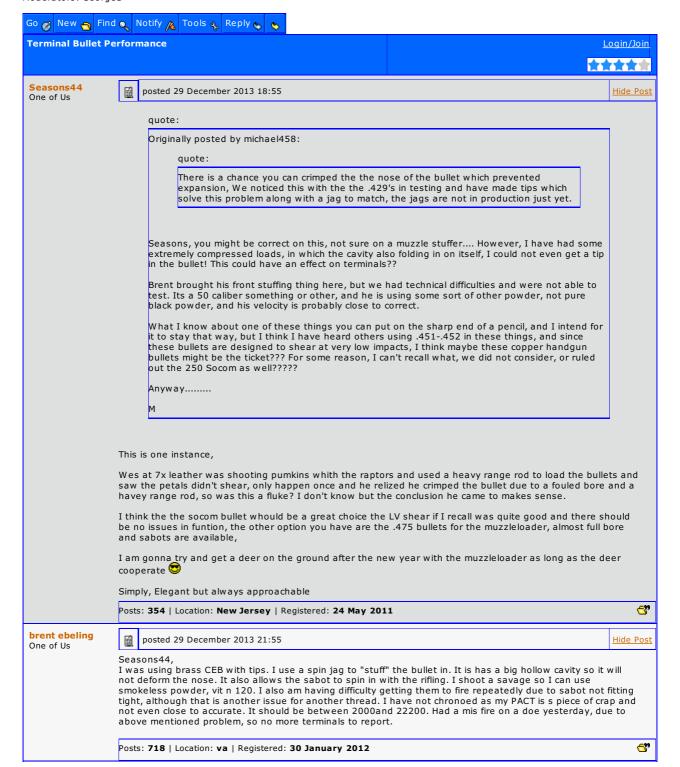
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Seasons44

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posted 29 December 2013 23:33

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Brent,

Maybe its a velocity issue for the brass raptors? But congrats on the two deer even though terminals were not what you expected.

What has worked for me is the harvester sabots, I don't have a savage so I was shooting them with Black MZ powder, I shot both the .429 and the .452 raptor, Both gave me exellent groups, standard jag, never seen the "spin jag" does it make a diffrence?

Wes shot his deer with a muzzloading pistol, I believe it was a CVA optima pistol with blackhorn 209 and he got some impressive groups with the .429 raptors. So maybe the combination of the bullet and sabot is what was giving you fits with accuracy.

Ken mentioned they had a deer get shot with the 452's the other day in Ohio and the blades made it to the offside ribcage at 130 ish yards, this may be "the" muzzloading bullet

I would say give the harvester sabots and the .452 raptors a try, they have a good tight fit, and CEB has tips available,

I would say give .475's a try but I haven't shot them yet hoping this week to get out, and not sure if tips are available.

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Alasken-Oz new member



posted 30 December 2013 00:36

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quote:

Originally posted by brent ebeling:

So today i finally was able to get the drop on a couple of whitetail doe with the muzzleloader. I have been wanting to try 458 CEB bullets. The bloody things are finicky. Anyway i got a 295 raptor to fly ok, not near as tight as barnes, but i also have not worked with the CEB as much. I guess it is traveling at 2000-2100 fps

So first doe was a small deer of the year. Shot about 75 yds. She was in front of brush angling away. I hot here in stomach and exited behind lung on opposite side. She ran about 50 yds where i found her still alive but not able to get up, a little blood on her nose. I was able to walk up and finish her with a knife. Couple of hours later a large doe comes by. I hit her dead broadside thru the lungs at 25 yds away. She ran away with tail down and stopped about 100 yds away, stood there and then fell over. No heart, just double lung. Not impressed at all, the barnes tmz has preformed far better. Going to give it a go again tomorrow see if I can get better results, but unless something changes drastically, these do not look like a winner in muzzleloader. I am quite surprised.

Howdy Brent-

First choice if shooting .458 in a muzzleloader would be the 258 SOCOM, as it will blow all four blades down to only 1,400

The next choice (or at least equal terminal performance-wise) would be our .45-240 HG Raptor, which blows its four blades down to below 900 fps. We just ran some Raptor Tips for the .45 HGs, and they will greatly increase the BC, and the distance at which the blades will blow (though that they work down below 900 fps, that is pretty darn FAR anyway).

Keeping in mind you need at lease 1,700 fps for a RIFLE .458 Raptor to blow, a better choice would be the 250... and tip that.

I would not recommend the 295 for deer, as without a tip it's going less than 1,700 fps not too far out... especially if only launched at 2,000 fps. It works great on larger game from Michael's .458 B&M at 2,700 with tips... but only 2,000 fps without tips is a whole different story.

Yes I would expect the Barnes muzzleloader being at it's design velocity to give better terminals than the 295 rifle bullet fired at MZL speeds- that is not an apples-to-apples comparison.

Had a .45-240 HG Raptor or a .458-258 SOCOM been launched at 2,000- I am certain you would have realized excellent performance, as others have with those bullets at that speed.

Posts: 13 | Registered: 20 October 2011



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posted 30 December 2013 01:33

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Consider the issues of twist and velocity when it comes to Raptor bullets and Muzzle loaders. Muzzle Loaders twist would be too slow for most Raptors.

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Here are some CEB muzzleloader prototypes I saw at the NRA Convention in St. Louis a couple of years ago, which boom stick seemed to have some knowledge of at the time:



A pointy brass tip is the expander in these stubby conical "soft point" expanding bullets for muzzleloader.

How does one use them, with a patch or in a sabot?

Yes, as boom stick says, fast-enough twist and high enough velocity are important for TERMINALS.



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



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posted 30 December 2013 05:41

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I don't know what the latest is on the muzz stuffers but R&D takes lots of time and time is mooo knee I do know that Dan wants them to be awesome before releasing them. Pistol bullets took priority in the R&D dept I believe. Maybe next year.

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LR3 One of Us



posted 31 December 2013 05:03

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Mike, I realize you are not a fan of .375s for DG but I have a question for plains. I ve used a .375 on Gibbs .505case for elk with a SMK 350gr. Caliber hole entry but 5" exit huge hole. My question is have you ever looked at penetration and what happens to the bullet? I suspect it just shatters apart but have never recovered it (3000-3270 fps)? I ve read one well known author has even used SMK on buffalo. I ve used a Gibbs 505 for buffalo and based on your test and other advice I m loading up some NF CPS 525 gr.

Posts: 485 | Registered: 16 April 2012







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michael458 One of Us

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Originally posted by LR3:

Yes your memory recall is the same as mine as far as Craig trying SMKs. I ve used 525 gr TSX at 2270 fps with 144gr SL 25 in the .505 so that is what I thought I d try. Any comments on 525gr vs 600 gr NF CPS?

LR3...... Use the 525 and take any extra velocity you might get. You will get more penetration than you could ever need already with the 525, and any extra velocity will give you more hitting trauma up front. I see no practical gains going to the 600...... And see more advantages with the 525s......

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Happy New Year guys....

We are here on the compound, with Paul Truccolo and his lovely bride from Australia, I doubt seriously Paul and I will make it to

the new year before going to roost, its already after 10 pm here, and you guys already know that is WAY PAST roosting time for me to begin with.....

Anyway, I plan on Paul and I putting in some time on the range the next few days, so we both can use all the sleep and rest we can

get, and to be honest, a little extra beauty sleep won't hurt Paul any....... Good Night, and again Happy New Year to All.....

Michael

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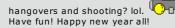


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Posts: 27 | Location: Spokane, WA | Registered: 08 April 2013



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????? Maybe..... But that would be just forward of where the gage is now, which are always located center of the chamber..... I am not sure if there would be a tremendous amount of difference?? Or even readable?

Thanks Michael that makes perfect sense.

Happy and Safe New Years Everyone!!!



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Is that a MMP sabot you are using ?[/QUOTE]

I believe the bullet you are talking about is the .475 220, I have not shot the .475 yet but think it would be a good option if it will stabilize. The sabot pictured is a Harvester Sabot, they make a long which is meant for 300 grain bullets and up, may be benificial. Will get to the range this weekend if the weather holds out.

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Michael,

Ken mentioned one deer with the .452's, but 3 is great news! do you have the photos to post up? I am still waiting on the photos of the 200 grain damage, Glad these bullests are functioning so well.

BTW , Happy New Year

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michael458 One of Us



posted 02 January 2014 14:57

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Seasons...

The 3 deer was our DKeith, he sent some photos of damage done, but I don't have permission to post them.... Maybe David is lurking and will post the report himself? I will see if he can do that, he has way more details than I do of course, and might shed some light on this that the other for the muzzle stuffers....

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.. David Keith One of Us



posted 03 January 2014 00:24

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Gents

I recently experienced first hand how the CEB .451 Raptors would perform on Whitetail deer. The results were outstanding yet over whelming. Tissue damage at short (50+ yards) and medium (120 yards) ranges were drastic to say the least. Having procured some 240 grain bullets from Dan at CEB, I discovered I needed no adjustments to my scope. I found them to be accurate at 50 and 100 yards. Tim Herald (our own) suggested I contact George Cummins to book a hunt in Kentucky as Tim had experienced good hunting with him in the past. Myself and Thornell booked a late season muzzle loading hunt (mid December) and upon arriving were advised to consider any decent buck we saw, as warm weather, rain and high winds were the forthcoming forecast for the next week. Our first evening hunt would be the last cool day. Fortunately, I was able to take an 11 point buck (130s class) on the first evening and would later take two antlerless deer, one being a huge Doe that I estimated to weigh around 150 lbs field dressed. Here are a few pics of the performance: The only CEB bullet (less petals) I retrieved. This one passed completely through the buck but was snapped back into the wound channel by the elastic, connecting tissue. Bullet entered in the high left shoulder area, just under the spine and exited behind the right shoulder. Range was 120 yards. Powder was 100 grains of 777. Rifle: Austin Halleck .50 cal.

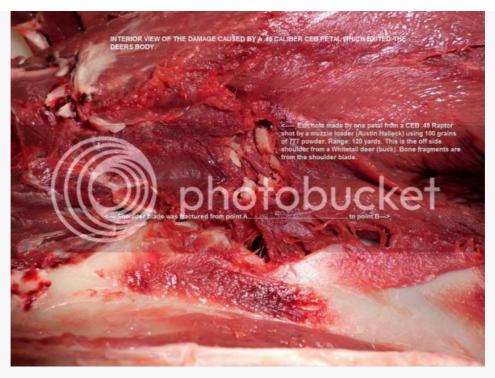


This one and only petal was found during the meat grinding process. My grinder did chew on the copper a bit but it was mostly intact. The other 3 exited the body. This one smashed the right shoulder blade (see pics below)









Similar damage was done to the other two deer. The large Doe was captured on HD video which I hope to have in time for Dallas (DSC). My field testing was performed without the ballistic inserts, which I'm sure would assist in long range muzzle loading. I'll try those next year. Good hunting, LDK

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"Peace is that brief glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading" - Thomas Jefferson

Every morning the Zebra wakes up knowing it must outrun the fastest Lion if it wants to stay alive. Every morning the Lion wakes up knowing it must outrun the slowest Zebra or it will starve. It makes no difference if you are a Zebra or a Lion; when the Sun comes up in Africa, you must wake up running.....

"If you're being chased by a Lion, you don't have to be faster than the Lion, you just have to be faster than the person next to you."

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Dogleg One of Us

posted 04 January 2014 05:06

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A 9mm may expand to a larger diameter, but a 45 ain't going to shrink

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

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Michael

Thank you, I suspected that the 420s would be the ones but wanted to get it right the first time. Getting bullets out of the States is a paperwork nightmare.

Posts: 1928 | Location: Saskatchewan, Canada | Registered: 30 November 2006



capoward One of Us



posted 05 January 2014 22:24

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What about the 370gr .458 Lever Raptor with the Talon Tip installed? Wouldn't that work as well plus deliver a higher velocity impact on longer shots?



"Life's hard; it's harder if you're stupid" John Wayne

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







posted 06 January 2014 15:27

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The 370 Lever Raptor is an option, and would do the job without any issues at all..... However, not sure there is a lot of difference at 50 yds. In 458 Win we can start the 420 Safari Raptor out at 2375 fps and be under pressure. The 370 because it is seated so deep, we can start at 2450 fps. It would hit around 2325-2350 at 50 yards. The 420 at 2225 or so.

But the 420 will match dead on with the 450 Solid, and that is a big advantage..... One would hit and miss matching POI with the 370, which can be done. About as good one way or the other I think, or either or.....

If it was a multiple species hunt, might look at the 370 as a great option, and try to match the 450 Solid to it. Yes, there is a 400 solid match to the 370, and would do great on buffalo as well...... Elephant I would rather have the 450....

Good to have proper options I think.......

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posted 06 January 2014 18:38

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Got a reply from CEB, no Canadian dealers yet. Next check, reloading international. I used to buy nosler seconds from him on eBay. Seems like a long time ago now

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A pet peeve of mine, lots of guys look outside, see caliber in, caliber out, especially on thicker skinned animals, and make assumptions based on that.....

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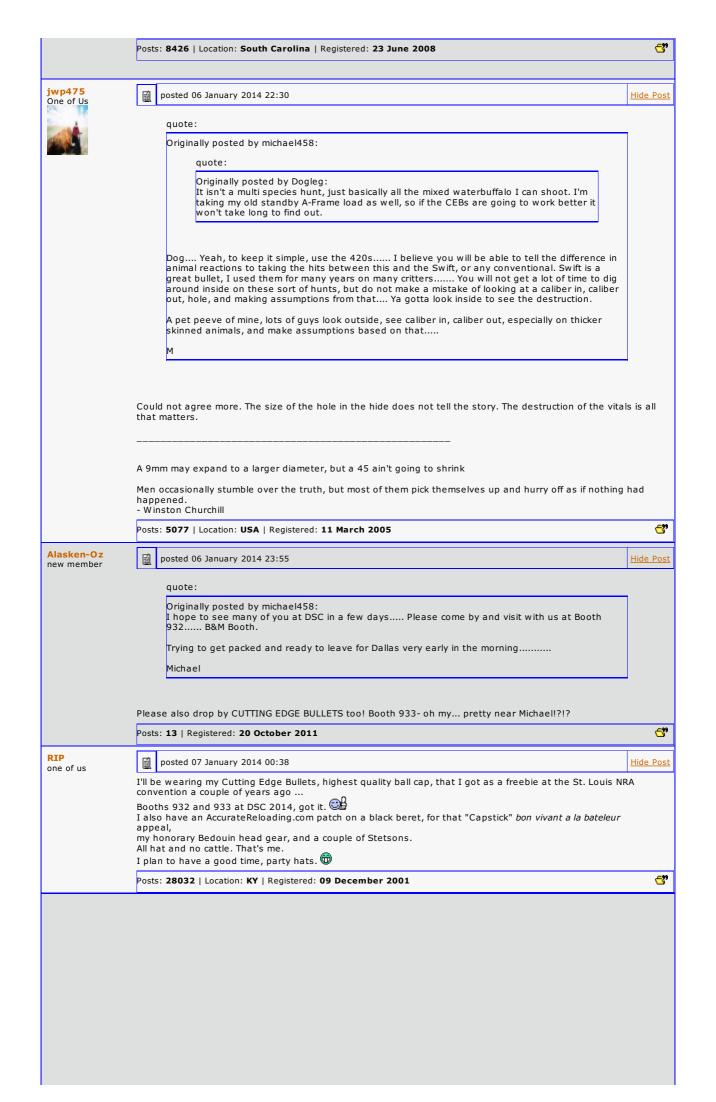
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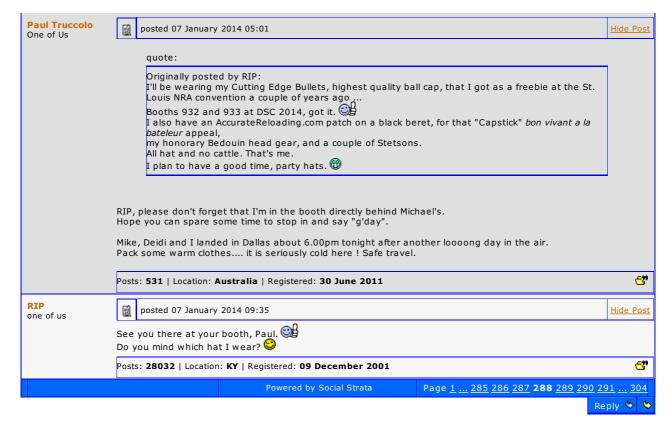
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