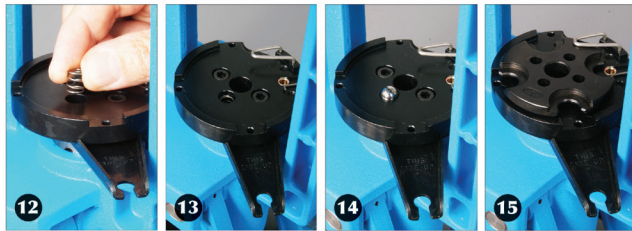
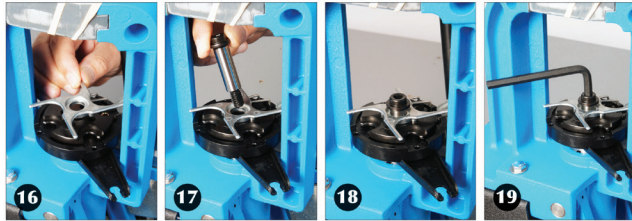


Set-up Thoughts

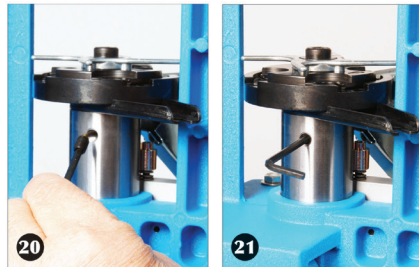


Place the Index Ball Spring into the hole to the left of center on the Platform. Place the Index Ball into the same hole. Then place the Shellplate (from the RL 550C Caliber Conversion Box) **numbered side up** onto the platform so it aligns with the center hole.

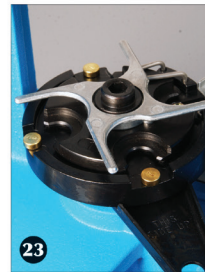


Now you can place the Index Sprocket into position on the Shellplate. The four protrusions on the bottom of the sprocket will fit into the four small holes on the Shellplate. You can now insert the Shellplate Bolt through the Index Sprocket/Shellplate assembly into the center hole in the Platform. Use the supplied 1/4" hex wrench to tighten the Shellplate Bolt just enough to hold the Shellplate snugly in place, while still allowing it to turn freely with only thumb pressure on the Index Sprocket.

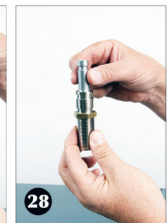
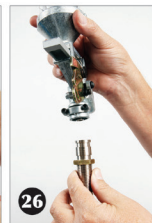
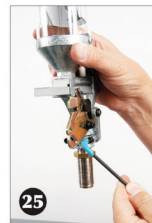
On the left side of the RL 550C's Main Shaft – just below the Platform – is a threaded hole for a Brass-Tipped Set Screw that keeps the Shellplate Bolt from tightening when you advance the Shellplate with the Index Sprocket. Insert the Brass-Tipped Set Screw and tighten it securely with a 1/8" hex wrench. *Note: If at some point in the future it becomes progressively difficult to turn your Shellplate, one thing to check is whether this set screw has come loose.*



You may now place the three brass Locator Buttons (from the RL 550C Caliber Conversion Box) into the remaining holes in the Platform. Their proper positions are shown at right in photo 23.



The rubber band intended to keep the Toolhead Pins in place during shipping may now be removed in preparation for installing the Automatic Powder System.



Use a 5/32" hex wrench to loosen the two collar clamp screws on the powder measure and remove the powder die. Place the powder funnel (packaged in the RL 550C Caliber Conversion Box) into the powder die with the grooved end toward the top of the powder die as shown. The powder funnel should move up and down freely.



Find station two on the RL 550C Tool-head and insert the Powder Die/Powder Funnel assembly, screwing it down about half way. Final adjustments will be made when you are adjusting your powder charge just prior to reloading. For now, the Powder Die/Funnel assembly should look similar to photo 30 at right.



NOTE: Pistol-caliber powder funnel shown. Rifle-caliber powder funnels will not protrude from the powder die.



You may now replace the Powder Measure onto the Powder Die in station two.

shotshell loader and you bought your own socket set – SAE *aaaannnnnd* Metric. You have calipers now. Your reloading bench turned out even better than you expected! Your new stud finder works awesome, and it's a lot prettier than your old one. Your gun closet is full and you need to build another one. Oh, and you just changed the idler pulley thing in your truck!"

And still, I avoided it. Finally, the day arrived. My youngest was at a friends' house for the day, my oldest was fishing, Mr. Moose was upside down in my King-sized bed snoring with the rhythm of the rain hitting the steel roof and I had just made a cup of fabulous S'mores coffee. Let's do this.

I opened the box, pulled out the instructions and looked for the rest of them.... Surely there was more to it than this. There was what looked like a Quick Start Guide for a moderately complicated toaster in my hands. It was full color, brochure-like in structure and it said, **"Get Ready to Reload!"** Hmmmmmm.... It also had the tagline – **"It's Easy to Assemble Your New RL 550C Reloader"** in bold underneath.

Not sure I buy "easy," but we'll give her a whirl.

An hour and 12 minutes later, I had a fully assembled

and mounted RL550C. Keep in mind at least 10 minutes of that was trying to find the right size socket for the strong mount bolts in my fancy new 301-piece socket set.... I've learned that more isn't necessarily better, sometimes it's just more. Oh, and the box they all come in weighs about 50 pounds. But it means I don't have to call my ex-husband for a size I don't have, because I pretty much have it covered.

Moving on, let's talk a little bit about expectations. My expectation was that metallic cartridge loader set up would be as time consuming and complex as shotshell loader set up. The reality was that it was significantly simpler and more straight-forward – at least with this particular model.

My expectation of the 550 was that the directions would be as good as the directions for setting up the SL900. The reality? They were better!

My expectation is that the I will have just as much fun loading metallics, thanks to Dillon, as I do loading shotshells. Check back for what I'm sure will be a positive reality about the fun and enjoyment to be had loading metallics on my pretty new 550C.

Stay tuned!

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