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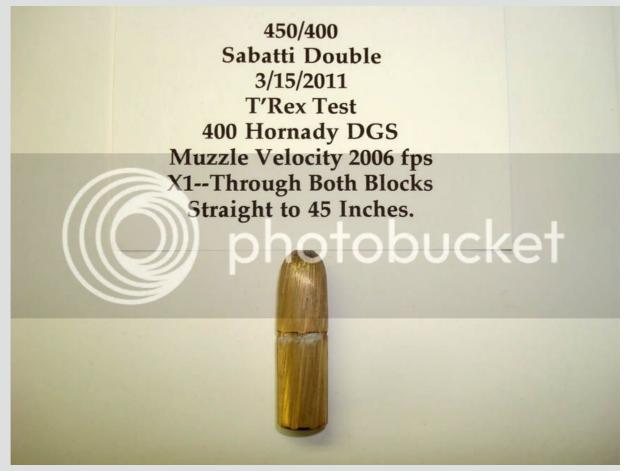
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Sam wanted a T'Rex test on the 400 Hornady DGS. As you recall, this is a tough one for any bullet. 5 inches medium, 1.25 inch concrete block--15 inches test medium and a second 1.25 inch block, then the rest is normal test medium. This is about as tough as it gets, there have been several what I would call failures in this test, Hornady right in the middle of these failures with .458 DGS. Looked like mushroom conventionals.

But not this bullet! This 400 Hornady DGS performed better than any bullet I have ever done a T'Rex test with.

It passed through both blocks dead damn straight, and continued to penetrate to a total of 45 inches! I had not seen this before. Now it was not dead straight after the second block, but it was only a few inches off. Most all of the bullets, BBW #13s and Barnes Banded both being of the best in T'Rex tests even get off course after the second block, so off course AFTER the second block I don't care! Off course BEFORE the second block is a failure as far as I am concerned.

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One of the main reasons that CCMDoc sent the rifle was the concern about the way Sabatti had regulated, by removing the inside of the crown, kicking the bullet to the right. That for sure works, as it kicks every bullet on the market to the right from the left side.

Stability? There is no doubt in my mind that stability of all bullets fired in the left barrel is effected by this. You can see it in most all of the targets fired at 50 yards. Stability is an issue during terminals with that left barrel.

 $I \ know \ little \ about \ regulation \ of these \ things, but \ I \ believe \ that \ had \ the \ left \ barrel \ been \ left \ as \ is \ that \ this \ rifle \ might have \ regulated \ far \ better \ with \ other \ bullets \ than \ the \ Hornady. \ I \ could \ be \ wrong, but \ no \ matter \ what \ bullet \ (Other \ left)$ Than the Hornady Factory ammo) the left barrel kicked them to the right 4-6 inches from the right barrel.

This gun is regulated well with the Hornady ammo, both DGS and DGX. There is no issues with that, and in my opinion would do fine for anything buffalo/hippo and down. The DGX performed very good in it's role as an expanding bullet, and the DGS was good enough for buffalo for sure. Personally I would have no issues using the rifle and ammo in that role.

The gun is a very nice gun, nice wood, very tight, no mechanical problems that I experienced or could see. Just that left egg shaped crown is the only issue I see with them.

I was scheduled to send it back to CCMDoc on Monday, but I am going to keep it just long enough to do one more test, Sam is making some bullets he thinks we should try in it first, so CCMDoc if that is a problem, do let me know.

That sums things up as I see it, I am sure Sam might want to add, as well as CCMDoc too!

Michael

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As a foot note:

Sorry double rifle guys, but I am, always have been, and always will remain a "Bolt Trash" sorta chap! I don't have enough drugs to take to be able to cope with double rifles! It's not so bad getting one barrel to shoot, but TWO??? HOLY COW!!!!!!! DRUGS--The only way!

LOL



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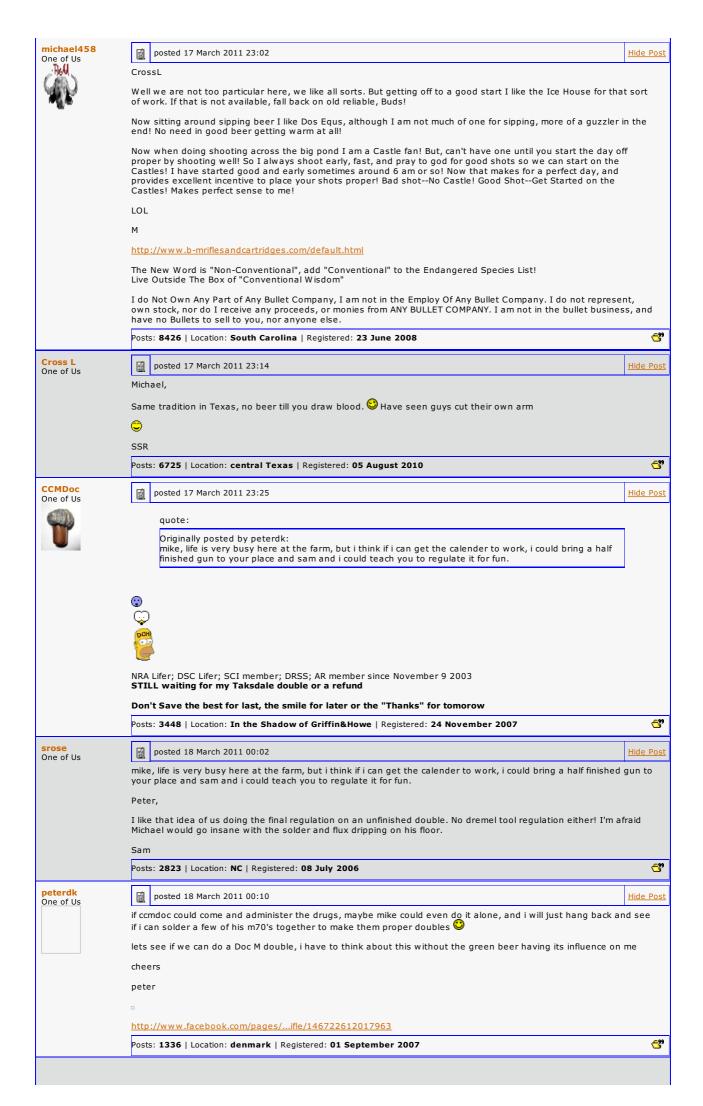
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I'm afraid Michael would go insane with the solder and flux dripping on his floor.

Oh man, can get a drop cloth or something!

I think with a big enough hammer I can fix this F% #% G regulation crap! Shoots left, little rap on the right beak, shoot right, little rap on the left beak! Don't work, beat hell out of it until it submits!

Yeah, anyone want to help with regulation of doubles? I got it figured now!



Looks a little like the thing above!



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SSR

Hey, that always worked for me! I think I will try that before I do the hammers! Notice I said "Hammers"? As in two-One for each hand! That's it, double rifle--double hammers! I really got it down now!

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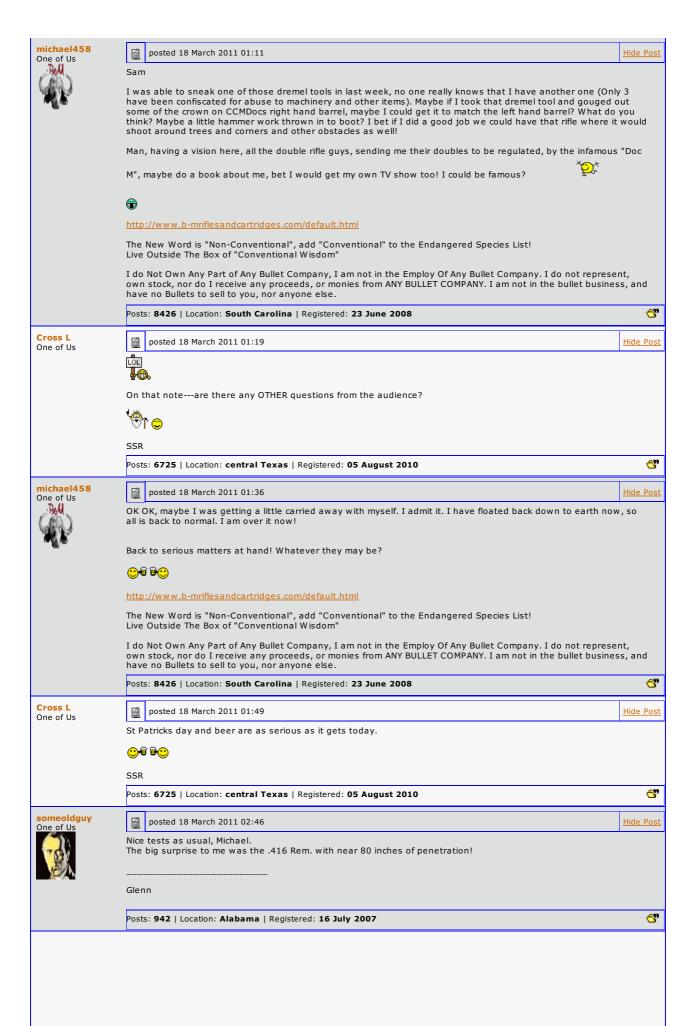
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Originally posted by someoldguy:

Nice tests as usual, Michael.

The big surprise to me was the .416 Rem. with near 80 inches of penetration!

Glenn

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Another one that I am impressed with is the 458 version, 480 gr CEB BBW #13. I had plans of doing a 500 gr 458 for the higher capacity 458s, but this 480 is so good, there is no reason to do a 500 at all. In the high capacity 458s they can take the velocity up on the 480, and shazam---super deep and straight penetration, 500 is not required. I can take it in my 458 B&M at 2200 fps, and it does great as well. In fact I hope to use it in one of my 18 inch 458 B&Ms in June on some buff!

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The good news is that in the 1:14 416's the 325 to 370 gr bullets seem to stabilize great.

What I believe Doc M has proved is that conventional ideas are not needed now. The "traditional" bullet weights were predicated on a traditional construction model. I believe ,subject to field tests, that Michael has shown that lighter,higher velocity projectiles can acomplish the required results. If a 325 gr bullet expands to .80 in and penetrates to 28 in why do I need a heavier projectile? the same with a 416 solid-350 gr at 68 in, Just how much more do I need? The new BBW#13 and Non-cons,both CEB BBW#13 and NF I believe are changing the game and we need to go with the new paradime and stop the comparisons to the old bullets. I believe this years hunting season will give the pragmatic proof that we are on the correct track,

Wound track, killing power , what ever a 416 hole penetrating through an animals vitals will result in death. the old paradime required a heavy bullet , however new designs and materials are here and I for one am going to try to prove that they work.

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Michael

Michael,

I downloaded Hornady's DGS/DGX information sheet when they first released it but apparently deleted deleted it. Here are photos obtained today from their website; the bullets are lead core inside a tapered steel jacket with copper jacket exterior:



I believe the information sheet stated that they purchase the copper clad steel jacket materials from a firm in Germany.

Anyway, 'twas interesting how well the bullet held up in the T-Rex box.



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John Wayne

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Michael, it's your efforts and your presentation I was referring to as being nice (to say the least of it), not the

performance of the bullets. I've yet to look at those closely.

The few I've checked fall into line with what I might have expected (OK, they fell into line with what I calculated.) But I don't seem to have enough grey matter to come up with a practical grasp of the instability problem yet, just that it happens when certain conditions aren't met.

Glenn

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I agree with you concerning doing a job with lighter NonCons and CEB/NF solids. Just how much penetration does one need? I very much believe in the 350 CEB BBW #13 in 416 caliber. Along with the 325 NonCon.

In 2009 arriving in Australia, before the first buffalo was in the dirt. Shooting a 470 gr copper Lehigh NonCon, 2400 fps. I felt very strongly I would need at least a 500 gr bullet, 470 was too light for .500 caliber! Thinking that as soon as I got home, I would do this, increase weight!

All that until I saw the performance of the 470 NonCon at 2400 fps--3 rounds on the first buffalo, he never took more than 1 step during the process, all three bullets went through and through--how much more did I want? All thoughts of heavier NonCons went away then and there, and have yet to return!

Ya'll gotta remember, I come from the old school! Heavy for caliber! Always leaned in that direction, always! Even today, with what I know sometimes I can't help myself and revert for moments! I fight the battle of addiction to "Heavy For Caliber" blues! So I am not some "Modern" NonCon Profit--I am a "Convert" no doubt, but even myself at times find it difficult. And probably if you look at some of the things I talk about at times, you can see some of that trying to bust free, with the NonCons and the Solids. It can be a difficult process with us old dogs at times.

Do I believe in the NonCons and our new solids? 110% all the way! I don't just believe it, I know it! So just understand sometimes it's hard for myself as well to hold the line, you might say!

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Michael

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Recently I ordered an entire new run of NonCons in 9.3, 375, .409, and .458, all with thinner blades, and wider cavities. This will promote a more even shearing effect, less drag and instability on the main bullet, and will result in deeper, more stable penetration. At least that is what I think--we will see when they arrive!

I have not been dissatisfied with either the 9.3s or 375s and 458s currently. Since they are not trying to accomplish the mission of a solid, and as penetration is in "Buffalo" territory, I don't get too concerned, with some instability. I would very much use all as they are right now, with the exception of the .409 that did no shearing at all.

Both weights of the .416s while slightly thick blades remain, they are and will always work at higher velocity, so I did not change them at all.

I will have to take a much closer look at the DGX, I would not have thought a steel insert would have been used on an expanding bullet?

Thank you very much, a great compliment.

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Good Afternoon from MIB! HEH HEH.....

before I let him have it. HEH HEH--good excuse for me to play is what that is! Shhhhh!

Of course even doing that sometimes is not enough, I worked over CrossL rifle pretty hard, and he still broke the safety on it first day on the range! However, we did sort it out, and I think it's hammer rounds downrange now without issues! It's the nature of the beast sometimes! But I think one absolutely must give all these guns, I don't give a damn who did them or how much they cost, give them a hell of a workout before going to the field with them! Hopefully any issues are caught before Mr. Murphy can kick in his two cents!

Anyway, the newest addition to the family for 450NE.







450NE, it's looking pretty good there buddy! I checked the retaining this morning, slamming it hard a few times and so far all feed and function is 100%.

Started shooting mine this morning as well. It is going to be very easy to get ready for June with it. Already have 450 CEB BBW #13 at 2200, 420 NonCon at 2250, 480 #13 at 2140, and 400 North Fork Bonded at 2350 fps, all POI at 50 yds. Of course the 400 NF is about an inch higher than the NonCon. But close enough to work with in the field! That's just getting started as well!

I think I am going to enjoy this little gun as an alternative when I get tired of carrying the 500 MDM around! And even the 500 MDM is much smaller rifle than a standard 24 inch 458 Lott! But a hell of a lot more cartridge than a lott!

Michael

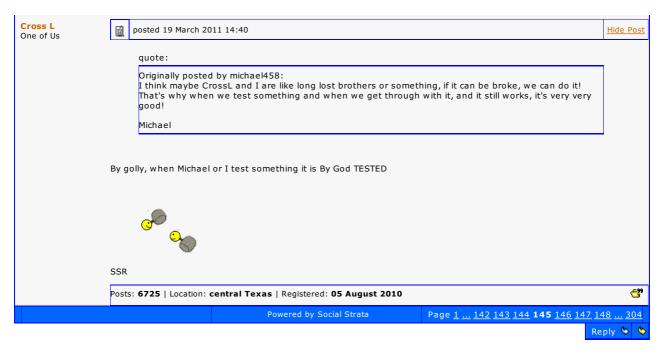
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