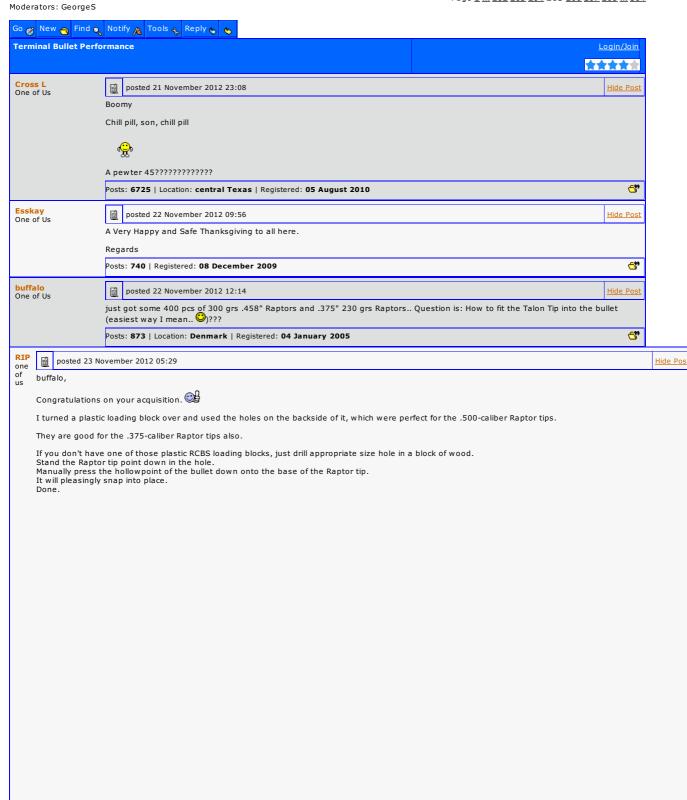
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Posts: 28032 | Location: KY | Registered: 09 December 2001

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Buffalo,

let us know about your tests and accuracy with the shortthroat 500 AccR when you get a chance.

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"A well-rounded hunting battery might include: 500 AccRel Nyati, 416 Rigby or 416 Ruger, 375Ruger or 338WM, 308 or 270, 243, 223" -- Conserving creation, hunting the harvest.





quote:

Michael,

Your BBW #13 solids worked very well. Andrew said "he couldn't believe that my little gun killed that Buffalo".

I had a 50 yd. shot and hit him in the heart. The bullet passed through and he went 30 yds., did a somersalt (head over heals) and lied there.

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Great Brent! I knew the 45-70 with a #13 could handle the job.

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Originally posted by srose:

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Sam

Sam

That is not Brent, this fellows name is Sam as well. Friend of Lou's.

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Great shot Sam2!

Great choice of bullet! I'm curious about the terminal performance (other than the deadness lol) So the bullet exited? (Not shocking) Question about choice of solid over non con for first shot. Were you concerned about penetration over damage? Would a 325 grain non con be the best choice for a first shot on buff over a 400 BBW13 solid? This might inspire more guide gun safari's :-)

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Single Shot Shooters Society S.S.S.S. (Founder)

Posts: 27557 | Location: Where tech companies are trying to control you and brainwash you. | Registered: 29 April 2005



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Boomy

I actually did the choosing here. Why did I choose the 400 BBW#13 Only?

Sam is not a shooter. He also lives in Arizona, so I don't have hands on direct contact.

I sent Sam 4 different loads to try in his Guide Gun. 325 North Fork and 375 BBW #13 NonCon, 325 BBW #13 Solid and 400 BBW #13 Solid. From that, you should see what I was after, matching up two loads, trauma producing bullet 1st round, followed by the solid.

A few weeks later received remaining loads back, and a note stating that the 400 BBW #13 Solid shot best in his rifle. He also sent targets. Groups at 50 yards were basically the same. The problem was both 325 loads shot about 4 inches higher than the 400 #13 Solids. North Fork and 325 #13 same POI. He never even shot the 375 NonCons.

So, this left me with worrying over trying to explain to him the 325s would do better, but would have to sight the rifle in for them, which might have and could have run into issues, and not having hands on this situation, I thought it best to leave things alone, let him use the 400 BBW #13 Solid, it was shooting POA/POI for him. I knew he had to do nothing to the sights, and I knew he would have enough penetration from any angle, or even a bad shot. I left it at that.

 $I \ did \ the \ bullet \ choosing, \ based \ on \ my \ shooters \ abilities, \ based \ on \ his \ knowledge \ and \ capabilities, \ and \ based \ on \ I \ did \ not \ have \ my \ hands \ on \ him \ or \ the \ rifle \ to \ sort \ perhaps \ a \ better \ solution \ out. \ As \ it \ stands, I \ don't \ think I \ made \ a \ bad \ choice. \ Shooter \ had \ no \ him \ or \ the \ hand \ no \ him \ or \ hand \ h$ problems to contend with, only one bullet to contend with, and hit his buffalo perfectly, and it was dead, down and out in 30

Yes, I do think there might have been better solutions, but I can't say any would have been any better than what this solution produced? Bullet did exit, no recovery. From what I was told by Lou, buffalo showed serious reactions to taking the bullet, and trauma was very good.

Michael

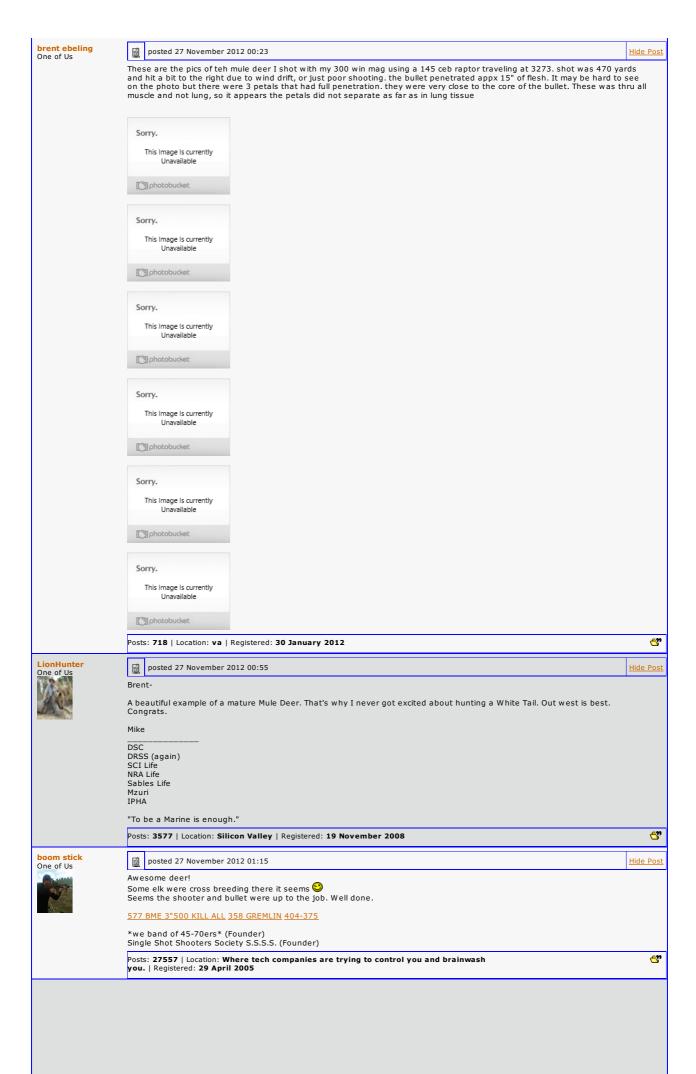
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Greetings, I shoot a 458 Lott and I have a question With the CEB 470gr hollow point, at 2270 fps muzzle velocity, what

is the performance in the newspaper test medium? This heavyweight bullet interests me because it may be good for follow up shots on buffalo (if there is ample penetration).

Sincerely. Mike

mpsavela-- Mike

First, Welcome to AR and we are happy to have you!

The 470 #13 HP NonCon you mention is the match to the 500 BBW #13 Solid, in .458 caliber. Dan and CEB did this one on their own, and pretty much for 458 Lott and up. I had slated these two bullets to be done, but when I tested the 480/450 combination, I decided there was really no use for the 500/470, even in 458 Lott and cartridges with even larger capacities. In light of that, I have not actually tested the 500/470s, and don't have any.

As for what they will do in the test medium, you can look for somewhere 28-30 inches Plus! The 450 #13 NonCon will do 28+ and the 420 not far behind. Perspective, 500 Swift A Frame at 2270 does 22-24 inches. Everything else in comparison is less than that, running from 18-20 inches for most conventionals I have tested here.

You should be using any of the NonCons as a First Strike, First Shot Option--Not followup only! The NonCons produce more trauma, more damage, more penetration, more destroyed tissue, than any bullet that has ever entered a buffalo. Nothing on the planet can compare with the trauma inflicted, and tissue destroyed. You get one of these in the front end of a buffalo, the story is over at that point. He may still go, but it won't be far. Between Cape and Australian buffalo now I have either shot or witnessed somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 + buffalo that have taken NonCons, they are absolutely deadly and final. More so than anything I have ever witnessed.

As for followup? Damn, I still have not 100% decided, I am old school, still believe in a good solid for followup on buffalo. But with the NonCons they have thrown me for a loop! Sometimes I use a solid below the first NonCon. Sometimes two NonCons, then a Solid. Sometimes just all NonCons! So you see, I am in the wind on this myself! I have done all, and still can't decide 100%! A NonCon is the ONLY bullet I would consider not having to backup with a good solid for buffalo. Most of the time the dance is over before the second or third shot is attempted. OF course, always, always, always "Pay the Insurance!"

Again, Huge Welcome from all of us here! Michael

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mpsavela new member

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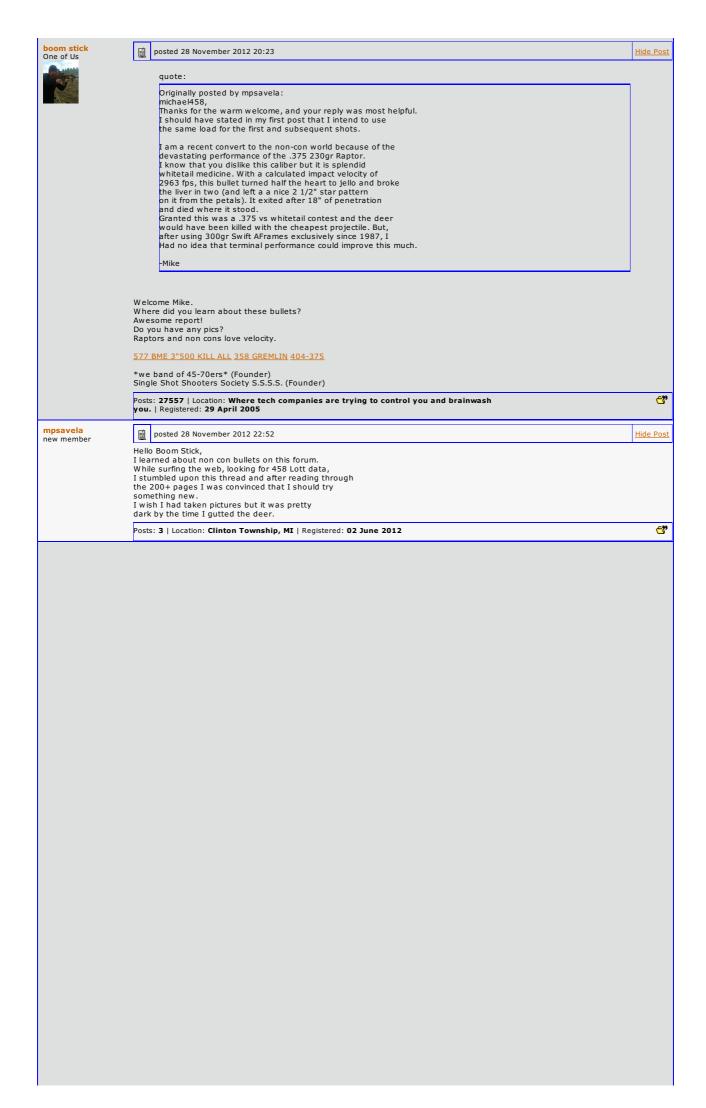
michael458

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-Mike

We are glad to have you, and no thanks needed! Excellent that you intend to use a NonCon up front, and as you can see, even I am undecided on buffalo now as to use NonCon as second, or solid? I have done both with success. The only thing, I don't know if you can drive a NonCon dead all the way up from a rear shot 100% of the time, thus the #13 Solid will do so. Angled shots, NonCon, no problem. But that dead on from the rear is a lot to ask, although many times they can do it.

I knew when doing the first test work on the NonCons that they seemed to be absolutely wicked, destroyed a great deal of test medium. I knew they had to have something close to this same behavior in animal tissue as well. But not even I could have predicted just how deadly, and how awesome these things would be in every caliber even from .224 right on to .620. In every single caliber they out performed, out penetrated, and induced more trauma than any competing bullet I had ever worked with. No conventional can come close within caliber. Wicked! Your story is the same, I have been hearing it for well over a year now, and I have been seeing a lot of it first hand as well.

In fact, I have stated here, but will do so again. Next buffalo hunt I go on I am even going lighter in caliber. At one time I was afraid 420 was too light in 458! Until I recovered one on the other side of a stomach from a frontal heart shot on a buffalo, and have never recovered anymore. I have seen 335.500s exit buffalo, 320.474s exit buffalo in the Super Shorts. Next buff shoot I go on I will be using light for caliber NonCons, and add that velocity for even more trauma and tissue destruction, and not sacrifice that for penetration. For this I will probably back them with matching BBW #13 SOlids.

Good to have you again!

Michael

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Welcome aboard!

I've killed two elephant with the 480gr BBW#13 solids. One with my .458Lott in 2011 and the second with my 458B&M in 2012. Both worked as expected. BTW, I've now sold both of my 458Lott rifles in lieu of the 458B&M.

I also shot the 450gr NonCons from both rifles and they shot to the same POI as the solids. This is a tremendous advantage. I really never felt the heavier 500gr solid could have performed any better than the 480gr did.

I would not hesitate to use only NonCons on Buff; in fact, for some years now, the premium softs have been all that is required for Buff. While the NonCon is not a soft, it is superior to any soft on the market and will deliver all that is needed on Buff. Beau used only NonCons from a .416Rem on Buff this year and made a frontal heart one shot kill. The insides of the Buff were a mess, as the NonCon did what they were designed by Michael to do.

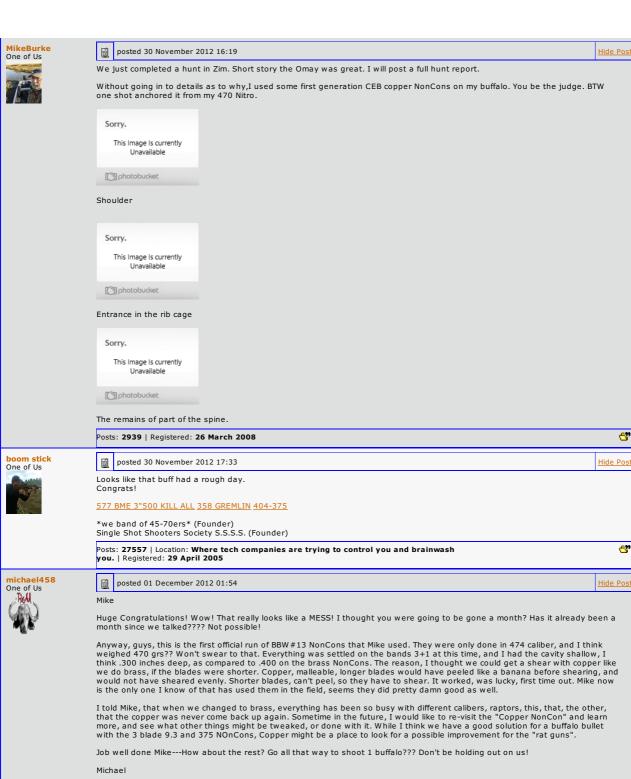
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Mike

One more question--as we spoke before you leaving, we talked about the blades on the copper bullet shearing much further inside the test medium you were working with. In the buffalo, were you able to see about how deep the bullet penetrated before the bullet started shear?

Curious--I know its extremely difficult at times to determine these things.

Michael

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Michael.

The picture with the cigarette butt is the exit of the shoulder. The shot was high on the shoulder and the buff was lying down. The void of solid tissue between the upper shoulder and body allowed the bullet to open significantly as seen the next photo.

I shot the buffalo just before dark after a long day of tracking including a climb of over 1000 ft in 100 degree weather. We left the buffalo there overnight and with some local help cut it apart and hauled it out the next day. The meat was divided between the locals so a good post mortem inspection was difficult.



I also shot an elephant. The North Fork solid we recovered traveled through about four feet of elephant, entering a little high in the head on the left. She was slightly quartering and the bullet stopped against the hide just to the right of center of the back. It knocked her down but it took several more to keep her down. The Omay being a communal area comes with plenty of local help salvaging an elephant. There was no way I was sticking my hand anywhere near those knives and damos. The bullet could be loaded and fied again.



Bullet hole on left (elephant's right)



The bullet stopped at the traumatized area about one foot to the left of the skinner's right hand.

Posts: 2939 | Registered: 26 March 2008

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We are still in Bulawayo. Headed to Hwange and Vic Falls next.

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Katherine also shot a buffalo cow. It was so old it had lost almost all of its teeth. It was a good fun hunt. She shot it facing us at about 80 yards, it ran about 100 meters, she went on the follow up and shot it offhand at about 30 yards, put it down, and fired on more insurance shot all on her own she was very excited.

She shot it with my 10 pound CZ 375 H&H with the 25" barrel with loaded down 260 grain Nosler Partitions. Michael where did you go? Are you OK buddy?

Posts: 2939 | Registered: 26 March 2008





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Mike

Post mortems are sometimes nearly impossible in the field- I know all too well, I have missed doing many proper ones because of many factors. Its very difficult. That bullet most certainly performed well as it appears. We must do some more work on this copper noncon in the future.

And of course the North Fork did what it was designed to do as well. No, I am with you, been in on those elephant butcherings many times, and that is a stand back affair, get out of the way!

I got another great report via PM this morning from another "one of our own" guys. Some time back he was shooting a North Fork in his 416 Rigby, doing very well, asked my advice, and as I recall I advised him to get the new nose profile North Fork, I believe he did, and he was very successful on his elephant as well, getting over 6 ft of penetration, frontal brain shot, and the bullet traveled much of the spine and exited the top of the back. I have urged our friend to post for us in more detail. Another successful mission accomplished with another properly designed solid! As it should be!

Yes, I am with you, still in Zim--I knew you were too early to have returned! Have fun, congrats on everything accomplished! You have come a LONG WAY since you and I first met, and you advised me I spent too much time testing bullets, just go load some woodleighs and go shoot something!

Michael

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OMG......Say it ain't so!!!!!!!!!



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