varmint Hunting Bullet (Hornady)
V-MAXB	V-Max Boat Tail (Hornady)
WC	Wad Cutter
W/C	With Cannelure (Hornady)
WLN	Wide Long Nose (LBT design)
WLY	Woodleigh
WMR	Winchester Magnum Rimfire
WSM	Winchester Short Magnum
WSSM	Winchester Super Short Magnum
X or X-bullet	Solid copper hollow-point bullet (Barnes)
XP3	FS without the steel bands (Winchester)
XTP	Extreme Terminal Performance (Hornady jacketed hollow point)