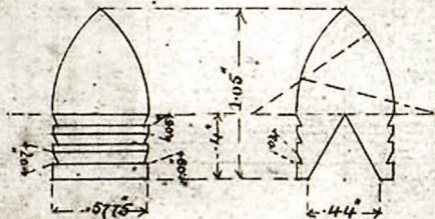


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NEW RIFLE-MUSKET BALL. Cal



500 grains.  
or 60 grains.

## Burton Bullet



# The Bullet that Changed War

## The Burton Bullet

*Adopted by the U.S. Army in 1855*

Most bullets were round balls prior to the Civil War; and they bounced out of a gun barrel with limited accuracy. Harpers Ferry Master Armorer James Burton perfected a conical-shaped lead projectile that spun like a football and was accurate at greater distances. No other bullet saw such use or killed and wounded as many soldiers during the Civil War as did the “Burton Bullet.”