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Jim
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John Wayne

Posts: **4954** | Location: **Central Texas** | Registered: **15 September 2007**

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Originally posted by I Bin Therbefor:
I wonder about the shock wave "vanishing". I believe that there has to be an energy transfer from the shock wave to the target before the bullet actually hits. I've seen too much structural damage done by shock waves to hold with the "vanishing" statement.

I agree that the creation of a shock inside the target would depend on the density of the medium which I do not know except to say it definately is greater than air. Without evidence to the contrary, I accept your statement that no shock wave is formed inside the animal by the velocity of the bullet.

I wonder what difference it would make to the enegy transfer (not stability) if the bullet were not spinning as occurs with a smooth bore launched, fin stabilized projectile. Would they both create the same wound channel?

All rightee...Looks like its time for me to sit back and learn.

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Bike Rider
One of Us

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BR

Posts: **243** | Location: **USA** | Registered: **20 August 2002**

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Talk about trying to take bets after the horses have crossed the finish line! 🤖

The only bet I'll proffer is...let me see...the 512gr (if you're taking about Michael's original trial bullet) will come in last...then it's going to be nip and tuck between the other three. How's that for sticking my head out! 🤖

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BR,
What is your twist for that 6.5 boolit, what velocity, and is it an FN of any sort, at least a flat meplat on an otherwise RN?
No bets until more is known about your racehorse! Is that one of those magic bullets that got JFK?

Posts: 28032 | Location: KY | Registered: 09 December 2001 🤖

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JFK Hearings Testimony:

Mr. Matthews - Will you say that the Mannlicher-Carcano 6.5 millimeter bullet, is a stable bullet?

Mr. Sturdivan - It is a very stable bullet, perhaps one of the most stable bullets that we have ever done experimentation with.

Posts: 28032 | Location: KY | Registered: 09 December 2001 🤖

Mafunyane
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My bet is on the .500 550gr
I would have love to see the .450 rigby with a 550 gr solid

All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing!!

Posts: 53 | Location: Limpopo province South Africa | Registered: 27 January 2010 🤖

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This table gives us a quick view of the incremental revolutions and degrees due to faster spin:

Velocity	--	Twist Rate	--	Rpm	---	Revs in 30"	--	Revs in 1.5"	--	Incr. revs	--	Incr. degrees
2,200	-----	10	----	158,400	----	3.0	-----	0.150	-----	0.025	-----	9.000
2,200	-----	12	----	132,000	----	2.5	-----	0.125	-----	0.018	-----	6.429
2,200	-----	14	----	113,143	----	2.1	-----	0.107	-----	0.013	-----	4.821
2,200	-----	16	----	99,000	----	1.9	-----	0.094	-----	0.010	-----	3.750
2,200	-----	18	----	88,000	----	1.7	-----	0.083	-----	0.008	-----	3.000
2,200	-----	20	----	79,200	----	1.5	-----	0.075	-----	N.A.	-----	N.A.

Looking at it this way as to what happens in the first 1.5 inches in terms of increased spin, we hardly see any material effect - the additional bullet turn in degrees makes it easier to interpret.

The nagging question ... are we not perhaps barking up the wrong tree?

Warrior





RIP

Corbin NC--Yes! Now Head of Sales for Para! Otherwise known as BikeRider right here! Heavy afflicted with fine wood stocks, myrtle in particular, has a few sticks of wood to die for, in fact when he brought them here last time I was considering if I could dump him and his car in the pond and confiscate the wood? It's that good! But it was one of those days I needed a lot of help on the range so.....but if he brings that wood back? Has the heavy hots for a 50 B&M and a 9.3 B&M and I suspect they will get a couple sticks of that wood put on them. Pretty good all around chap, damn good help on the range when doing test work!

As for the spread sheet, I included bearing surface and actual diameter too. I believe that on a couple of occasions that bearing surface, slow twist rate, and just a bit undersized bullet all factored into that bullet not being stable. So I started looking at bearing surface too, and as you see it varies quite a bit.

As for the spin once terminals begin, yes for a fact it does continue to spin. To what degree and what have you, I can't say. I can say this, remember JD's bullet with the cuts in the meplat? Spin in the target medium slings fluids away from the bullet, now this can only occur if the bullet is spinning as it penetrates. Target medium shows this to a degree because of the extra damage done to target medium over the exact same bullet without the cuts in the meplat. In addition this bullet loses energy and momentum far quicker than the bullet without the cuts, penetrates far less too. Also it does tend to become unstable the last few inches of penetration. You could call this particular bullet a LPS. Limited Penetration Solid!

I am convinced that for this bullet to function as designed it requires velocity. I actually shot it in the 50 b&M on several buffalo in 2007. While it did ok, it was not a miracle bullet. Something like this has little to do with wound channels and bullet digging, here we need to study the reactions of the animals being hit, "How do they take this bullet, and what reactions are given?". At B&M velocity, 2175 fps, it killed buffalo efficiently enough, penetration indeed limited as it is in the test medium, but reactions on buffalo did not seem to be any better than the other bullets.



Increased velocity to 2425 fps or so in the 500 MDM and on the Australian buffalo did help somewhat from what I could see, but the bullet was far overshadowed by the reactions with the 470 Copper HP, which was extreme! But my test subjects are tanks, I think I would see more reaction to taking this bullet from thinner skinned species, of which it has not been used for YET. Even then I believe it will be overshadowed by the NonCons and the way they impact and cause trauma. But the jest of the matter with this bullet is the fact that it is indeed spinning like a boat propeller in the target, slinging fluid away from center. LPS--Limited Penetration Solid. From the photo above you see this penetrated only 28 inches at an impact velocity of 2342 fps from the 500 MDM. Yesterdays test with the exact same bullet WITHOUT the cuts in the meplat at a lowly impact of 1850 fps penetrated dead straight for 42 inches! Interesting I think.

Michael

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michael458
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I dare not predict crap anymore, everytime I think I know something that goes out the window, like the other day with the 400 gr Grand Slams! Because of meplat size I stated they were not going to do well, but being compact as they are this overcome meplat size for them! SO.....But by Saturday we will have two boxes waiting on your arrival, 9.3 320 Woodleighs loaded and ready! You can bring those myrtle sticks if you want to???? 🏊🏻🐼 But I won't be responsible for my actions if you do! Can you swim very good?

😄 HEH

On second thought, DO NOT BRING THE MYRTLE STICKS--It might be more than I can bear!

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The fact remains that all these RN bullets do exhibit tangent ogives, none with sharp shoulders - all nicely rounded with varying meplat percentages, but the meplats are not exactly flat with the .458/500 gr. Wdl being the most rounded. None could actually be classified under the category of Flat Nose bullets.

Michael I know you try your best, and do not see this as criticism, but it is a damn difficult thing that you are out to trap and put to bed.

Warrior



michael458
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Doc M,
Corbin of NC?

If he is same helpful gunnutt I know, then we have a mutual friend. Say "hi" to Corbin for me.

John, Glenn, Jim, and all y'all with good heads free and clear of the goat:

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Warrior with his "number of revolutions in the goat" has his head deep in the ass of the goat.

An explanation in plain english that lay-men can under stand and is still technically corret!!!!

Bravo, RIP excellent 🍻🍻🍻🍻🍻🍻

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Michael458 great job, outstnding. You are disproving many myths and are confirming the thruth that many wish to ignore..

Great job!!!! 🙌👍👍👍👍👍👍👍👍

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Michael,

I've patched two post together so that I can ask a single question, "The close-up photograph shows what appears to be a flat nose on the smaller diameter bullets...have you stamped their noses yet to determine if the nose is truly flat and if so the diameter of the flat surface?" *Edit Added: "And if not flat can you wollow them a bit to determine the overall diameter of the convex surface? As well as the convex surface's height?"*

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Glenn

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Jim

Yes, I did in fact try to stamp both the .366 caliber and the 358 caliber Woodleighs, but no go. I suppose one might say they are RFN--Rounded Flat Nose? Now I can wallow them around some, but nearly impossible to get a proper measurement I think, in fact I did this, but when stamping, can't really tell where the edge of the convex is? I will give it a try, tomorrow when I am loading the test loads for Saturday.

M

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Well I don't have much use at all for anything UNDER 338 caliber, and the longer I live that number is moving up, right now it's hovering at .366 caliber. But if you boys promise not to tell anyone, anywhere, I will let you in on something, I bought my wife a Winchester M70 6.5X55 a few years ago. Now she is a city girl from Pretoria, never shot a rifle in her life, and 308 made too much noise for her, but she loves her 6.5X55. Doing all the load workups for her and shooting the little gun, I sorta liked it too. So later I built a 6.5 WSM, since I always have a WSM about for the B&Ms. It worked out pretty good, but it was a featherweight, and I rather have a little heavier barrel contour, so I built another one recently and it's doing well. We used the FW 6.5WSM in South Africa, my boys, and it was seriously impressive shooting a 120 gr Barnes X at 3300 fps. I almost thought they were shooting a real gun by the way things were dropping! Pigs, impala, warthogs, and even a wildebeast, very impressive. But if you tell anyone I said so, I will deny it to the end!

Michael

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Once upon a time the greatest scientific minds of Earth Sphere believed Earth Sphere to be flat and issued dire warnings to all Earth Sphere's sailing masters, "Stay close to the known world. Steer far from the earth's edge as disaster waits. Face disaster at the veil of the precipice if ye do not heed these warnings."

Thence sailing master Michael458, fondly known by his crew as Doc M for his temerity in challenging the known, having already sailed beyond the known world carefully modifying his trusty tools to overcome unforeseen obstacles, arrived.

Thus challenged the science masters, "heed our warning lest ye suffer disaster!"

Having sailed beyond the known world, sailing master Doc M has not yet found the veil of the precipice yet he sorely understands the hazards and pitfalls to be encountered when challenging the unknown.

It is true the edge of the world causes great disaster to all who tempt its barrier? Is it an impenetrable barrier? Is it no barrier at all? Have others suffered at the veil's precipice? Would he fail as others before him were he to ignore the warnings?

Sailing masters must have suffered failures suffering dire consequences, else why would Earth Sphere's scientific masters issue this dire warning? Are the Earth Sphere's scientific master's dire warnings a faulty hypothesis?

All questions are without answer when none have the temerity to challenge an unknown...to prove or disprove a hypothesis. Yet does Doc M heed this dire warning and the impending disaster awaiting? Nay he does not!

Being a forthright sailing master Doc M accepts the challenge. He and crew sally forth to test the hypothesis, into the breach goes!

Throughout perilous journey Earth Sphere's science masters continue to heap dire warnings of disaster at the veil of the precipice upon Doc M's and the crew. Yet never faltering the daunting voyage continues.

Fearing the precipice is at hand Doc M carefully inspects the spheres selected for this task. Not unlike, but not like his favorite spheres which have proven themselves to the challenge many times. Similar yet different...Up to the task would they be?

The veil of the precipice is at hand. Doc M carefully selects one of his trusty tools and then two of the chosen spheres. Loaded and ready for firing, taking careful aim, he launches the chosen spheres at the veil. Will the spheres penetrate the veil proving the hypothesis faulty? Nay Doc M's first two sphere's failed; as they rapidly approached the precipice first one then the second is diverted and fails to penetrate the barrier. Admit defeat did he? Nay he did not!

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With heavy heart Doc M informs his crew, "We have suffered defeat at the precipice. The veil is impenetrable. The precipice is impassible. Our chosen spheres though specifically designed for our trusty tools the spheres cannot overcome the precipice' veil. Earth Sphere's scientific masters warnings are truth. To sally forth would court disaster as forewarned!"

Much murmuring was heard throughout the crew, "The chosen spheres are faulty. New spheres...New spheres say all. Yes new spheres will prevail! We must heed the warnings until we have new spheres!"

A voice from amongst the crew is heard. "Nay, use the new favorite tool," says the voice, "The new tool will defeat the veil of the precipice with the chosen spheres!"

Silence envelopes the crew and Doc M.

Earth Sphere's scientific master's voices are again heard to say, "Nay it is fallacy. Your spheres are faulty. The veil of the precipice is all powerful. Tools have no impact upon the spheres ability to defeat the precipice!" Much murmuring is again forthcoming from amongst the crew.

Doc M fondly recalls the good works performed by his new favorite tool using its newer and proven spheres. Yet a cloak of gloom surrounds him, swiftly his mind considers, "could his new favorite tool be the key, would the chosen spheres work, could they truly overcome the veil of the precipice? Or would it too fail?"

Vexed is Doc M, the crew awaits his response. Trusting the forthrightness of this crewman Doc M responds, "ye my new favorite tool it is!"

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Both of the chosen spheres have penetrated the veil and crossed the precipice. The new favorite tool was the key. Yes the new favorite tool is success! The chosen spheres have penetrated the veil and crossed the precipice and beyond!

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Doc M and the crew looked amongst themselves with that knowing look that "what was done is done...Earth Sphere's scientific master's dire warnings were fallacy, their hypothesis faulty."



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You say it can't be, that it's improbable, yet it has been demonstrated. Perhaps it is time to re-test your hypothesis to determine where it went astray.



I'll blame me on the yardwork!

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John

Give me COFFEE and nobody gets hurt

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I agree with the shorter uniform mushroom non tumble theory but what about depth of penetration?

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Perhaps instead of running through the litany of reasons why the twist rate is not a factor perhaps you should consider that it is.

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Perhaps it would be best to go back towards the beginning of this thread and reread Doc M's multiple postings regarding the Barnes Buster testing...multiple bullets with each rifle were fired into the normal bullet box mix.

Now regarding other variables involved in the results. Assuredly the shots were fired at less than perfect 0° angle to the target test sheet so that multiple bullets would fit upon the sheet. Heck go ahead and include a bullet yaw upon impact for each bullet. So, how did these additional issues impact the results?

If I recollect correctly the penetration results for rifles 1 through 4 was a penetration deviation of approximately 2" for all shots fired for each respective rifle.

So if all factors involved are important except twist rate, that the deviation within all shots fired for each rifle was 2" in penetration yet when twist rates are included the difference is 8" to 10" between the 1:20" and 1:18" twist rates, rifles 1 & 2/3, and 10+" between the 1:18" and 1:14" twist rates, rifles 2/3 & 4, and 20+" between the 1:20" and 1:14" twist rates, rifles 1 & 4. [Edit added in blue]

Perhaps it's just me but it appears that twist rate has a heck of a lot more impact upon penetration than does bullet angle and yaw at impact.

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Hey Glenn,

I believe we will shortly be adding Corbin's 156gr 6.5 bullet to the 320gr 9.3 Woodleigh for straight-line penetration. Why do they work like they do? I don't know. We've all heard the "deep driver" simultaneous with "long and heavy for caliber"... Is it true? I don't know. Except that there are a few very long and slim heavy for weight bullets that are very deep drivers. Perhaps they, as are at least two, have a very shallow slightly rounded nose shape to mitigate the bullet length for COAL feeding purposes. Is this nose design by happenstance or is it by knowing design intent. Again I don't know.

It would be nice to have a few each of Rigby's original 310gr .358 caliber and 410gr .416 caliber solids for nose shape comparison to the 310gr 9.3 Woodleigh test *and* to test against Doc M's double-box Mastodon mix. It would be nice to see if the reputation they garnered in the early 20th century as deep divers against Africa's largest DG holds true.

Oh well, guess we'll have to await Corbin's and Doc M's test results. Time for me to shut things down. Cheers!

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The plot thickens, damn.

Almost like the income tax act ... more exceptions than rules !!!

Let us probe deeper and enjoy the ride.

The good thing is Micheal is committed ... and what a ride this has been.

(That does not mean Micheal will take us for a ride ... a roller coaster ride ... up and down)

Warrior

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Whew, long evening I see and we even made a new page, to #45 now! I see some good discussion along the way. But first, Jim, what a story over on page 44!!!! That's a piece of work! You did good, and I am honored, I think? HEH!

Boom

Back in the day, we all know the story of my issues with the .500s and straight line penetration with 1:18 was not giving me what I wanted. Now I had shot 1000s of rounds literally testing, load data, bullets, the works. .500 Was exciting, new, and while there were lot's of bullets, most were not suitable for the velocities I can run. So there was a lot of test work done, lot's of test medium chewed up, all at 1:18. Now we go into the 1:12 for the stability issues with the solids, now we make the move to several new flat nose designs and everything is a mystery, I wonder what other changes occur in going from 1:18 to 1:12. Velocity, accuracy, loads, bullet performance of expanding, lot's of things were investigated.

It did not take long to see that all of my prior work was still valid, all the load data, accuracy of that load, velocity, everything "outside" the box was the same, zero changes, pressures did not go up, nothing with going from 1:18 to 1:12, with the great exception of the solids being more stable! I made the call within only a day or two and mandated that ALL NEW .500s Would have a 1:12 twist barrel. At the time there had been either 8-9 rifles built in 1:18 twist rates. 2 of these were mine. In the period between waiting on the new flat nose samples to be made up, and the actual time they arrived, which was not too long, I started retesting expanding bullets to make sure there was no surprises there. There were no surprises, expansion, depth of penetration, everything was the same, there was no changes from 1:18 to 1:12 with expanding bullets, including 3 different Barnes X bullets in .500, 275-325-and 375.

Now not to offend our double rifle readers, but I am not a double rifle guy, I am bolt trash and proud of it. I think a double is a work of art, beautiful, and we could argue the merits of one over the other but really it is a moot point, it's like the stupid magazine articles we see in the gun rags for the last 50 yrs, 30/06 vs 308, or 300 Winchester vs 300 WSM or some stupid trash as that. To the point, I would bet that the DR guys would not even know the difference in 1:18 and 1:12, I think some folks that make DR really should get with the program and look at stability during penetration and forget being the traditional twist rates! Twist rate is a real and viable factor for terminal penetration of solids, there is zero doubt. I have already seen it too many times now, and experienced it. There is not but one thing that can over ride a slow twist rate, and that is a "PROPER NOSE PROFILE FLAT NOSE SOLID". By proper I mean the meplat must be of sufficient size or % of caliber to over ride twist rate.

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Michael

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Spoke with Corbin yesterday, one of his 6.5s is 1:8 twist and he thinks the old military gun he has is 1:7. We are testing both and testing different velocity too. I will take some photos of the 6.5 bullets tomorrow and present with the report on them. I have to admit that when we did test some months ago I gave them only a cursory look at!

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Since I brought up the Limited Penetration Solid, or Trident bullet once again, I have a little story I must tell I thought of this morning about that bullet. In November of 2007 I was helping mop up left over buffalo quota with Ross Johnson of HHK in Zimbabwe. The first real outing for the 50 B&M in it's current configuration, and with the bullets that are now standard for it. This is after hammering the two elephants with Dudley Rodgers. The 50 B&M had made a wonderful showing down there with the elephants, and I had gone from my belief of the 50 from being "adequate" for the job at hand, to being a real stopping rifle, cartridge, and of course the most important, BULLET combination! I had 5 buffalo to mop up and wanted the first one for the 50 B&M to be a good one you know! So we run into a good herd of the buggers and there is a nice big boss bull with them. Sneaking around we get to the top of a tiny hill above where they are feeding through the brush. Number one bullet up for testing is the NPS Trident NonCon! My interest was to see animal reaction, what does a big bull do when hit with this! I already knew penetration and bullet performance from the extensive test work done, I had no concerns there, just wanted animal reaction to taking this strange bullet design!

Set up on top of the hill just above them they are feeding along, about 30 yds or so. Lot's of brush, I had shooting through brush. Well the bull had now pulled from my right to my left and moving away with each step, found a hole in the brush, shot was a little high and forward I knew, but it was all I had, I fired, the bull dropped in his tracks and never moved again! I mean dropped like lightning had struck him from above and sucked every ounce of life from him in an instant! Things settle down and I suspect I knew what happened before arriving to the scene, but I am thinking that God himself has sent me a 50 B&M and it's about the greatest hammer ever devised, you know what I mean! But upon arrival to the buffalo I see exactly what happened and of course knew this in the back of my mind, bullet a bit forward, bit high had went through the shoulder and hit the spine! Of course he is going down like that, he has no choice and I had no choice, it was the only shot I had at the moment. So my first words to Ross were "That's not exactly the shot I wanted or needed to test this bullet!" For just a moment, maybe a few minutes I think, I was actually disappointed about the shot because that is not a proper test for what I wanted to OBSERVE. I was totally 100% in test mode! A few minutes go by and I except that for the first buffalo taken with the 50 B&M that I had done well, but to this day I remember that, "this is not the shot I wanted to do with this bullet". It was not a mistake, I knew it, and it's the only shot I had, but still I was disappointed that I had hit the spine and the fight was over before it started, and I had proved nothing about the bullet and the animal reaction by hitting the spine behind the shoulders. Test mode!

Also that bullet did not exit and the nose took a beating too.

Michael

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Michael...
Can I persuade you to try the 500 grs Hornady DGS .458" solid. They are advertised as "flat nose" solids. They are short for weight compared to monolithic bullets of same weight, so maybe - like the Speer AGS - they will penetrate surprisingly well... 😊
Someone in here had a good experience with them on elephants recently was it 465 HH??
They also got them in 480 grs, maybe you should test both..? As well as the 400 grs .416" DGS...

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Buffalo

Yes, I will get some of them. They are cheap enough. I tested the 480 gr version when it come out, still have some of them too. They did not test well in the 458 B&M. And yes 465 HH used them this past year on elephant and they did very well in his 458 Lott, I think. Not sure if the 500s are any different than the 480s, but can get some and see. Test in the lott and the 458 B&M at both velocities, both have the same 1:14 twist.

Will check the 416s out after that.

I think they deserve a second go at it. Meplat is a little short on them however, and as we know, if we come up short on meplat, we need a faster twist, best I have is 1:14. Possibly a little extra velocity from the lott will help???? I will also have enough left over to get RIP some of them to test in his 1:12 and 1:10 twist 458 B&M, I bet there will be a big difference in performance of this bullet with the faster twist!

Michael

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Michael,

I used them in a 458 Win. at 2,150 fps.

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Michael,

I used them in a 458 Win. at 2,150 fps.

465H&H

As I recall you had a 1:14 twist also? I think we need to give them a go, as buffalo says. I will get some on the way. In the meantime I think I will try the 480s in the Lott and give them some velocity to see how that goes too.

Michael

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