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Originally posted by 416Tanzan:

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For instance why does the Woodleigh 9.3 dia 320 grain bullet perform so well in michael's test media while larger calibers don't?

This needs retesting. You will notice that in the charts put up this week there was one 73" example. But it was a one time affair, the others "only" do 60-65". Even with Michael's testing I am not willing to trust myself to a long, long 320 gr. RN in .366. Something funny there. I'd rather step down to a FN 250 grain in 338 though.

Tanz

I would not really have much of a problem carrying that 320 in the field, to be honest. I carried that 310 Woodleigh FMJ for years with my 358 STA, just for reasons we have discussed, always good to have a solid with you, JUST IN CASE. I never used it in the field however, but it tested good like the 320 years ago in straight newsprint. So I trusted it, and would again if that's all, or what I had.

Today, having a choice, I would not choose it. I am sold "Solid" on the BBW #13, and that's what I would carry. That new 280 CEB BBW #13 Solid is it for me in 9.3. I even discontinued the other 9.3 bullet, the copper 260 gr barnes type profile.

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Lane

Good to see you down here in the mix with us! Happy to have you!

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Michael

Michael,

I suggest that you use the average of all shots for that bullet. You can add the range ie. low 62, high 73 or provide the number of shots and the standard deviation.

465H&H

Posts: **5686** | Location: **Nampa, Idaho** | Registered: **10 February 2005**



michael458
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465HH

Excellent suggestion! I have done that with some of the bullets, especially in .500 caliber as I have shot many many of some types into the mix over a long period of time, another example has been the 450 "B" %(_\$# solid, in .458, as I have used that as a control many times. But I won't be any longer. My new control is anything that is a BBW #13 or North Fork---with those I can't see needing anything else.

Speaking of North Fork!!! I got part of my order in the other day, and some more are on the way, most of these Premium Bonded bullets, some expanding .458 caliber Cup Points, and to be run next week is a PILE of .500 calibers!

My North Fork in stock bullets has grown substantially now! Time to start some brand new Test Work!!! Yep, you heard me, in the plans right now we are going to put North Fork through the ringer over the next few weeks in fact! Hopefully if all goes well, starting some of that work next week! Do stay tuned, especially North Fork Fans! Which I am one!

We gonna roll'em, punch'em, rip'em, bust'em, beat'em and see just how good they are!

Gotta work that in with all the pressure traces as well still going on. Anyone interested in those sorts of things? Pressure traces?

Also for the double guys, Sam, myself and Dan have come up with some new test work that is going to happen within the next week or so with barrel strains also. Always working on an improvement, if it can be had! Here at MIB, we never stop looking for the next step up in evolution! If we can take it further, we run with it! Anyway, I am curious about some things so we gonna find out!

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Teasers! That's the way to keep your ratings up, Michael!



Anyway, I'm sure we'll all be here! Look forward to it!

Glenn

Posts: **942** | Location: **Alabama** | Registered: **16 July 2007**



michael458
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Glenn

I probably watch too much TV when I was a kid! I know all about the teasers. Problem is, I tease myself, and then I can't wait either! Gotta GO GO GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HEh

Good Night, way the hell past dark here!

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Posts: **873** | Location: **Denmark** | Registered: **04 January 2005**



michael458

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Me Too? But I don't think the answer is in more test work, as the same will occur. The answer? I think beyond me.

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Just FYI, this is what I have been doing this week, and will continue to do for a bit, but next week able to work some terminals in with the North Forks--I hope!





Michael

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
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
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Personally, I've found that investigation of anomalies in other fields often leads to a wider understanding of the issues. More testing may indeed show that 'almost flat' Roundnoses behave well. But first the anomaly between the 286 and the 320 should probably be re-confirmed

and maybe have their noses more carefully mapped.

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Michael...I think you are not taking enough of the "colourless fluids" ..i.e. Grey Goose, Saki etc etc.

Not taking enough of those leads to hallucinations and delusional thinking...Please do not do this to us!! I have followed every page of this wonderful "work in progress", and it is my favorite post. I log onto AR and check this one first. One of these days we shall share some Saki or GG, whichever you prefer

Regards

Esskay

Saeed Ansari
(saeed_ansari on Skype)

Posts: **740** | Registered: **08 December 2009**

michael458
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EssKay

I think these days I might be turning into a light weight with the colorless fluids, I love to partake of the sake, but seems the Grey Goose is getting a little strong for me lately.

No my man, all in jest as I am sure you know!

Thanks so much for the support, wow.....That's incredible! That really means a lot to me! You know I am like a good old dog, a little pat on the head goes a long way with me! HEH.....

Normally Thursday is a off day--but since I am behind on some things, I am off the the range right this second to get going on some work. Sorry, no terminals today, plain old PTs and some 416 B&M test work!

Catch you guys shortly!

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You are the one who has been doing all the work..most of us (srose, mac et al obviously excepted) have just been learning vicariously. Even though you did not agree to my solution to your problem 😊 (just kidding)...now one of these days when you have some stuff for my 404J then we will have an involved conversation.

Warm regards

Esskay

Saeed Ansari
(saeed_ansari)

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Sectional Density doesn't do anything! It is a measurement of a physical characteristic. Explain the attributes of this characteristic and how those attributes cause deeper penetration.

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I Bin Therbefor
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465H&H is correct, his statement is a simple truth, limited to what he specified:
" ... things being equal such as velocity, caliber, bullet shape and construction as well as stability the bullet with the higher SD also has more momentum thus a greater ability overcome resistance.
465H&H"
Notice he did not specify mass, because mass is directly proportional to sectional density. Substitute mass for SD in his statement and it has the same truth.
When you are using two idealized, nondeforming bullets of the same caliber, mass and SD are factorable one into the other for use in formulas.
You cannot get equal results with a lighter bullet and higher velocity, even if the MV or Momentum is the same as with the slower, heavier bullet ... unless you are testing in "shear-thinning" test media where the resistance decreases with velocity, or some medium where resistance is constant regardless of velocity.
Rare scenarios.
"Reactivity" of the penetrated medium, where resistance goes up exponentially with the velocity is the more usual game-shooting scenario.
Above is just an aside.
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SD is a simple way to describe the difference in two bullets of equal diameter but different weights or to compare different diameter bullets with different weights. It is a useful tool.
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Warrior
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quote:
How does sectional density contribute to momentum?

Momentum = M x V
Mass (M) must have some sort of shape and it is significant what shape the mass takes on. Let us look at extreme examples to make the point. Let us consider the following shapes with the same mass:
a) a projectile with the shape of a penny (a coin if you like)
b) a round ball
c) a bullet
Which one will penetrate the deepest when shot at the same velocity?
Definitely the bullet. Why?
It has more mass concentrated behind the frontal area (ie the wetted surface)
The bigger the frontal area, the bigger the drag in target.
Now this is SD (sectional density).
And so SD finds its way into momentum.
If the wetted surface is let us say only 67% (2/3's), like in an FN shaped solid bullet, the effective SD is scaled up, as we have the same mass now behind a smaller XSA (cross sectional area) providing less drag in target. And so the manipulation of shape can upscale effective SD, and so become an important determinant in the penetration event.

Warrior

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But too small an FN meplat, or a round nose, will not be shoulder-stabilized enough to let the higher effective SD work for penetration, unless the medium is such as to provide some side resistance/tail control to prevent tumbling, like dry plywood or maybe elephant skull?

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quote:

Personally, I've found that investigation of anomalies in other fields often leads to a wider understanding of the issues. More testing may indeed show that 'almost flat' Roundnoses behave well. But first the anomaly between the 286 and the 320 should probably be re-confirmed and maybe have their noses more carefully mapped.

I agree. I know Michael has enough on his plate already, though. I wish I could throw in and do some testing of my own with the 9.3's. Another thing, I'd especially like to test that oversized .475 Model 70 Megacarbine with .476 Westley Richards bullets. Somehow that intrigues me, I don't know why. Trouble is, .476 WR bullets aren't common and would likely all be in RN configuration.

Honestly! Some of you guys are misbehaving again!



quote:

Why the 320 does better than the 285? How about sectional density? Duh!

465, quit trying to sound like me!

Actually, the lackluster performance of the 286 grain was its tendency to veer, which is what we've been seeing with most RN's in Michael's testing.

quote:

Momentum is the mass times the velocity. How does sectional density contribute to momentum?

Hmpfl Haven't you guys been paying attention in Professor Glenn's class? Participation in this thread means that you're automatically enrolled in Professor Glenn's College of Useless Knowledge. There is the momentum density. Momentum density is the momentum divided by the penetrating surface area. Stated another way, it's simply the velocity times the sectional density. If you use the meplat diameter instead of the caliber, you'll get a more accurate value for the SD which is more easily translatable into real-world results. All you do is divide this value by 20 or 24 to get a range of how bullets might potentially perform in Michael's tests.

If you continue to fail to pay attention in Professor Glenn's class, I will have no choice but to keep those sexy coeds seated next to you after class. You can never have enough learning when it comes to sexual density. I mean, sectional density.



Glenn

Posts: **942** | Location: **Alabama** | Registered: **16 July 2007**



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I think we have a general consensus that shoulder stabilization is a factor.

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I've read the name Art Alphin before, but I'm not sure exactly who he is. As I recall from several years back, someone implied that I might have been a "devotee" of his, but this is not the case at all. Don't know the guy!

It's not that I *really* put a lot of stock in momentum density per se because I've already learned that there is much more to terminal ballistics than what any simple formula like that can ever quantify. That's why I referred to it as being part of my "College of Useless Knowledge."

I just use it to give myself a rough ballpark estimate, not as a mathematical or scientific certainty. Probably I shouldn't have even brought it up.

Glenn

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Cross L
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Ask ALF




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I'll bet ALF didn't have to take Physics 103 three times to pass it.

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You'll have to come out from behind that couch eventually, Cross.



Glenn

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RIP,

Here is another possible scenario for the performance seen by the 9.3 320 grain bullet.

We know that RN steel jacketed solids perform much better in game than they do in gelatin or wet magazine test media. If they acted the same in game as they do in test media, then I should have seen RN solids exiting out the top of the head, under the jaw or out the side of the head on taking frontal brain shots on elephants, like they do in test media. Possibly the problem isn't with the nose shape but the test media. While the above media may work well with FN solids it doesn't work all that well RN solids.

FN solids appear to cut a round hole about caliber size through the skin on entry into elephants. While with RN solids you see a hole that is smaller than caliber in size. You can easily push a FN solid into the entry hole but you have to exert quite a bit of force to do it with a RN solid. It is similar to what you see if you shoot a round nosed bullet into a paper target and then wad cutter bullet. The round nose leaves a hole that is less than caliber in size and it has radial tears out to the full bullet diameter. The wad cutter leaves a clean cut caliber size hole in the paper target.

I have seen and others have reported on the cutting affect of FN bullets in game compared to RN bullets. If the cutting is due to the FN how do these bullets cut tissue so cleanly if FN bullets form a cavitation bubble? The bubble pressure would be pushing the tissue away from the bullets nose, wouldn't it?

It seems obvious to me that RN bullets push their way through test media or animal tissue and FN bullets cut their way through. Now picture how the tissue or media would react to these forces, in tissue the RN bullet will tear the tissue and push it aside while the FN bullet will cut a plug ahead of its route of travel. In wet magazines (WM) the same may well occur. When the RN bullet pushes its way through the WM media the media can randomly build up more material on one side than another. If that happens the pressure will not be equal on all sides of the bullet and the bullet will move in the direction of the least pressure. This can result in the RN bullet veering. The FN cutting action keeps pressure equal so the bullet tracks straighter through the media.

Now it seems that the veering seen in test media may be also dependent on bullet diameter. Smaller bullets will have less material buildup thus less side pressure. I believe the 6.5 bullets as well as the 9.3 bullets penetrated straighter and deeper than the larger caliber bullets. An interesting test would be to test heavy foe caliber RN solids in .256, .308, .338, .379, .416, .458, and .510 diameters and see where the veering starts to occur and how soon it occurs.

Just a theory from a rank amateur.

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Michael458,

Have you received the "Big Boy Bullets" yet?

Just askin'



NRA Lifer; DSC Lifer; SCI member; DRSS; AR member since November 9 2003
STILL waiting for my Taktsdale double or a refund

Don't Save the best for last, the smile for later or the "Thanks" for tomorrow

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